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**ABOUT THE SPEAKER
(ZOOM MEETING)**



Dr. Morris Grubbs has directed Graduate Student Professional Enhancement at the University of Kentucky since 2007 and has served as an Assistant Dean of the Graduate School since 2010. His office oversees campus-wide TA development, the Preparing Future Faculty/Professionals Program, the Graduate Certificate in College Teaching and Learning, graduate career diversification initiatives, the GradDegree+ Program, and transferable skills development workshops and events, including

UK GradResearch Live! and UK GradTeach Live! His office advises the Graduate Student Congress, an active legislative and advocacy body representing approximately 5,000 graduate students, 2,000 professional students, and 250 postdoctoral trainees. Before transitioning to administration, he taught literature and writing for ten years as a professor of English at a liberal arts college. He holds a PhD in English with a focus on the short story internationally and is the editor of *Home and Beyond: An Anthology of Kentucky Short Stories*, *Conversations with Wendell Berry*, and *Every Leaf a Mirror: A Jim Wayne Miller Reader*.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING:
“WAKING UP FROM THE DREAM”**

Linda K. Worley, Program Chair, Vice President

In this time of Covid-19 a group such as ours must be flexible and creative in order to both continue our programs and to stay healthy. With this in mind, it will come as no surprise that our in-person luncheons will be suspended until it is once again safe to see each other in person. The closing of the Boone facility added another hurdle. However, we plan to continue both the social and informative aspects of the luncheons via Zoom.

Our scheduled September luncheon will be divided into two parts.

On Sept. 8 at noon, Dr. Morris Grubbs, who has directed Graduate Student Professional Enhancement at the University of Kentucky since 2007 and has served as an Assistant Dean of the Graduate School since 2010 will be our featured speaker. Dr. Grubbs will talk about the fact that “some disciplines have aligned their graduate curricula and mentoring to new and emerging employment realities, many

continue in the belief - some would say the illusion - that most students pursuing a PhD will find a tenure-track faculty position. This discussion will offer an overview of the current state of the faculty job market, a look at some of the national and local initiatives now in place to guide PhD students toward career diversification, and a glimpse into what it’s like to be on the faculty job market in a pandemic.”

There will be a chance to ask Dr. Grubbs questions, both ahead of time (e-mail Dr. Grubbs at: Morris.Grubbs@uky.edu) and after his presentation.

A week before, on Sept. 1 at noon, we will host a trial Zoom session aimed at giving us a chance to say hello and, perhaps, share some of our COVID-coping strategies – great movies, books, projects, on-line sites, etc., that have kept us going. You will receive the Zoom link and detailed instructions a few days before the Sept. 1 “social” and again a few days before the Sept. 8 presentation.

Please be sure we have a correct e-mail address on file with the AEF. Send any changes to Casie Clements (casie.ukaef@gmail.com).

**LETTER FROM PRESIDENT
DOUGLAS A. BOYD**

Dear Colleagues:

I hope you and family members are happy, safe, and well during what so many are calling the “New Normal.”

Your AEF Executive Committee has been working via email, phone, and Zoom to plan for fall 2020 and Spring 2021 events. As you may have heard, UK has permanently closed the Boone Center, so our usual luncheon venue is no longer available. At this point, we do not plan to have September and November lunches, but we are tentatively organizing Zoom BYOLunch sessions with speakers and Q&A. Vice President and Program Planner Linda Worley has engaged Dr. Morris Grubbs for our September speaker addressing how non-retired colleagues are adjusting to instructional challenges during the virus. For November we plan a post-election speaker.

UK Parking has responded to my request to clarify retired employee parking passes. We will forward specifics via email when they are available, but for now the temporary one-day scratch-off UK parking passes that have been purchased might be able to be used or exchanged for those expiring on December 31, 2020, rather than June 30, 2020.

We are asking that you continue to support AEF via your annual membership check. We are all committed to

supporting UK retirees through various programs that relate to all aspects of retirement.

For now, your executive committee hopes you are, and will continue to be, well and safe.

Sincerely,

Douglas A. Boyd, President

UKAEF FINANCES: ARE WE OK?

Jim Chapman, Treasurer

Good question. Answer: Yes, but....

As of the first of June 2020, we had \$9,443 in the bank, \$7,527 in the Fellowship Contingency Savings account, and \$59 in the Postal Account; for a rounded total of \$17,030. Looks good, doesn't it? Let's break that down into our four budgetary groups and look at what we have now and what we might have for next year.

Fund Balances: We brought \$3,600 forward from last year and probably will take close to that forward next year, depending on some small operating expenses in June.

Fellowships: We received \$5,225 in members' Fellowship gifts in 2019-20, so we will turn over \$5,225 to UK Development for the UKAEF Endowment Fund for the Fellowships this year. Several people gave money for donations in the 2020-21 year (\$485), and that is in the current bank balance.

Lunches: We brought in \$4,000 for lunches but spent \$4,169 for a deficit of \$169. We had hoped to remove that deficit with the fourth lunch but did not have that opportunity since the April luncheon was canceled due to COVID-19.

Dues/Operating Expenses: We brought in \$3,760 in dues (we had hoped to bring in \$4,000 from 200 members). We spent \$3,568 for operating expenses for a surplus of \$192 to date. Several people (4 members for \$80) paid their dues for 20-21 already, and that is in the bank balance as well.

Summary: So, if you have been keeping count: for the budget for 20-21, the fellowships are a wash, we were \$169 deficit on the lunches, and for Dues/Operating Expenses we were \$192 over (before a few June expenses) for a net of \$23.

DURING THIS YEAR (2020-2021): We hope to get another \$5,000 for Fellowships, which we can contribute to the Endowment or use to shore up the money needed for 3 Fellowships. (Don't forget we have the \$7500 put aside if we need it for the Fellowships.). For lunches, when we can safely meet again, we will try to make it break even. For dues, we are budgeting that 150 members will join and generate \$3,000 to operate. We will cut some expenses, but still will send newsletters to keep you informed as well as attempt to continue and increase membership. If we need it, we have the \$3,600 reserve we have built for such situations as this one.

Conclusion: We are solvent and will continue to serve our membership. Looking forward to seeing you all again soon. Be Safe.

N.B. Richard Amos, Chief Benefits Officer at UK, announced that there **will not be** a RETIREE BENEFITS FAIR this fall.

UK MUSIC - YOU TUBE CHANNEL

For many of us, "It's a Grand Night for Singing" has been a tradition during June. Since it began in 1993, this popular event has begun the area's summer arts season showcasing talented regional and UK performers. Dr. Everett McCorvey's team has been busy offering a "Grand Night at Home" series. The entire "Grand Night at Home" playlist can be found on YouTube, accessed here:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLi7mcEK7rtUDFUEUJID45upF7hKoi91Y3&feature=share>

Mark Mazingo, Event Marketing Specialist for the UK College of Fine Arts, reported the release of two "Grand Night at Home" clips per week through the UKOT eblast and on the UKOT Facebook page through July 17. They are scheduled to continue rolling out the series if they can gather additional interviews from past year's "Grand Night" all-stars. They also plan to add clips without interviews on the YouTube channel as well as the UKOT Facebook page. If you are interested, subscribe to the UKOT YouTube channel, or "like" the UKOT Facebook page, and you will be able to keep up to date as new offerings are rolled out.

UK Opera Theatre is sharing clips from its opera productions on the YouTube channel: Gianni Schichi and Suor Angelica (2019); Madama Butterfly (2019); The Barber of Seville (2017); La Traviata (2017); and Carmen (2007), with more to follow. To view these clips, subscribe to UK Opera Theatre's YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/ukoperatheatre.

UK College of Fine Arts YouTube channel also provides some musical opportunities. The UK Choral offers *Down in the River to Pray* dedicated to those across the Commonwealth who have lost loved ones to the COVID-19 pandemic.

NOTABLE LOSSES, SPRING-SUMMER 2020



Robert H. Stroup

We are saddened by the passing of friends, feel their absence, and recall their significant lives and contributions to UK, UKAEF, and our community of Lexington. Our quarterly list includes the foundress of The Lexington Singers (Phyllis Jenness), the founder of UK's Behavioral Science program (Robert Straus and his book *A Medical School is Born*), and former Presidents of UKAEF: Robert Straus (2005-06) and Timothy Sineath (2017-18).

Robert H. Stroup's commitment to UKAEF from its beginning, with special efforts as Chair of the UKAEF Benefits Committee since 1988, working diligently for retiree health care benefits, deserves special note. Michael Tearney reported that Dr. Stroup asked him to assume leadership of the UKAEF Benefits Committee a few years ago, but Bob continued his advocacy for and interest until his passing. "When I chaired the UK Committee to review health care benefits throughout 2005 and 2006, I asked Bob to be a member representing the retiree folks. He was a most valuable member, never missing a meeting and contributing at each meeting. Bob analyzed everything carefully and usually reached the right conclusions to keep things right for retirees. Much of what we accomplished was directly due to Bob's efforts."

IN MEMORIAM

*Member, UKAEF

- ♦ *Janet Dorothy Clawson, Spouse of D. Kay Clawson, Medicine
- ♦ *Delwood C. "Del" Collins, Biomedical Research; Administrator, U.K. Medical Center
- ♦ Virginia Denmark, spouse of George Denmark, Education
- ♦ *Lewis W. Dittert, Pharmacy
- ♦ Robert Drake, Chemical Engineering
- ♦ *Phyllis Jenness, Music, foundress of Lexington Singers
- ♦ Otto H. Kaak, Psychiatry
- ♦ *Sherrill Sevier Pirone, Spouse of Thomas Pirone, Plant Pathology
- ♦ Philip J. Reucroft, Materials Engineering
- ♦ J. Thomas Schrodt, Chemical Engineering
- ♦ *Geraldine Ann "Jerre" Shaw, Chair, Psychology Dept. at Georgetown College; Spouse of John Shaw, Plant Pathology
- ♦ *Timothy Wayne Sineath, Communications and Information
- ♦ *Robert Straus, Founding Chair, Behavioral Science
- ♦ *Robert H. Stroup, Economics
- ♦ Kennard W. Wellons, Social Work
- ♦ Thomas French Whyne, Cardiology
- ♦ William O. Witt, Anesthesiology

"Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal."—Jesse Stuart

RESOLUTION ABOUT TEMPORARY UKAEF OFFICERS FOR 2020-21

Bradley Canon, Recording Secretary

Due to the cancellation of the General Meeting of the University of Kentucky Association of Emeriti Faculty in April 2020, due to the COVID19 pandemic, and its consequent inability to elect officers for the 2020-2021 year, the UKAEF executive board RESOLVES that the following persons are to be temporary officers until such time as a General Meeting of the UKAEF membership takes place:

President: Douglas Boyd

Vice President and Program Chair: Linda Worley

Executive Secretary: Sue Fosson

Recording Secretary: Bradley Canon

Treasurer: Jim Chapman

2020-2021 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

OFFICERS

President: Douglas A. Boyd

Vice-President: Linda K. Worley

Treasurer: James Chapman

Recording Secretary: Bradley C. Canon

Executive Secretary: Sue Fosson

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Fellowship: Lee Edgerton

Membership: Sue Fosson

Programs: Linda K. Worley

Newsletter: Mary Witt

Administrative Consultant: Casie Clements

UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2020-2021*

NAME _____ SPOUSE'S NAME _____

Dept./Col. _____

Address _____

Zip+4 _____ Tel. _____

E-mail address (please include, if you have one) _____

2020-21 Dues are* \$20 (includes spouse or partner)

CHECK ONE: New member _____ Renewal _____

MY CONTRIBUTION TO THE FELLOWSHIP FUND*\$ _____

(CHECK ONE) in memory of _____ in honor of _____ Name: _____

**Make check for membership dues and /or fellowship donation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).*

Mail form and check(s) to: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410

(PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL, ON THIS NEWSLETTER, TO SEE IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID YOUR 20/21 DUES)



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