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Spring Lecture Series: Acts of Musicking - Applied Approaches to Music, Service, and Social Justice

Our fourth session in our Lecture Series, an education workshop series, will take place on May 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm EST. All presenters are Kappa members who are sharing their time and expertise with us. Recordings will be available for dues paying members who cannot attend the live sessions. To attend our fourth



Katelyn Wood Best

workshop, you can register for this session at <https://bit.ly/Musicking>.

Katelyn Wood Best (*Saint Mary's College, IN, '07*) is an American musician and ethnomusicologist. She received her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance in 2007 from Saint Mary's College, Indiana where she was nominated to Kappa

Gamma Pi. Katelyn followed her Bachelors degree with a Masters of Music in 2010. In 2015, she graduated with her PhD in Musicology/Ethnomusicology from Florida State University (FSU). Ethnomusicology is a form of musicology which studies humans and culture in music. Katelyn pursued a PhD in ethnomusicology because of the ability to be constructively employed within society due to its focus on culture and the expression of music. Her work in this field has allowed her to study the diverse ways music lives in culture.

Music has been a constant in Katelyn's life. Music filled the rooms of her childhood home and served as a way to connect and positively affect people through performance. She grew up playing the piano and while the house she grew up in was small her grandmother's baby grand piano filled the living room. Her musical and compositional voice was shaped by that

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Spring is Here!



"Spring: A lovely reminder of how beautiful change can truly be." – Anonymous

Spring is right around the corner! While many of us are still encountering winter weather like snow, spring will be here before we know it and officially starts on March 20. The season is such a beautiful time of year where the snow melts away, birds return, grass turns green, and the flowers begin to bloom. Spring brings about a new beginning with new life for nature.

The season can serve as an inspiration for all of us. Blooming flowers have many different meanings but in spring they represent new life, growth, and development. We are all constantly learning and growing. Spring is a chance to check in with yourself and see the progress you have made and the areas you have fallen short. Are there areas of your life that need a deep cleaning after the long winter season? Where have you fallen short and how can you reorient yourself to achieve what you have laid out for yourself? How can you help others grow and develop?

*Be sure to join us for
our next Lecture Series on
May 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm.*

Acts of Musicking

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piano. Katelyn was raised in a family and Catholic community that emphasized service and social justice which led to her writing pieces to educate, promote positive change, and provide solace or a form of catharsis.

During her time at FSU, she performed in a number of different ensembles. Katelyn served as chair for the Society for Ethnomusicology Disability and Deaf Studies Special Interest Group where she led projects and facilitated discourses on research and access within and for disability and deaf communities. Katelyn met her husband Ryan during her graduate studies and once they were married and in their first apartment they decided to play music together and formed the singer-songwriter duo "Park and Franklin." Within the duo, they compose music separately and collaborate on the performance arrangements. Through these collaborations she composed series of songs to address social disparities with contemporary culture. "Our Shells on the Outside," written in response to the Charlottesville rally violence, aims to use music to remove judgments based on physical appearance. "A Winter Song for the Homeless" was composed to foster awareness of people who lack access to basic human needs and whose struggle remains invisible to many. And "Terra Libertatis" which is built on the foundation of Woody Guthrie's "This Land Is Your Land" drawing from American history to provide diverse pictures of what it means to be American.



Katelyn and her husband, Ryan, in the Acoustic Duo Park and Franklin.

Katelyn's Lecture will be based on Christopher Small's concept of Musicking which approaches the understanding of music by using it as a verb, "to music." According to Small, "the meaning of musicking

lies in the relationships that are established between the participants by the performance." Katelyn's work in ethnomusicology has given her the opportunity to explore the diversity of music-making in other cultures and to apply them to her role as a singer songwriter using music as an expressive outlet and platform for education. Her research further led her to explore music

in deaf culture, which uses sign language as the primary language. This research resulted in an independent collaborative project with her husband and father, developing into an album and a series of live performances in national parks through the United States. This lecture will explore different forms of musicking and examines ways music can shape relationships, amplify voices, and inspire change.

Everyone has their own story and gifts that can be used to serve others. For Katelyn, music is her medium to foster diversity, cultural appreciation and a richer understanding of human interaction. Katelyn's work can be listened to on Spotify including her album title *Tapestry of Loss and Love*. This album includes a song titled "Your Smile" which is a poem written by her father about her mother's smile. §

Do you have a preferred contact method?

Has your information changed? If you would like to update your address, email address or contact number, please send a quick email to Michelle Chesney, KGP National Office Administrator at kgp@kappagammapi.org. Please add this email address as a contact in your Address Book to ensure you receive your emails from Kappa in your inbox. §

Welcome Kappa Nominees!

You are joining a community!

KGP-affiliated colleges and universities nominated new members – honor graduates (recipients of baccalaureate and postgraduate degrees from the class of 2020-2021.

Kappas reside in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, the U.S. Virgin Islands, Puerto Rico, Guam and 91 countries around the world. §

2022 Cornaro Scholarship Opportunity

Kappa Gamma Pi is pleased to be able to sponsor the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship. The Cornaro Scholarship was established in 1985. The scholarship is named after Elena Lucrezia Cornaro Piscopia, the first woman to receive a university degree of any kind. Elena Cornaro was a member of a noble Venetian family and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in 1678 from the University of Padua, Italy.

This scholarship is exclusive to Kappa Gamma Pi members and is an opportunity for applicants to advance their academic and professional careers by pursuing a graduate degree or professional program. In order to be eligible for the Cornaro Scholarship one must be a member of Kappa Gamma Pi, be a current dues payer, and have already been accepted into an accredited graduate or professional program.

The Cornaro Scholarship is competitive and applicants must demonstrate how they embody the Kappa motto: Faith and Service. Recipients must also exemplify the value of volunteer work, leadership, academic excellence and well-defined career aspirations.

Thanks to the support of Kappa members, KGP has awarded \$256,520 in scholarships to 95 deserving Kappas since 1985! All Cornaro Scholarship Fund contributions are tax deductible. Thank you to all who donate to the Cornaro Fund each year. We appreciate your generosity.

The submission deadline for applications and letters of reference is April 20, 2022. To access the 2022 Cornaro Scholarship for Graduate Studies Application and Frequently Asked Questions, please login to KGP Engage by visiting <https://engage.kappagammapi.org>.

We want to hear from you!

We love hearing from Kappas! Do you have a new project you are working on? Have you started a new career or are you dipping your toes into a new hobby? We would love to hear about it!

Tell us about your achievements, your career, your milestones, your volunteer work - whatever you would like to share!

You can submit articles and photos for the NEWS by sending an email to the newseditor@kappagammapi.org. You can also submit announcements and notes for posting on Kappa's Facebook page by emailing kgp@kappagammapi.org.

A Message from KGP's National President

Welcome Spring!

Spring is here after a long and cold winter. In the Midwest, spring brings blooming tulips and trees and longer days. It brings about a sense of renewal and new beginnings. It is also nomination time for Kappa and time to welcome our newest Kappas. Connect with your college and if able, join them with their award ceremonies or celebrations.

It is also time for planning of the annual National Kappa Board meeting. The board will gather virtually on July 15, 2022 at 7:00 pm EST. These meetings are productive and meaningful as we prepare Kappa for the future. If you have any thoughts or suggestions for the Board, please email me at president@kappagammapi.org. Better yet, join us for this virtual meeting in a non-voting capacity! We are planning on Uber Eats or other dinner delivery and sharing a meal together. I look forward to the next Board meeting and "seeing" you!



In Faith and Service,

Susan (Sue) Smith Jaros

Lourdes University, Ohio, '90

Kappa Gamma Pi National President

president@kappagammapi.org

KGP's National Service Projects

Kappa Gamma Pi has three current national service projects. At the 2001 National Convention in New Orleans improving literacy was chosen as a focus. In 2005 at the Cleveland Convention alleviating world hunger was added as a second project. The most recent addition was earth renewal which was added during the 2009 Convention in New Orleans. Many chapter members and Members-at-Large do not live close to a chapter participating in volunteer activities but all KGP members can get involved in national service projects in their local areas.

Are you interest in serving on the Kappa Board? Reach out to President Susan Jaros at president@kappagammapi.org to see how you can help!

Kappa Gamma Pi Projects through the Ages

Kappa Gamma Pi has a very rich history of initiatives and service that has helped shape this organization and benefited our community at large. Over the organizations 96 years of existence there have been more than 75 Kappa chapters that have existed for varying periods of time. In 1935, chapters became an opportunity for women post-Depression to use their gifts and intellect to help others. Today chapter activity has decreased for societal reasons and women are in the workforce. In addition, people have limited time and members have had to make hard choices about how to use their free time. Despite all the challenges chapters have faced over the decades, they still exist for the reasons they were initially established: service to others and the building of a faith community.

Looking at activities sponsored over the years by chapters is inspiring. Issues of contemporary society became concerns of Kappa: refugees, mentally and physically disadvantaged, and the homeless. Through the 1930s-1960s as opportunities to volunteer increased, Kappas became involved in areas of civil and voting rights, anti-communism, the "Catholic Action" movement, apostolic formation, pro-life. They assisted adolescent girls in crisis, lobbied on Capital

Hill, supported Mother Teresa and her missionaries, and were there whenever vital causes existed.

Projects sponsored by the national organization were plentiful in the early days of Kappa Gamma Pi. In 1932 the first **Short Story Contest** was conducted at affiliated colleges and grew to the point a monetary prize was awarded. The contest continued successfully and in 1965, it was renamed the **Creative Writing Contest** and two national Catholic magazines agreed to publish the winning entry.

At the first post-war National Convention in 1947, delegates in St. Louis established the Kappa *Listening Post* to make Kappa influence felt nationally. The *Listening Post*, first directed by the Chicago Chapter, expressed commendation or disapproval of features in advertising, radio, newspaper and movies which were nationally distributed. The *Listening Post* expanded

to include decency in advertising and illustrations, promotion of the National Organization for Decent Literature (NODL), and eventually, support of good programming in the television industry. As a national project, *Listening Post* functioned until 1970 with emphasis changing to focus on civil rights issues. *Listening Post* was reactivated in the 1990s as an intermittent column in the KGP NEWS and a forum for reader opinion and reaction.

Involvement with the Junior Great Books Program began in 1957. Chapters played an important role in developing a project for gifted children. By 1965, chapters

had organized enrichment programs for inner city children working with diocesan education officers to provide resources and materials.

Kappa chapters were in the forefront for liturgical implementation throughout the 50s, 60s and 70s, producing numerous study material and a recording of liturgical music. Post-Vatican II, chapters took up the challenge of education on other religious beliefs by sponsoring ecumenical programs, open houses in churches, dialogues with ministers and laity from other congregations. In many dioceses, Kappas were the leaders of ecumenical commissions and councils.

In the early 60s, the "academic freedom" crisis in Catholic schools sparked interest. Kappas set out to prove that Catholic Education on all levels held an important place in America. The KGP **National Education Project (NEP)** replaced the Creative Writing Contest as an effective college and public relation tool. The NEP consolidated the efforts of hundreds of Kappas across the country who wanted to follow the directive of Vatican II for the laity to be more responsible for education. Chapters were ahead of the times in giving parents comprehensive assistance in raising their children. Study outlines and bibliographies were prepared to convey the benefits of private education from preschool to college as well as to review proposed legislation. Kappas sought tuition grant programs, wrote master plans for education in dioceses and lobbied



*Quad-Cities Kappas
tape books for the
visually handicapped
1965*



Junior Great Books Louisville 1964

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on state and national levels for legislation for federal loans or tax credits for private colleges.

Kappas worked for health, safety and nutritional services for children in ALL schools, supported remedial education and bus transportation for ALL children and researched the certification of teachers in Catholic schools. Many Kappas accepted appointments to lay boards of trustees at formerly all-clerical/all-religious institutions. The results of the NEP, which lasted officially from 1963 to 1972, were far-reaching and continue to this day. NEP was the most effective and productive national project Kappa Gamma Pi ever directed. Ultimately, Kappa met many of its national goals and provided valued support and leadership at a crucial time in educational history.

As the need for the NEP gradually declined, the project evolved into the **College Relations Committee (CRC)**. CRC was established to support Kappa affiliates to maintain good communications with affiliate colleges and universities. The turmoil in education caused the closing of some KGP affiliates and the merger of others; some colleges lost their Catholic identity completely; many all-women's schools became co-educational. Because of the high turnover rates in college administrations, Kappa needed to establish better forms of communication with affiliates. The national **College Liaison Program**, begun in 1978, still exists in the work of building and keeping good relationships with our colleges and universities.



Agnes Griffor, right, creator and long-time chair of the College Liaison Program, accepts the Michigan Volunteer Award for outstanding service to her community

tion, delegates approved the expansion of the literacy project to include a focus on reducing world hunger. This project, **Feed My Hungry**, does not supplant the National Literacy Project, but enhances it. Members

are encouraged to participate in local volunteer and service efforts.



Cleveland Kappas work at local city Food Bank 2006

In 2020, Kappas-at-Large continued to answer the call to service when needed. KGP had many members who were front line workers during the COVID-19 pandemic. These members continue

to use their gifts and talents working on the front lines to help those in need.

Since inception, the focus of the Kappa national organization has emphasized national projects to help center chapter activities. The great majority of Kappa members do not live within chapter boundaries and their fulfillment of Kappa goals and commitments are individual and self-directed. The three current national projects of literacy and hunger alleviation and renewal of the Earth are uniquely suited to these Kappas-at-Large.

One national project has resisted change: the biennial Faith and Service Award, is given at National Conventions to non-Kappas who exemplify outstanding leadership in local and national church and secular affairs. Kathryn O'Hay Granahan, Treasurer of the United States, was the first recipient of this distinguished award in 1963 at the Philadelphia Convention. It has been presented at every convention since to an impressive group of community leaders and activists, educators, advocates for the arts and national and international directors of service agencies. §

Past President



Frances Burger Noetzel
Notre Dame College,
OH, '41
Cleveland, OH
1963-1967
Deceased

"Kappa continues to grow with the times. We find comfort and strength in a shared faith, in memorable shared experiences and in each other. We must rely on each other if we are to bridge the gap in personal effectiveness which we all encounter. We need to allow for the volunteer nature of our organization, but we must ask ourselves, 'What have we accomplished? What are we doing? What do we plan for the future?' Let us remember that our God is justified by the words, 'I am'." (KGP NEWS August '61)

Connect with KGP!

Keep Kappa at the top of your Facebook News Feed



Facebook is constantly changing their algorithm. In your news feed friends and family get priority while brands and businesses fall to the bottom. To keep Kappa and your other favorite pages in your news feed follow these steps:

- Open Facebook on your mobile device or desktop and go to Kappa Gamma Pi's page.
- Click on the "... " on the right under the KGP banner.
- Click "Following" from the menu that comes up.
- Another menu will come up and select the "News Feed" option.
- And then add the KGP page to your "Favorites" to allow KGP to come up in your feed more regularly.
- Repeat this process for all your favorite pages!

Join other Kappas on LinkedIn



Follow Kappa Gamma Pi on LinkedIn! Log-in into your LinkedIn account and search for Kappa Gamma Pi. When the Kappa link comes up, ask to be a member of the group. This sends an email to the group administrator, who approves the membership. §

Winter Olympic Facts

The Winter 2022 Olympics took place in February and many watched intently as athletes at the top of their game competed for gold in Beijing. When the Olympics take place, it is interesting to look into the facts of these historic games such as:

- The Winter Olympic Games were first held in Chamonix, France in 1924.
- 12 countries have participated in every Winter Olympic Games: Austria, Canada, Finland, France, Great Britain, Hungary, Italy, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, and the United States.
- Six countries have won medals at every Winter Olympic Games: Austria, Canada, Finland, Norway, Sweden, and the United States.
- The United States is the only country to have won a gold medal at every one.
- Noriaki Kasai of Japan holds the record for the most appearances at the Winter Olympics as an athlete. He participated in eight straight Olympics from 1992 to 2018. §

A Kappa Legacy

Beverly Domalski (*Mary Manse College, OH, '52*) was an involved Kappa and served as an officer for the Toledo Chapter. She graduated from Notre Dame Academy, received a Bachelor of Arts from Mary Manse College, and earned a Master of Arts from Case Western Reserve in studio art, art history, and philosophy.



Beverly Domalski

She was a kind woman of faith who was deeply dedicated to the mission of the Catholic Church and Catholic Institutions. Beverly was an art teacher in the Toledo Public School system where she had a long and rewarding career. After she retired she continued to volunteer in parochial schools, the Toledo Museum of Art, the Toledo Botanical Gardens, Lourdes University's Lifelong Learning Program, and many more.

Beverly grew up as an only child and watched her philanthropic mother's example, which is where she learned the importance of giving back to your community. Beverly did an interview for the AtLourdes magazine in the Spring of 2013 when she was asked why giving was so important. She summed it up perfectly, "It builds a network for forwarding the valuable elements of our culture. I give to Lourdes because I believe in its unique approach to providing a rich authentic background for learning and meaningful approach to a full creative life."

The late Beverly Domalski was known for her dedication to her faith, belief in lifelong learning, belief in a creative life, and her heart for giving. While not all of us had the privilege to know Beverly, we can learn a lot from the example she set in the life she lived and the legacy she has left behind. §

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KGP Shines Spotlight on Members

Membership in KGP means something different to each of our members. Every Kappa is a valued part of the organization and we want to hear from you. We have been asking in past newsletters for members to share with us what their nomination to KGP has meant to them and we want to share their responses with you.



What has your nomination to KGP meant to you? Tell us about your volunteer endeavors and call to service...

"I have no time to volunteer since the Corona Virus. I am an Assistant Director of a very large nursing home. I have been working many extra hours. Recreation might not have activities to conduct, but we are in charge of phone calls for residents since family members cannot visit. We also keep track of who has COVID-19, who has recovered, and who has passed away." – Adriana Grecco (*St. Joseph's College, NY, '13*)

"Membership in my parish St. Vincent de Paul for many years. I also belong to our Diocesan choir, my parish choir and a choir that sang concerts to raise funds for charity. The one that meant the most was our parish funeral choir, which helps to provide solace to grieving families." – Mary Thomas (*D'Youville College, NY, '57*)

"I am currently active with Order of Alhambra, a Catholic men and women's organization. We work with God's special people with mental disabilities. I am also active with my local SVDP conference as Vice President." – Patricia E. Plotkowski (*Marygrove College, MI, '83*)

Thank you to those who have already chosen to share with us and we encourage anyone else who feels so inclined to share as well. Whether you have been a long-time member or are a recently inducted member we want to hear from you. §



"Spring is coming....Time for some cleaning. Remove all the self-doubt, worry, jealousy, regret, anger, guilt, or any other negative emotions that are holding you back from your happy, fulfilled life."

- Nanette Mathews

Cornaro Scholarship Fund Contributors

Education is a key component of Kappa Gamma Pi's mission. Our organization is fortunate to have a healthy scholarship fund due to the generous donations of our members who see the value of a quality higher education. As a result, KGP is able to provide Cornaro Scholarships to deserving individuals who are pursuing graduate degrees. We understand how expensive higher education can be and this scholarship helps to alleviate some of the financial burden for recipients.

The decision to donate to the scholarship fund is a financial one and we thank everyone who has made the decision to contribute. Your contribution in celebration of a special anniversary or jubilee or in memory of deceased individuals is appreciated. Please send donations to the KGP National Office. A letter acknowledging your gift will be sent to the honoree or to the family of the deceased. We encourage anyone who is considering contributing to the scholarship fund to reflect and see if it is what you are called to do. §

In Loving Memory

- Anna Marie Sciaraffa (*Dominican University, IL, '49*)
- John Edward Schroeder (*Madonna University, MI, '91*)
- Kathleen Neary (*Lone Mountain College, CA, '52*)
- Regina M. Cuta-Papa, M.D. (*Chestnut Hill College, PA, '56*)



If you know anyone who has passed on please send an email to admin@kappagammapi.org. §

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What doors has your nomination to KGP opened for you that you did not expect?
