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1. Lexmark Gift Allows Renovation of Former Northside Library

UK will transform Lexington's old Northside Library building on Russell Cave Road into a facility in support of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. UK acquired the property in the last few years and now will renovate the building thanks to a \$1 million gift from Lexmark International, Inc. as part of the company's 20-year anniversary. The gift will be matched by UK. The renovated facility, set for completion by August 2012, will provide a new lab for fieldwork-based ecology education, a professional development facility for Kentucky science and math teachers, and storage and work space for UK's P-12 science and math outreach unit.

2. Arts & Sciences South Africa Initiative Hosts Anti-apartheid Activists

The College of Arts and Sciences South Africa Initiative culminated with a visit from well-known South African anti-apartheid leaders and former political prisoners Ahmed Kathrada and Barbara Hogan during April. They visited classes, spoke at a convocation where they received honorary degrees, opened an exhibit that honors Kathrada's commitment to non-racialism and democracy, and signed his new book published by University Press of Kentucky, "No Bread for Mandela: Memoirs of Ahmed Kathrada, Prisoner No. 468/64." The book covers his anti-apartheid activity and resulting imprisonment with Nelson Mandela and other activists.

3. UK Celebrates Impact of Research Challenge Trust Fund

The UK Council of Endowed Professors and Chairs held a luncheon and presentation March 30, at the Hilton Lexington/Downtown to recognize the significance of the Research Challenge Trust Fund, also known as "Bucks for Brains." The first round of matching funds from the state for the program was made available in 1998. Since that time, more than 12,000 donors have given gifts, qualifying for approximately \$230 million in matching funds. RCTF funds at UK resulted in 78 endowed chairs, 190 professorships, 280 fellowships, scholarships, lectures, enrichment funds, research support and an endowment for the William T. Young Library. UK's matching funds include 33,012 gifts from 12,731 donors, including 6,095 alumni, 5,518 non-alumni, 826 corporations and 120 foundations.

4. Kentucky Geological Survey Studying 300-Million-Year-Old Shark Fossil

The Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) is examining a 300-million-year-old shark fossil found by a miner in Western Kentucky. The ancient shark fossil, known to paleontologists as

*Edestus*, was discovered by Webster County Coal miner Jay Wright in the Dotiki Mine. KGS associate director Steve Greb, KGS geologist Jerry Weisenfluh and UK Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences professor Frank Etensohn are investigating the rare find, which at 18 inches long is much larger than most *Edestus* specimens. The fossil includes features not seen in earlier finds, and may contribute to the understanding of this prehistoric shark.

5. Work of English Romantics Exhibited at UK Libraries

The Special Collections Library now holds one of the world's most distinguished collections of original letters from the early English Romantics, recently displayed for the public. The exhibit, "The English Romantics in First Editions and Manuscripts: An Exhibition," included original works from the foremost British writers of the 19th century. Prepared by James D. Birchfield, curator of rare books, the exhibit showcased original manuscripts and first editions of English Romantic writers, including Robert Burns, William Wordsworth, Sir Walter Scott, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Robert Southey, Lord Byron, Percy Shelley, John Keats, Mary Wollstonecraft, Mary Shelly, Maria Edgeworth and others. The pieces were a gift from W. Hugh Peal, a 1922 graduate of UK's School of Business.

6. Bohlman Highlights Longyear Lecture Series

UK Division of Musicology and Ethnomusicology presented several events with noted scholar of Jewish music and University of Chicago professor, Philip Bohlman, as part of the Rey M. Longyear Lecture Series. The free public events were presented March 30-April 1 at the Niles Gallery. Bohlman's first talk, "Postmodern Diaspora: Jewish Music beyond Israel," looked at three sites of "modern" Jewish music that reconfigure Diaspora as globalization: sacred music in the Jewish community of Pune, India; reconstruction of synagogues in Poland; and Israeli entries in the Eurovision Song Contest. Bohlman's second lecture and a performance with Christine Wilkie Bohlman on piano was of Viktor Ullmann's "Die Weise von Liebe und Tod des Cornets Christoph Rilke," a melodrama for speaker and piano composed and performed in 1944 at the Theresienstadt concentration camp. Bohlman's Longyear Lecture, "Jewish noir — Utopia and Dystopia in Jewish Film Music, before and after the Holocaust," rounded out the scholar's visit.

7. College of Education Honors Teachers

The UK College of Education held the 13th annual Teachers Who Made a Difference Program on April 30. UK Men's Basketball Coach John Calipari served as the 2011 spokesperson. More than 140 teachers and other educators were honored this year. The Teachers Who Made a Difference program gives individuals an opportunity to thank the teachers, principals, college professors or other educators who have inspired and motivated them to succeed.

8. CASTLE to Relocate to UK College of Education

The Center for the Advanced Study of Technology Leadership in Education (CASTLE) will relocate to the University of Kentucky College of Education. The center, which was

originally housed at Iowa State University, will work with the Kentucky P20 Innovation Lab to partner with regional educational organizations and schools to facilitate the implementation of technologies that help improve teaching and student learning.

9. Six Colleges Host Annual STEM Symposium

The annual UK STEM Symposium took place in late April. The event focused on “Connecting STEM Education across the Bluegrass State” and was co-sponsored by the colleges of Education, Engineering, Arts & Sciences, Agriculture, Communications and Medicine.

10. CAER Holds MATHCOUNTS Night

The organizers of MATHCOUNTS (a national club and competition program that promotes mathematics achievement) approached the Center for Applied Energy Research (CAER) to organize a fun event for middle school students the night before their state final competition in Lexington on March 26. The MATHCOUNTS regional winners built ping-pong launchers, raced edible cars and created miniature dams at CAER.

11. Tax Increment Financing to Accelerate Development at Coldstream Research Campus

UK will use a new law that permits the establishment of a tax increment financing (TIF) district on the Coldstream Research Campus to help finance much-needed laboratory and incubator space. UK will solicit a master developer to build a mixed-use “town center” and use the taxes generated to fund new research buildings, and be a catalyst for retaining and recruiting biotech companies to Coldstream. A request for proposal will be released at the end of May to select a qualified master developer to design and build the town center, laboratory buildings, and restore the historic Carnahan House in a 35-acre TIF district.

12. UK Opera Theatre Presents Holocaust Children's Opera

UK Opera Theatre presented "Brundibár," a children's opera originally staged in Theresienstadt concentration camp during the Holocaust, March 11 and 13 at the Singletary Center for the Arts. The opera performed by children between the ages of 7 and 16 from 26 schools in the Lexington community also featured an appearance by one of the production's original performers, Holocaust survivor Ela Weissberger. The children and youth worked with UK doctoral students Daniel Chetel and Mary Joy Nelson, assistant director and vocal coach, in preparation for the opera. During Weissberger's visit, she also participated in history and music classes at UK, as well as a free public symposium related to Terezín, where Theresienstadt Camp was located.

13. Atlanta-Based Allconnect Sales and Service Center Comes to Coldstream

The Atlanta-based company Allconnect Inc. will create 220 new jobs and invest nearly \$7 million to establish a 32,000 sq. ft. sales and customer care center at the Coldstream Research Campus. Allconnect is expected to open in May and will occupy the entire fourth floor of the Lexhold building, 1648 McGrathiana. Allconnect allows consumers to order or transfer home

services, such as satellite and cable TV, Internet, phone, and home security. Allconnect is a client of the Bluegrass Business Development Partnership between the UK Office for Commercialization & Economic Development, Commerce Lexington and city government.

14. UK Law Journal Ranked in Top 100 Among 1,665 Journals

The University of Kentucky College of Law journal Kentucky Journal of Equine, Agricultural, and Natural Resources Law (KJEANRL) was recently ranked one of the top 100 law journals of 2010 by the Washington and Lee University School of Law. The list consisted of 1,665 law journals from across the U.S. The journal ranked 94th in the list, as well as 34th among the list of specialized journals. The KJEANRL is a multi-disciplinary journal of law, science and policy that is published twice annually by the college.

15. National Endowment for Humanities Chairman Brings 'Civility Tour' to Kentucky

Jim Leach, chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH), visited UK April 7 as part of his national civil discourse tour. During his visit, Leach made two presentations at UK and gave a larger public talk in Lexington. Leach's community lecture "Words Do Matter" was presented by the Kentucky Humanities Council, UK's Gaines Center for the Humanities and the NEH. The "Words Do Matter" discussion is part of the NEH chairman's 50-state "civility tour," which began in 2009. The event is meant to serve as a reminder that polarizing attitudes can jeopardize social cohesion. It also highlights how the humanities can help us examine and understand opposing perspectives and express differing viewpoints reasonably.

16. 2010 Small Business Jobs Act Provides Funding for Job Creation, Retention Programs

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center received a one-time \$659,863 grant as part of the Small Business Jobs Act of 2010. The KSBDC plans to increase key counseling services and add three full-time consultants for Central Kentucky, the region with the greatest demand; develop a suite of services for independent professionals to increase revenue; and hold regional events on the Jobs Act and SBA services.

17. UK Economic Development Efforts Help State Tie for Fifth in Entrepreneurship Increase

Kentucky tied with California and Texas as one of the top 10 states with the largest increase in entrepreneurial activity over the past decade, according to the Kaufman Index of Entrepreneurial Activity, a leading indicator of new business creation in the United States. UK has played an important role in this since President Lee T. Todd Jr. created the Office for Commercialization & Economic Development in late 2006.

18. Pulitzer Prize Winner Delivers Creason Lecture

Leonard Pitts, Jr., the 2004 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Commentary, delivered the 34th annual University of Kentucky School of Journalism and Telecommunications' Joe Creason Lecture April 12. The lecture, titled "Owning What You Know," focused on fact-based journalism. In addition to the Pulitzer, Pitts is the five-time recipient of the National Headliners

Award, won the American Society of Newspaper Editors Award for Commentary Writing in 2001, and was named Feature of the Year columnist by Editor & Publisher magazine. The Creason Lecture Series brings an outstanding journalist to the university to meet and talk with students, and to speak before an assembly of students, faculty and the general public.

19. Assistant to President Obama Delivers Chellgren Lecture

Nationally renowned scholar Elizabeth Warren delivered the annual Chellgren Lecture at the University of Kentucky April 18 in Memorial Hall. The speech was titled "Debt, Credit, and the Middle Class." The lecture was presented by the Gatton College of Business and Economics, the UK Council of Endowed Professors and Chairs, and the UK College of Law Randall-Park Speakers Series. Warren, the Leo Gottlieb Professor of Law at Harvard University, currently is on leave from her academic duties as she serves as assistant to President Obama and special advisor to the secretary of the Treasury on the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

20. Rural Journalism Institute Director Instrumental in Postal Commission Opinion

The Postal Regulatory Commission (PRC) recently told the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) that it should not reduce mail delivery from six days to five without more study of the effect the change would have on rural communities. Al Cross, director of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues, and an extension professor in the University of Kentucky's School of Journalism and Telecommunications, was instrumental in securing the opinion, having testified to the PRC on behalf of rural areas. Cross, who was invited to testify by the National Newspaper Association, objected to the five day mail delivery plan because of the harm he said it would cause rural newspapers and civic infrastructure in rural communities.

21. Trumpet Quintet Takes Fourth at Nationals

The UK Trumpet Quintet took the fourth place ensemble award at the National Trumpet Competition. This is the ensemble's fourth appearance in the final four of the competition. UK also scored a second place finish by doctoral candidate Phillip Chase Hawkins in the Graduate Solo Division. The ensemble and UK soloist study under Mark Clodfelter, associate professor of trumpet, in the UK Trumpet Studio. The competition, held in Washington, D.C., is the largest and most prestigious forum of its type in the world. Members of the award-winning UK Trumpet Quintet are Hawkins, senior Michael Holland, senior Korey Hunt, sophomore Eric Millard, and junior Nick Ramsey.

22. President Todd is Keynote Speaker at Regional Life Sciences Conference

UK President Lee T. Todd Jr. gave the keynote address on the contributions of universities to the innovation ecosystem at the ninth annual conference of the Ohio Valley Affiliates for Life Sciences. UK spinoff CoPlex Therapeutics, which is conducting research and development to provide neuroprotection from dementia caused by a unique protein complex, presented during the startup company spotlight. In addition, UK faculty and spinoff companies competed in the poster competition.

23. KSBDC Receives SBA Grant to Create Disaster Recovery Network

The Kentucky Small Business Development Center received a \$100,000 grant from the Small Business Administration to create a statewide program of information, resources and assistance for small businesses following a natural, man-made or economic disaster. KyBizRecovery will include an online searchable database of Kentucky nonprofit service providers who can help in areas such as new product development, financing and contracting. KyBizRecovery will also serve as an information clearinghouse for disaster-related news and announcements, and will include interactive social media such as Facebook and Twitter to respond to small business owners during and after a crisis.

24. Thirteen Graduate From KSBDC Minority and Women Construction Business Training

Thirteen business owners graduated from the 10-week Lexington area minority and women construction training program sponsored by the Kentucky Small Business Development Center. Participants are part of construction businesses that have at least 51 percent minority or women ownership.

25. Kentucky Transportation Center Opens CATS Lab

The Kentucky Transportation Center (KTC) at UK recently opened its new Center for Advanced Traffic Solutions, or CATS, laboratory. Developed by KTC's Adam Kirk and Pat Johnson, the new signal training and research lab will provide traffic operations research, education and training. The primary use of the CATS lab will be to support the development and delivery of a training course for Kentucky Transportation Cabinet signal technicians to develop, test and refine innovative signal operation strategies without impacting traffic operations. Future uses for the lab will include undergraduate and graduate education and research, as well as state and national research opportunities.

26. KGS Answers Questions, Holds Seminar on Japanese Earthquake and Tsunami

Shortly after the 9.0 magnitude earthquake and tsunami struck Japan, Geologic Hazards Section Head Zhenming Wang of the Kentucky Geological Survey (KGS) held a seminar at KGS about the event and the issue of seismic safety for buildings and installations such as nuclear power plants.

27. World War I Poster Art Featured in UK Art Museum

The Art Museum at UK presented a free public exhibition of poster art from World War I. The show examined the use of the art form as a propaganda tool in wartime, while also providing a glimpse into life on the home front during that time. "World War I and the Art of Persuasion," on view through May 8, features rarely exhibited American, French and German war posters drawn from UK Special Collections Library and three private collections. The exhibition is a cooperative effort of the Art Museum at UK, UK Special Collections Library and

UK College of Arts and Sciences. It was organized by Pearl James, an assistant professor in the UK Department of English, in conjunction with her course "Modern War in American Society."

28. Undergraduates Selected to Present Research

Twenty-two undergraduates were selected by the UK Office of Undergraduate Research to present their research at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) March 31-April 2 at Ithaca College in New York. The annual conference provides models of exemplary research and scholarship and strives to improve the state of undergraduate research by celebrating and promoting undergraduate achievement.

29. College of Education Researcher Honored for Developing Math Skills Measurement Tool

The National Council on Measurement in Education (NCME) recently honored a group of researchers, including UK College of Education's Brian Bottge, for their work in the development of a statistical method for measuring the growth of students' problem-solving skills in mathematics. The group received the 2010-2011 Award for an Outstanding Example of an Application of Educational Measurement Technology to a Specific Problem. Bottge and his colleagues specially designed Enhanced Anchored Instruction (EAI) as a way for developing math skills of low-achieving adolescents, including students with learning disabilities in math.

30. UK E-Club Helps Bring Color™ to Lexington

The University of Kentucky E (Entrepreneurship) Club and its student president Wes Brooks helped bring a national company to Lexington to capitalize on the popularity of March Madness. Color™, based in Palo Alto, California, developed a free application for iPhones and Android smartphones that allows people in close proximity to capture and have real-time access to photos, videos, and text simultaneously from multiple smartphones. Brooks researched and tested the application with other members of the E Club, then contacted Color™ via Twitter with an idea to promote the product. Inspired by Brooks' enthusiasm, the leadership at Color™ traveled to Lexington to help execute a major demonstration of the application where fans congregated during and after the Wildcats' semifinal game. More than 300 photos were captured by 40 different fans and the experiment was judged a success. E Club is a partner with the Von Allmen Center for Entrepreneurship, part of the UK Office of Commercialization and Economic Development.

31. Festival Provides Outlet for Medical Community's Creativity

The University of Kentucky's medical community celebrated the annual Sue Fosson Spring Humanities Festival on April 5 at the UK Singletary Center for the Arts. This annual showcase of students, faculty and staff, which is free and open to the public, provides performers with a welcome outlet for their creativity and the audience with an original entertainment experience.

32. Kentucky Hosts Second Health Literacy Summit

Humana, the University of Kentucky and Western Kentucky University collaborated to sponsor the second health literacy summit in Kentucky March 24-25 in Bowling Green. The summit, planned by the statewide coalition Health Literacy Kentucky, aimed to build awareness of health literacy issues, assess efforts of the coalition during 2010 and develop the next steps for addressing Kentucky's health literacy problems.

33. Department of Theatre Brings World Theatre to Lexington

The UK Department of Theatre produced the World Theatre Festival at the Lexington Downtown Arts Center April 16 and 17. This global performance festival featured children's and family programming as well as original plays from a variety of cultures. Plays included Balinese puppetry, a play based on South Africa-Kentucky connections, a French play with an original translation by UK French and Theatre students, and a demonstration of Noh Drama by students of Japanese Guest Artist in Residence Atsuyoshi Asano.

34. UK Highlights Historic Preservation

The UK College of Design and the UK Historic Preservation Graduate Organization presented the free public historic preservation symposium, "Adaptive Reuse: Preservation Through Innovation," March 31-April 1 at the Carnegie Center for Literacy and Learning. The event brought together professionals with historic preservation expertise within real estate development, economics, urban planning and the nonprofit sector to share their wisdom about the importance of adaptive reuse. Lectures presented as part of "Adaptive Reuse" were registered with the American Institute of Architects for continuing education credit.

35. Nunn Center Documents Buffalo Trace Distillery History

The Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History recently debuted its documentary based on Buffalo Trace Distillery. "Quest for the Perfect Bourbon, Voices of Buffalo Trace Distillery" was presented March 31 at the Grand Theatre in Frankfort. Nunn Center Director Doug Boyd and the Nunn Center at UK Libraries worked with director and producer Joanna Hay and interviewer Tom Troland to capture the stories of the people of Buffalo Trace Distillery to serve as a virtual time capsule for future generations.

36. First Public Art Smartphone Application Taken to Android Market

Kentucky's first public art smartphone application, "Take It Artside!," launched on the Android market March 31. The brainchild of students and faculty at the UK Department of Art and the Gaines Center for the Humanities, the application first launched on iTunes in November 2010. Created by the Central Kentucky Museum Without Walls Project, the free application includes images and information about local public art and its GPS location within Bourbon, Clark, Fayette, Jessamine, Madison, Scott and Woodford counties.

37. UK Excavations in Italy Featured in Exhibit



A free public exhibition at Lexington Public Library, titled "A Greek Mountain Fort in Southern Italy. University of Kentucky Archaeological Investigations at Monte Palazzi (Passo Croceferrata, Grotteria, Calabria)," featured the results of excavations by UK faculty and students of an ancient Greek fort in Italy. The exhibit was on display through May 1. UK's team, led by Paolo Visonà, adjunct associate professor of art history, conducted three seasons of excavation at Monte Palazzi in 2007, 2008 and 2010.

38. Travel Kentucky Application Features Singletary Center

Singletary Center for the Arts is a featured venue on a new free smartphone application developed by *Kentucky Monthly* magazine. "Travel Kentucky," a statewide tourism app for smartphones that serves as an interactive visitor resource, is available on both iPhone and Google Android technology. The Singletary Center feature will direct people to a history of the performing arts center, contact info, a link to the center's website, and a list of all upcoming events.

39. Gaines Fellows Named

The Gaines Center for the Humanities has selected 11 outstanding undergraduates as new scholars for the university's Gaines Fellowship Program for the 2011-12 and 2012-13 academic years. Gaines Fellowships are given in recognition of students' outstanding academic performance, demonstrated ability to conduct independent research, interest in public issues, and desire to enhance understanding of the human condition through the humanities. The 11 students selected as Gaines Scholars are: Catherine Brereton, Jonathan D. Finnie, Jared Flanery, Mary Jennings, Kelly King, Damarias Moore, Doug Niemann, Elizabeth Schaller, Will Spence and Dorneshia L. Thomas. All Gaines Fellows take a specially designed, four-credit-hour per semester seminar in the humanities both semesters of their junior year. Each of these students will complete a major independent study project in their senior year.

40. Student Awards and Achievements

Kristy Avery, Chris Henderson, Kirby Smith and Nicole Tarrence, Law, who make up the UK Black Law Students Association trial team, came in third place in the National Black Law Students Association Midwest regional round of the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition.

Adam Bowling and Josh Hicks, Law, who make up the UK National Trial Competition team, were named co-champions of the Seventh Circuit regionals of the American College of Trial Lawyers National Trial Competition.

Esta Day, UK Libraries, has received a NASIG student travel grant to attend the national conference. NASIG is "an independent, international organization committed to promoting communication and the sharing of ideas among all people working with or concerned about serial publications." Only four grants are awarded annually.

Ricardo Saeb, Music, was selected to perform a concert in the prestigious International Guitar Encounter in Queretaro, Mexico.

41. Faculty and Staff Awards and Achievements

Kerri Lynn Ashurst, Agriculture, is the principal investigator on a \$50,000 grant from Kansas State University to support the Operation Military Kids Camp Initiative/OSD Supplement 2011.

Cody Birdwell, Music, has been named vice president of the CBDNA-Southern Division and will become president-elect in 2013 and president in 2015.

Sharon Brennan, Education, received the 2011 Award for Distinguished Service in Teacher Education from the Kentucky Association for Career and Technical Education.

Les Burns, Education, took part in the Kentucky Educational Television program "Education Matters" to discuss his work related to the new Kentucky Standards, Senate Bill 1 and the Kentucky Model Curriculum Framework.

Allan Butterfield, Center of Membrane Sciences, was appointed chair of the Neural Oxidative Metabolism and Death (NOMD) Study Section of the Center for Scientific Review (CSR). CSR is the portal for review of all National Institutes of Health grant applications.

Jim Dinger, Kentucky Geological Survey, received the Bill Barfield Award for Water Research, named for a former director of the Kentucky Water Resources Research Institute.

Don Ely, agriculture, received the 2011 Gamma Sigma Delta George E. Mitchell, Jr. Award for outstanding contributions to graduate students.

Karen Esser, Physiology, was named a 2011-12 University Research Professor.

Beth Glixon, Music, received a research grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation to support her research in Venice on the opera business in the early 18th century.

Rae Goodwin, Art, has work appearing in several exhibitions. Her pieces "I refuse to hike this way!" and "You remind me of your Grandmother" were juried into Mountain Visions 2011 at the Reece Museum at Eastern Tennessee State University. Her work has also been selected for "Love and Things Like Love" at the Loudon House in Lexington. Finally, Goodwin's installation dealing with family origins, adoption and grandmother was juried into the FATE/MACAA Member's Exhibition, at Mad Art Gallery in St. Louis.

Bernard Hennig, Agriculture, received the 2011 Gamma Sigma Delta Thomas Poe Cooper Award for outstanding research in the College of Agriculture.

Brandon Look, Philosophy, was named a 2011-2012 University Research Professor.

Mary Molinaro, Libraries, was invited to a National Digital Library session at Harvard University. She and other digital library leaders from across the U.S. explored best practices for capturing published and archival collections into a National Digital Library.

Gregory Smith, Psychology, was named a 2011-2012 University Research Professor.

Dean Michael Speaks, Design, presented a talk titled "Prototyping the Future of Design Research" for the Stockholm School of Entrepreneurship (SESS) this February in Sweden. SESS is a collaboration between Stockholm's top five schools. Speaks presented a second talk later that month at Pop-Up evening lectures presented by the Association of Oslo Architects in Norway.

Hunter Stamps, Art, had his work featured in a solo exhibition titled "The Space Between at the Rosewood Gallery" in Kettering, Ohio. Three other sculptures by Stamps have been selected for "Atmosphere: Ceramics Invitational Exhibition" at the Lighthouse Art Center in Tequesta, Florida.

Laura Stephenson, Agriculture, is principal investigator on specialty crop recipe development with a nutritional research component, funded for \$53,000 from the Kentucky Department of Agriculture.

Dima Strakovsky, Art, was invited to perform March 11 and 12 at Receiver Festival, in Charleston, South Carolina.

Jason Unrine and Paul Bertsch, Agriculture, are principal investigator and co-P.I., respectively, on a study examining environmental behavior and bioavailability of silver and CeO<sub>2</sub> nanoparticles. Their research is funded through a \$600,000 four-year grant from the Environmental Protection Agency.

Angene Wilson, Education emeritus faculty member, and her husband, Jack, had their book “Voices from the Peace Corps: Fifty Years of Kentucky Volunteers” published by the University Press of Kentucky.

Youling Xiong, Agriculture, was named a 2011-2012 University Research Professor.

#### 42. Alumni Awards and Achievements

Eric Moyen, Education, recently had his book “Frank L. McVey and the University of Kentucky: A Progressive President and the Modernization of a Southern State University” published by the University Press of Kentucky.