



The 2020 presidential election and its aftermath are different from any presidential election that any of us has experienced. A multitude of people declared their desire to be the Democratic nominee for president of the United States. After about a month of caucuses and primaries, the state of South Carolina shoved former Vice President Joe Biden to the forefront where he remained until the end. Despite the younger, fresher faces that offered themselves to the Democratic caucus-goers and primary-voters, a 77-year-old politician who had spent about 40 years in government service was the person selected as the Democratic nominee.

The Republican nominee, Donald Trump, who was surprisingly (for most people) elected in 2016, won the nomination with no opposition from other Republicans at the age of 74. Trump and Biden were the oldest major party nominees for president in the history of the United States. Perhaps their activity and resilience can serve as a model for APSURANS when we wonder whether a new project we are contemplating is an adventure we are capable of pursuing!

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, election activities were far from normal. On the Democratic side, candidate appearances were generally before small or nonexistent audiences. Mask wearing and social distancing were very much on display. For Donald Trump, large rallies, many in open-air stadiums, were emblematic of his strategy. Herman Cain, a 2016 Republican presidential candidate, attended one of Trump's rallies and died a few weeks later from COVID-19. Those who follow presidential elections remember the large and boisterous party nominating conventions, but in this past

election year, the conventions were virtual, consisting largely of live and videotaped speakers in front of empty seats. Citizens turning out to the polls to vote in person is the most important election activity, but the pandemic potentially made in-person voting dangerous, so mail-in voting became the new rage. Trump attacked voting by mail for opening the door to result-changing mischief and created doubts about the legitimacy of the election outcome.

A large voter turnout spurred by both parties led to the largest number of votes ever cast in a presidential election, and a victory for Joe Biden. Democrats were able to turn out voters who did not participate in 2016. Trump's response was to spend two months declaring that the election had been stolen from him, even in Republican-controlled states such as Georgia. On January 6, 2021, when Congress was meeting to certify the Electoral College votes, rioters who had just attended a Trump rally stormed the capitol building to try to halt the process and have Trump declared the election victor.

Despite the shock and turmoil resulting from the insurrection, Joe Biden was sworn in as scheduled on January 20th. A phrase frequently coming from television commentators was one that was used 100 years earlier: that the Biden presidency would provide a "return to normalcy." Biden has called for unity and bipartisanship, but whether that goal occurs will depend on his ability to breach the deep divides that exist among the nation's residents.

A notable feature of this past election season has been the degree to which many citizens have believed falsehoods about the election outcome perpetrated by Trump and conspiracy theories spread by Qanon followers. Apparently millions of people have adopted these "stories" despite there being no empirical, verifiable evidence that has been presented to support them. Perhaps our educational system needs to discuss how students are taught to discern and evaluate statements they hear and read.



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## BOOK REVIEW

### Read Two Books Instead of One

by Aleeta Christian

In 2019 two historical fictions were published about a true American story: *The Giver of Stars* by Jo Jo Moyers and *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Richardson. Both are based on the 1930s-1943 WPA Packhorse Library Project in rural, hilly, western Kentucky. These books have similar themes, but, as fiction, tell slightly different stories. The role of women, particularly in the 1930s; the value of books—education; strong prejudice and intolerance against anyone who is the least bit different; domination of coal mining; and widespread poverty and hunger—these subjects stand out.

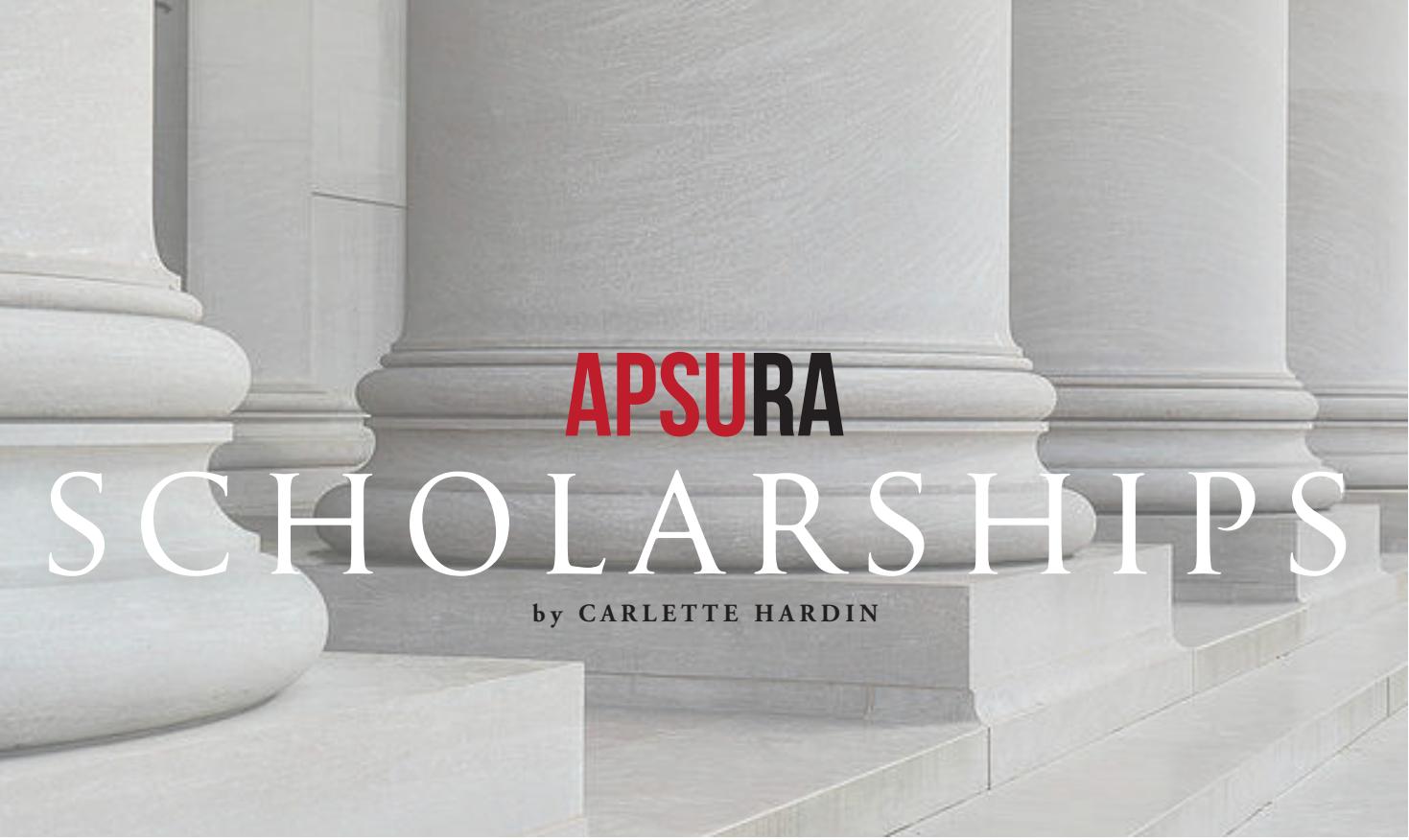
Moyers' book tells the story of a local coal mine supervisor's wife, an outspoken English young woman, Alice. She meets a like-spirited local, Margery, with whom she becomes a packhorse librarian. Alice makes an excellent librarian because she cares about the needy people living in the hills and hollers.

Book Woman focuses on a local blue woman, Cussy Mary, who was taught to read by her mother, but is shunned because her skin is blue. As a mobile (on a mule) librarian, Cussy Mary becomes quite attached to the rural, hill people, especially the children. Her father works in the coal mine and secretly pushes for better conditions there.

Both books are page-turners, and, although they are alike in setting, they are different in characters. Plots are similar. Both have memorable details; for example, one book recipient lives with his young wife on the top of a fire tower; another man, who runs a still in the woods, configured his shoe soles to make the impression in the dirt of a cow hoof. Unfortunately, books for the librarians to distribute are scarce, and the librarians constantly repair worn-out books, and even make scrapbooks of leftover pages, household hints, and recipes.

The stories are so compelling that I still enjoy thinking about them. Each has a bittersweet ending. All four characters, Alice, Margery, Cussy Mary, and Queenie, a black librarian, are young, educated, and focused on the value of the Packhorse Library. Each exhibits the strength to be leaders in the community. Finally, I suggest reading Moyers' book first.





# APSURA SCHOLARSHIPS

by CARLETTE HARDIN

In 2020, APSURA provided its first scholarship to an APSU student. Given in honor of the late James Clemmer, the scholarship was part of a larger endowment established by APSURA. The APSURA endowment will provide scholarships to students in future years and will be a reminder of the work and devotion of retirees to the University.

However, the APSURA scholarship is not the first time that APSU retirees have continued to support the University through scholarships and endowments. Many retirees have established individual scholarships and named them according to their personal wishes. Others have created endowments to provide a lasting tribute and contribution to the University. An endowment of \$25,000 provides a \$1,000 annual scholarship to a deserving student. The corpus of the endowment is not invaded and thereby assures a legacy to the donor and will perpetually benefit Austin Peay students.

The following are examples of scholarships and endowments created by former APSU employees. Because some have asked that their donation be anonymous, they are not included in the list below:

**Jo and Issac Buck Endowment** was created by Dr. Camille Holt, retiree from the College of Education.

**The Hoppe Leadership Endowment** established by former APSU President Sherry Hoppe is awarded to part-time graduate students who are enrolled in any of the following programs: Management; Professional Studies with a concentration in Strategic Leadership; Corporate Communication; Nursing Administration; Educational Leadership; or HHP with specializations in Health Services Administration or Sport and Wellness Administration.

**The Browder Family Scholarship Endowment** in European Studies was established by APSU former chair of the Department of History, Dr. Dewey Browder.

**Jackson-Hardin Education Endowed Scholarship** for APSU students was established by Dr. Carlette Hardin in memory of her parents, Carl and Cora Belle Jackson.

**Barbara Barnette Wilbur Endowed Science Scholarship** was established by retiree, Dr. Barbara Wilbur.

**Dave Loos Scholarship Endowment** was established for an aspiring young coach for men's basketball.

**Janis and Mark Stedman Memorial Scholarship Endowment in Education** was established by Dr. Carl Stedman and Janet Stedman in memory of their son, Mark Stedman.

**Janis and Mark Stedman Memorial Scholarship Endowment in Nursing** was established by Dr. Carl Stedman and Janet Stedman in memory of their daughter, Janis Stedman.

**The Professor Bruce Childs Scholarship Endowment** was established for a recipient majoring in art.

**The Reece Elliott Endowed Scholarships** provides scholarships to students majoring in Communication and Theatre.

**Roy and Barbara Gregory Football Endowment** was established by former football coach and athletic director, Roy Gregory.

**The Anthony Rinella Endowed Scholarship** was established by former Austin Peay President Dr. Sal Rinella and his wife, Pat, in honor of Dr. Rinella's brother, Anthony.

**The Sherwin Clift Endowed Scholarship for Graduate Assistant in Men's Golf** was established for a recipient pursuing a Master's degree.

**Hazel S. Irwin Emerging Leaders Endowment** will be used to fund the APSU President's Emerging Leaders scholarship program each year.

**The Brad and Jan Kirtley Sports Information Endowment** supports students in athletics and those majoring in communication.

**Dr. Susan J. Kupisch Scholarship** supports undergraduates majoring in psychology.

**Benjamin P. Stone Scholarship** was established for Biology major/minor, Nuclear Medicine Technology concentration, Radiologic Technology major/minor, Pre-physical Therapy concentration, Medical Technology major/minor, or Pre-optometry concentration.

**Bryan and Helen Crutcher Scholarship** for a Todd County High School graduate. Dr. Crutcher retired from the College of Education. The scholarship was established by former employee, John Lander, and his wife.

**Dr. J. Ronald Gupton Mathematics Scholarship** was established for mathematics majors.

**Hendon-Stokes Scholarship in Mathematics** supports students majoring in mathematics.

**Mabry Music Scholarship** has been established by Drs. George and Sharon Mabry.

**Reagan Giving Circle Scholarship** was to honor the entrepreneurial spirit of Carmen Reagan, the first female dean of the APSU College of Business

**The Hamel Awards** were established by Tom and Nancy Hamel. Dr. Tom Hamel is an APSU professor emeritus of mathematics, and Nancy retired from the APSU bookstore.

**The Jim and Sharon Ridenhour Statistics Award** was established by Jim and Sharon Ridenhour for students with a statistics concentration.

**The Williamson-Kanervo Scholarship in Journalism** was established by Drs. Ellen and David Kanervo in 1988 in honor of their parents, Margery and Kibler Williamson and Mary and Arvo Kanervo.

**The Williamson-Kanervo Scholarship in Political Science** was established by Drs. Ellen and David Kanervo in 1988 in honor of their parents, Margery and Kibler Williamson and Mary and Arvo Kanervo.

**The Timothy and Lee Hall Scholarship** was founded by Timothy Hall, former President of Austin Peay State University, and his wife Lee.

**The Joseph S. Filippo Health & Human Performance Award** was established by Dr. Joseph Filippo and Inga Filippo in memory of their son, Joseph.

**Lisa Dahn Ross Endowed Fund** of Excellence in Nursing was created by former bookstore manager, Ann Ross, in memory of her daughter.

In addition to endowments and scholarships established by APSU retirees, family, friends, and students of former APSU employees have created scholarships and endowments to honor retirees. These endowments and scholarships were made to recognize the contribution and impact these individuals have made to the University. While these endowments and scholarships can be established at any time, they are typically made when the employee retires or in memorial of the employee at the time of his/her death. Examples of these endowments and scholarships include:

**Arthur J. Eaves Memorial Diversity Endowed Scholarship**

**Dr. Bruce Myers Computer Science Scholarship Endowment**

**Dr. David Snyder Scholarship Endowment Fund**

**Dr. Wesley O. Fortner, Jr. Endowed Accounting Scholarship**

**The Donald B. Lambert Endowed Scholarship**

**The Mayfield, Wood-Boercker, Sears Endowment**

**The Mabry Legacy Endowment Scholarship in honor of Drs. George and Sharon Mabry**

**The Shirley Hagewood Endowed Scholarship**

**The Claiborne-Woodward Scholarship was in memory of Professor Felix Woodward**

**Dr. Albert B. Randall Memorial Scholarship**

**Dr. Edward Irwin Honors Scholarship**

**Dr. Gaines Hunt Agriculture Scholarship**

**Dr. Haskell C. Phillips and Estelle Judd Phillips Scholarship**

**Dr. Leon Bibb Hall of Fame Scholarship**

**Durward Harris Scholarship in Biology**

**Durward Harris Scholarship in Chemistry**

**George Brotherton Memorial Scholarship**

**Dr. Delores Gore Early Childhood Scholarship**

**J. D. Lester Scholarship for Outstanding Undergraduate Writing**

**Neil Ross Memorial Scholarship in Mathematics**

**Pace Scholarship Honoring Charles Waters**

**Pace Scholarship Honoring Glenn Gentry**

**Pace Scholarship Honoring Lawrence Baggett**

**Pace Scholarship Honoring William Ellis**

**Preston Hubbard Scholarship in History**

**Solie Fott Music Scholarship**

**Thomas W. Cowan Memorial Scholarship**

**Tom Malone Memorial Scholarship in Studio Art**

**Warren-Northington Political Science Scholarship in memory of Dr. Vernon Warren**

**Dr. Leon Bibb Hall of Fame Scholarship**

**Dr. Robert T. Crews Medical Laboratory Science Scholarship**

**Dave Aaron Endowment**

A scholarship can be established with a telephone call to **Kris Phillips, Vice President for Advancement at 931-221-7024**. Those wishing to establish scholarships should consider that scholarships can:

- be undesignated and applied where the need is greatest.
- be designated to a specific department or program.

- be a current, outright gift of cash, securities, or personal property.

- be a deferred gift in the form of a trust, insurance, a will, a life estate, or even the remainder of retirement benefits.

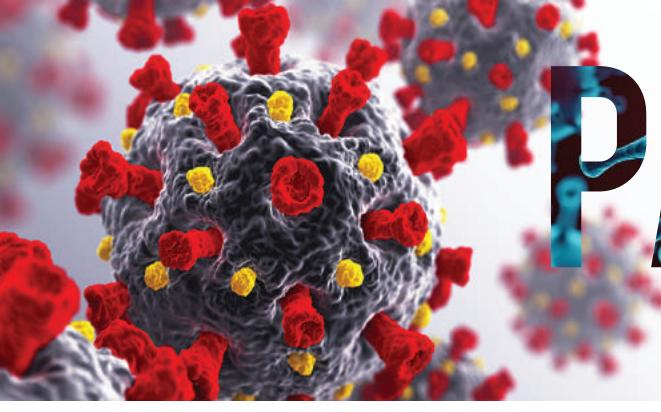
- be made as a memorial.
- be used to set up a permanent endowment in the name of the donor or someone else.

Please note that APSURA has made every effort to list all scholarships and endowments which have been established by former APSU employees.

Scholarships and endowments which are in the process of being established are not listed. If the donor requested that the scholarship remain anonymous, their contribution has not been noted.

However, if a gift from or in honor of a former employee was not included in the list above, please let APSURA know and the information will be provided in the next APSURA newsletter.





# THE PANDEMIC

by Carlette Hardin

For the past year, the entire world has been on hold as we have lived through the greatest pandemic since 1918. The year has been challenging for everyone. Schools, restaurants, and shopping areas have all closed. Hospitals and long-term care facilities have limited or eliminated visitors. But the most heartbreaking of all is that millions have been sick and that in the United States, 500,000 individuals have lost their lives to Covid 19.

Almost everyone feels that they have lost a year of their lives. Children have been out of school for almost a year, and the world has learned the value of the classroom teacher. Others have lost their jobs and faced foreclosures and evictions. Sickness from Covid 19 has ranged from little to no symptoms to spending months in the hospital on a ventilator. Some who have had Covid 19 have become "long haulers" as their symptoms have persisted for months.

For APSURA members, life during the pandemic has varied. Some members have been ill with the virus, and some have lost friends or family. For all of us, it has meant that we have lost time with our families and loved ones. And we all became more aware that each year is precious and can't be recovered. We wondered how APSURA members have fared during the pandemic. Here are a few of the comments made by members about how they coped during the pandemic:

"The thing I have missed most is seeing my siblings. I am the youngest of seven, and we haven't been together in over a year. My oldest brother is 86, and we consider our time together as precious. We finally figured out Zoom (which was like herding cats) and zoom once a month. However, zooming isn't the same. We are all on our way to having two shots and then the Jackson Seven are going to party together."

Carlette Hardin

"Our household of 3 septuagenarians (Dick, me, and my sister in ascending age order) has enjoyed our togetherness. It has been an Introverts Heaven. When talk of food shortages cropped up in the news reports last spring, we put in a garden for the first time in 40 years. We truly enjoyed the fresh vegetables - picking off tomato bugs, not so much. Now, we are considering making a straw bale garden to reduce the need to bend over so much. Of course, the 75 lb bales may present other problems. Happy vegging to all!"

Meredith Gildrie

"What we have missed most is traveling. Kathryn and I believe we have been on house arrest since March. My symptoms are most acute. All I lack is a bracelet around my ankle worn by people who are actually under house arrest. We have no funny stories, but our home played a trick on us...roof began leaking and it needed replacement and our electric dryer died (It only lasted 35 years!!!). I learned Zoom to meet with our extended family and friends, but still not like having "real contact." I completed an article and another article was published in October."

Phil Kemmerly

"So far, the Browders have been spared the COVID-19 virus, thankfully. We have tried to make good use of the time, gardening in season and most recently reading in front of the fireplace. In spite of the COVID-19 virus, community organizations go on providing fun ways to stay busy and Zoom has helped a lot. APSURA, the Woodward Library Society, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Clarksville-Montgomery County Arts and Heritage Development Council, the Military Officers Association of America, the Montgomery County Veterans Service Organization, and the Fort Campbell Historical Foundation are among them. I hope everyone stays safe and healthy, and I look forward to seeing folks in person again soon."

Dewey Browder

"Jan's mother and stepfather both were diagnosed with COVID in late December. Then we both were diagnosed with COVID in late January. Luckily, we had relatively mild cases--Jan with a high fever and me with a cough. Both of us, however, suffered COVID brain fog--we both really had trouble concentrating--and experienced tiredness. Jan then bought several board games during the early months of the pandemic and we realized she is the most competitive of the two of us. She almost always won. I would like to blame my losses on COVID brain fog rather than my game-playing skills."

Brad Kirtley



"No one in our immediate family has contracted the virus. So far we have been very lucky but also very sad not to see each other in person. Facetime just doesn't satisfy us. We have had a difficult time with our old dogs. Two have died during the pandemic. The first one we buried in our pet cemetery but had to rebury because a coyote dug into the grave. The second one died just before this most recent cold, snowy weather. She is still in the backseat of the truck since the weather and ground conditions have made it impossible to bury her. We don't know when we will be able to, but it gives us something to talk about and plan for. Occasionally she goes for a ride with us."

**Jeanie Randall**

"Although several members of my family have had COVID-19, they have all recovered. I am thus very thankful to God that none of them suffered terribly and not even one of them died. God has blessed me in countless ways throughout my life—including giving me the opportunity to be president at APSU. His mercy, grace, and help have always been wonderful for me. One of my greatest blessings was having so many wonderful and helpful staff members who helped me accomplish my vision to expand opportunities for higher education in our university. I thank God every day for his blessings."

**Sherry Hoppe**

"Sadly, we have had extended family members lose their lives to Covid-19. A good friend from high school lost her dad to this awful virus. It makes anything else I write pale in comparison. I'm basically an introverted homebody. Staying close to home has not been an issue for me at all. We've missed visiting in person with my sweet mother-in-law at her long-term care facility. It's been almost a year since we have been able to go into her room. We're lucky that we can visit at the window and are thankful for FaceTime. She's a trooper. I've worked on my quilting skills, watched a lot of movies, and have a new appreciation for the concept of decluttering."

**Sharon Silva**

"I learned how to use Zoom and import different backgrounds depending on the season and my mood. I also learned some things from my reading. I am a greater admirer of Dwight Eisenhower as president than I was previously, and I also admire Preston Hubbard more for his perseverance and strength as a prisoner of war."

**David Kanervo**

"The family was coming for dinner on Thanksgiving. The day before Janet felt badly enough to call it off which was a very unusual decision for her, and the day following Thanksgiving she tested positive. Because of her test, I decided to test and was positive also. My first realization was sobering. I easily could have been walking around infecting people because I had no noticeable symptoms. We have now completed both shots of Moderna. None of our family members have been infected, we thank Janet for contributing to that, and we continue to live without fear but with a mask."

**Carl Stedman**

"I have three great-grandchildren and I have seen them only twice in the last year. They live 200 miles away and typically I would visit, see them every month or so. The older two are twins in first grade and I would dearly love to keep up with them and their activities in person. The younger child is two and hardly knows who I am. I have transitioned from a real, live great-grandmother to a vague entity somewhere out there."

**Barbara Wilbur**

"2020 was a tough year for many. But in many ways, we were very fortunate. My 95-year-old father got a moderate case of Covid this winter but thanks to the aggressive treatment his doctors ordered, he stayed out of the hospital and is now fully recovered. My wife, Charlotte & I, both retired, were very fortunate to be able to socially isolate throughout 2020. However, we were able to move her brother from Nashville to Clarksville so that he would be closer to us. 2020 was also a year that allowed us to spend more quality time together. And for me, 2020 was a year that allowed me to hone my culinary skills. I can't express just how grateful I am for all the "essential" workers—the grocery workers, the delivery drivers—and all those people who made it possible for people like me to socially isolate."

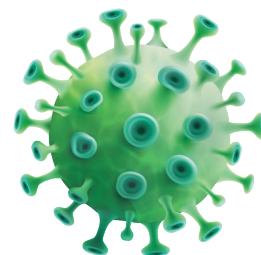
**Don Carlin**

"During this lockdown, I have become almost a Carmelite nun. This did seem an excellent time to read some of the many books I stashed away for my retirement. Also, I wanted to view some of the many DVDs I picked up for a dollar or so when the stores were going out of business. I started with my private Woody Allen Film Festival. Later, I pretty much exhausted Netflix (given me courtesy of my grandson) and Amazon Prime, until I got grossed out. Zoom requires a new style of teaching, but I am trying to learn. Thanks to the Methodist Church for their patience when I inflicted my Armenian Genocide research on them, again through Zoom. With the WEB. I was able to reconnect or track down various people from my long past on three continents. It was sad to discover so many deaths and other disasters but communicating again with old friends and comparing our memories was a pleasure."

**Allene Phy-Olson**

While the experiences of APSURA members during the pandemic have differed, they all desire a future that includes being with friends and family.

-Carlette Hardin



## SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

Below is the scan of a thank you note and some very kind words from recipient **Noah Johnson**.



a warm  
*Welcome*

The members of APSURA would like to extend greetings and best wishes to **Kirsten, Daniel**, and our new **APSU president, Dr. Michael Licari**, as you transition into the Clarksville community. We welcome each of you and look forward to working with you and getting to know you better.



# **APSURA Members as of February 2021**

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## **Publication Information**

The APSURA Newsletter is published three times a year by the Austin Peay State University Retirees Association. A supplement to the Newsletter, APSURA NewsNotes, is published occasionally to update APSURA members on time-sensitive coming activities and events, both those in which APSURA is participating officially and others recommended by APSURA members. Both the Newsletter and NewsNotes are available at [apsu.edu/retireesassociation](http://apsu.edu/retireesassociation).

We invite APSU retirees to send us specific information about coming activities and events you believe will be of interest to APSU retirees. Please send to Floyd Christian at [christianf@apsu.edu](mailto:christianf@apsu.edu) or to APSURA at the physical address below, and include exact dates, times, locations, deadlines, costs, etc. We also welcome the submission of original articles for possible publication in the newsletter, especially descriptions of your accomplishments, travels, discoveries and other experiences as APSU retirees.

Submissions are limited to 500 words and a maximum of three high-resolution photographs. Send texts as regular email (no tabs) or Word attachments to Floyd Christian at [christianf@apsu.edu](mailto:christianf@apsu.edu) with photographs sent individually as separate jpg files. Or you may submit typed manuscripts and good-quality photo prints to APSU Retirees Association, Box 4426, Clarksville, TN 37044.

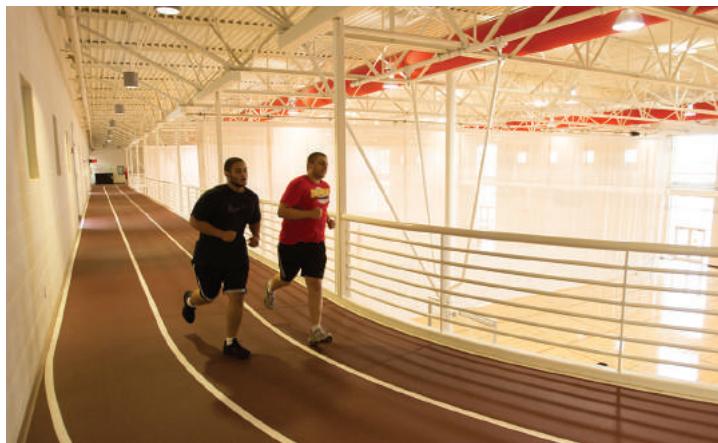
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# FOY FITNESS CENTER

## *A Reminder*

A reminder: The Foy Center is **FREE** for APSU retirees to use if they have an APSU ID. I was there last week, riding a bicycle; I also like the upstairs walking/jogging track. The person at the front desk said that, according to Clay Heinley, operations coordinator, retirees could come any day of the week. It is only closed for cleaning 3-4 each afternoon. The pool opens March 15. Lockers are available for \$15. If you are new to the center, you may want to engage a personal trainer to learn how to use the equipment and initially help you. One would cost \$25 an hour; I recommend Jason Henderson who has helped me on and off for many years. You can get details at the front desk and online. -Aleeta Christian



## BOOK RECOMMENDATIONS

Many of our members have spent their pandemic time reading. Below are some books some have recommended which might give you new adventures while we continue to be quarantined.

### Recommendations from **Dewey Browder**

*Battlegrounds* by H. R. McMaster  
*Churchill: Walking With Destiny* by Andrew Roberts  
*Dereliction of Duty* by H. R. McMaster  
*First Principles* by Thomas Ricks  
*Sex and The Catholic Feminist* by Sue Browder

### Recommendations from **Floyd Christian**

*The Map of Knowledge: A Thousand-Year History of How Classical Ideas Were Lost and Found* by Violet Miller  
*A Place for Everything: The Curious History of Alphabetical Order* by Judith Flanders  
*Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind* by Yuval Noah Harari  
*Homo Deus: A Brief History of Tomorrow* by Yuval Noah Harari  
*21 Lessons for the 21st Century* by Yuval Noah Harari

### Recommendations from **Carlette Hardin**

*American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins  
*The Book of Lost Friends* by Lisa Wingate  
*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle Richardson  
*The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah  
*The Weight of Ink* by Rachel Kadish

### Recommendations from **David Kanervo**

*Alter Egos* by Mark Handler  
*America in Search of Itself* by Theodore White  
*Apocalypse Undone* by Preston Hubbard  
*The Hidden-Hand Presidency* by Fred Greenstein

### Recommendation from **Phil Kemmerly**

*Snow* by John Banville - winner of the 2019 Booker Prize

### Recommendations from **Allene Phy-Olsen**

*Once Upon An Orient Wave: Milton and The Arab Moslem World* by Eid Abdullah Dahiyat  
*The Neapolitan Novels* by Elena Ferrante – Box Set  
*It's Hard to Talk About Yourself* by Natalia Ginsburg  
*The Bible As It Was* by James L. Kuyel  
*The Downing Street Years* by Margaret Thatcher

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Name of member: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of spouse/partner: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
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Activities in which you would like the APSURA to be involved: ( ) Group travel; ( ) Athletic events;  
( ) Cultural events; ( ) Social events; ( ) Scholarship activities; ( ) Seminars; ( ) Community Work;  
( ) Other : \_\_\_\_\_

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