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**A Panel Discussion: Threats to the University  
ABOUT THE SPEAKERS**

By Tom Janoski

All of us are strongly connected to the University as an institution. Consider the September issue of the *New York Times Magazine* issue entitled **NOT U**. It makes two points in "Saying No to College":

**1-Enrollments have declined** from 18 million in 2010 to 15.5 million in 2021. The percentage of high school grads going straight to college has declined from 70% to 62%. Overall enrollments in Kentucky colleges have dropped by 39,716 students since 2010, and 6,071 students if you exclude KCTS. However, UK enrollments have grown 13% over the same period.

**2-The wage premium** of 25% consistent over 12 years for college grads is the major argument for the value of a degree. However, that premium goes mainly to engineering and business majors (45% to 78%) and much less to social sciences and humanities (5% to 14%). Further, those graduating from elite schools get a 40% to 70% boost, state flagship schools are in the 20% to 30% range, and other schools get 5 to 10%. Betting on this wage premium is a big gamble for young people given the high costs of tuition.

At this point in time, one can see six major threats to the University:

**1- Demographic decline of enrollments** with smaller age cohorts and three women for each male student.

**2-The escalating costs of higher education** and the high debts levels of graduates struggling to make it in the world, which especially penalize those who do not graduate.

**3-A backlash from Covid-19**, which seems to have devalued higher education and suggests that the traditional or well-rounded BA/BS is not worth it.

**4- Business attacks** on higher ed for not developing more specific areas that they want, which favor more skills-oriented certifications.

**5-Political attacks** on (a) affirmative action and diversity, equity, and inclusion programs,  
(b) complaints about the general liberal or left-wing nature of the academy, and  
(c) Florida's book banning, alternative CLT testing, and reorganization of their universities. And we also have legacy enrollments and other factors favoring rich students at elite schools.

**6-Expanding administration** that is often oriented toward reducing lawsuits since they are so expensive.

We cannot cover all these issues, but our distinguished panel will discuss those that they deem most important. We have:

**NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEETING**

Date: Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Place: E.S. Good Barn  
1451 University Dr., Lexington, KY 40526

Social Time: 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Program 12:00 p.m.

Speaker: John Thelin, PhD  
Neal Hutchens, PhD  
Peter Kalliney, PhD

Topic: "Threats to the University"

Business Meeting: 1:00 p.m.

Adjourn: 1:30 p.m.

**NOVEMBER 14 BOX LUNCHEON MENU FROM  
McALLISTER'S DELI**

Your choices include:

- The Memphian: Ham, turkey, beef, provolone, Lettuce, and mustard with chips (This sandwich is a bit larger)
- Chicken Croissant with lettuce and potato salad
- Veggie Wrap with lettuce, tomato, and cucumber salad

Each box will include a pickle and a cookie and your choice of lemonade and sweet or unsweet tea and ice.

*Please submit your choice by the deadline of  
Friday, November 3rd.*



**Professor John Thelin** is a professor emeritus of educational policy studies and evaluation at the University of Kentucky. He graduated from Brown University and received his PhD from the University of California, Berkeley. His books include *A History of American Higher Education*, *Going to College in the Sixties*, *American Higher Education: Issues and*

*Institutions*, and the *Rising Costs of Higher Education*. His book *Essential Documents in the History of Higher Education* made the *Forbe's* list of Best Higher Education Book of 2021. His awards include two university level

teaching awards, and a national research award. He has many other awards, but the most recent is the 2023 UK Libraries *Medallion for Intellectual Achievement*. And he is also a fellow member of the UK Emeritus Faculty Association.



**Professor Neal Hutchens** is in the Educational Policy and Evaluation section of the UK College of Education. He has a wide-ranging educational background. He received a BA from Samford, MA from Auburn, a JD from Alabama School of law, and a Ph.D. from the University of Maryland. He has published over 30 articles and 6 books including: *The Law of Higher Education* in its 6<sup>th</sup> edition, *Better Together: A Guide to Shared Governance and Student Affairs*, and *The Contested Campus: Aligning Professional Values, Social Justice, and Free Speech*.



**Professor Peter Kalliney** is the Tuggle Chair of English here at UK. He received his BA degrees at the University of Pennsylvania and his PhD from the University of Michigan. He studies postcolonial literature, literary theory, and globalization. He has received fellowships from the National Endowment of the Humanities, and the Simon Guggenheim Foundation. He has published 6 books including: *The Aesthetic Cold War*, *Commonwealth of Letters* and *Cities of Affluence and Anger*. And he has edited *Anglophone Literature, its Critics, and the Left*, and *Literature after the Nation?*

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you can attend the TUESDAY, November 14th luncheon. Tom Janoski has organized another interesting discussion "Threats to the University." If you were not able to attend our September luncheon and wish to access a recording of the panel discussion "AI - Friend or Foe" please contact me.

Currently the Fellowship Committee is reviewing applications for the 2024 awards. Thanks go to Lee Edgerton, Angene Wilson, Lee Meyer, Linda Gorman, and Susan Abbott Jamieson for their work. You can look forward to meeting the recipients at our February luncheon.

An additional thank you goes to Sheila Woods who is responsible for our Newsletter. If you have suggestions for articles or information on retired faculty or spouses who have passed away, please contact her ([sheila.woods57@gmail.com](mailto:sheila.woods57@gmail.com) or 859-539-7829).

You will receive an electronic copy of this newsletter prior to the luncheon reservation date. If you would like to **ONLY** receive an **electronic version** in the future and eliminate the need for a mailed hard copy, please indicate on your luncheon reservation form or email [casie.ukaef@gmail.com](mailto:casie.ukaef@gmail.com). Shifting to electronic communication would save the organization printing and mailing costs.

Be sure to put the February 13 and April 9 luncheons on your 2024 calendar.

Sincerely,  
**Sue Fosson, AEF President 2023-24**  
**(859) 753-0379**  
[sandafosson@windstream.net](mailto:sandafosson@windstream.net)

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## BENEFITS FOR UK RETIREES - PARKING

University of Retirees are eligible for a reduced parking rate on campus. Individuals with E-Retiree permits may park in any **intermediate E lot, K lot or EK area**. 2023-2024 Annual Cost (12 months): \$126 and **FREE** if retired prior to 7/1/1995.

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## BENEFITS FOR UK RETIREES - KROGER

The Corporate Partners Special Discount Program is available to all full/part-time faculty and staff, STEPS employees, and retirees of UK with a **UK ID**. This will enable you to take advantage of **10% off Kroger brands** every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. How it works:

1. Present your faculty/staff badge to the cashier.
2. The cashier will verify eligibility and then scan your Plus card loading special discounts to your card.
3. Discounts will automatically come off during the transaction.

Kroger items include:

- Any item with the first five digits of a UPC as 11110
- All Kroger Branded products
- All Private Selection products

All Simple Truth Products

Excludes random weight items (bulk deli lunch meat, random weight meat etc)

Other brands include:

- Comforts
- PetPride
- HeritageFarms
- BloomHaus
- Dip
- EverydayLiving
- HDDesigns

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## BENEFITS FOR UK RETIREES - OLLI - Osher Lifelong Learning Institute

*By Diana Rast*

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at UK operates under the aegis of the UK Office of Diversity and Inclusion and is one of 123 OLLI's nationwide. OLLI at UK is membership based with the mission: "To engage the minds elevate the spirit and enrich the lives of a diverse and inclusive population of adults aged 50+ through educational, social and community activities". A bold mission, but successful through the dedication of OLLI UK staff and the active participation of OLLI members, some of whom volunteer to teach classes (in person, via Zoom or hybrid), organize SIGS (Special Interest Groups) and/or serve on the OLLI at UK Advisory Board or volunteer for service on the various committees. The annual membership fee is currently \$50. The typical course fee is \$30/course though this may be higher in some instances e.g., OLLI Chorus. There are no course fees for SIGS.

Membership provides clear benefits including intellectually engaging Courses on topics drawn from a wide range of disciplines in the Arts, Sciences, Business, Government, Performing Arts... the list goes on. Special Interest Groups (SIGs), allow for the development of new skills and talents. Fitness Classes help members keep physically active. Social activities may include celebratory occasions, local visits to places or events of interest, even travel to other parts of the Commonwealth. Not to be omitted are the weekly, popular (and historic) Donovan Forums at the Lexington Senior Citizens Center, free and open to all in the Lexington community who want to learn something new and find good fellowship in the process. To learn more about OLLI at the University of Ky visit [www.uky.edu/OLLI](http://www.uky.edu/OLLI).

**BENEFITS FOR UK RETIREES - HEALTH AND OTHER OFFERINGS**

**Enrollment timeline by age**

**UNDER AGE 65**

UK Health Insurance

**HMO, PPO, EPO, RHP or Indemnity**

Annual Open Enrollment  
Spring: late April

**AGE 65 & OVER**

UK Health Insurance

**Medicare Advantage**

Annual Open Enrollment  
Fall: October 15 - December 7

Free consultations  
Retirement savings counselor with Fidelity and TIAA  
Know Your Rx pharmacist  
Elder care specialist  
Mental health therapist  
Dietitian  
Fitness specialist  
Health coach

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**IN MEMORIAM**

- ◆ Jean Barnhart-Spouse of Charles E. Barnhart, CAFÉ Dean, Animal & Food Sciences
- ◆ Claudette Cremers-Spouse of Clifford Cremers, Mechanical Engineering
- ◆ Art Gallaher-Anthropology, Former Chancellor, Former Chair of Anthropology Department, Former Acting Director and

- Deputy Director of Center for Developmental Change, Former Dean of College of Arts and Sciences, and Former Vice President for Academic Affairs
- ◆ William “Bill” Gibbs-History
- ◆ Charles Foster Haywood-Former Dean and Professor in College of Business and Economics

***“Good teaching is forever and the teacher is immortal.”—Jesse Stuart***

**UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY  
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION, 2023-2024\***

**(Dues for 2023-2024 should be paid in September 2023) - IF NO CHANGES YOU MAY SIMPLY WRITE “NO CHANGES”**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ SPOUSE’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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Zip+4 \_\_\_\_\_ Tel. \_\_\_\_\_

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

**2023-24 Dues are\* \$25 (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*

*(A few folks have already paid their 23/24 dues this spring/summer. PLEASE BE SURE TO CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL, ON THIS NEWSLETTER, TO SEE IF YOU HAVE PREVIOUSLY PAID YOUR 23/24 DUES)*

**UK ASSOCIATION OF EMERITI FACULTY  
BOX LUNCHEON RESERVATION for TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2023**

**In the future would you prefer to receive your newsletter via email only? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No**

I plan to attend the luncheon. Enclosed is \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for # \_\_\_\_\_ reservation(s) at \$15.00 each.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GUEST’S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

**Sandwich Choice(s): \_\_\_\_\_ The Memphian \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Croissant \_\_\_\_\_ Veggie Wrap**

Is transportation to UK’s E.S. Good Barn a problem for you? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

If “Yes”, what is your address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

*\*Make check for luncheon reservation payable to UK Association of Emeriti Faculty (UKAEF).  
Mail form and check to: UKAEF, c/o Casie Clements, 4812 Trillium Pl., Lexington, KY 40514-1410  
(call or email if close to deadline) 859-523-3460 or e-mail: casie.ukaef@gmail.com*

***Note: Deadline for making reservations or to cancel reservations is Friday, November 3, 2023.***



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