**Carl Nathe:** Thanks, Chris. Leila Salisbury is in her second year as director of the University Press of Kentucky, the scholarly publisher for the Commonwealth which is headquartered in the Thomas D. Clark Building on the University of Kentucky campus in Lexington. Salisbury previously worked at the press for 14 years, prior to serving as the director of the University Press of Mississippi from 2008-2016. She is delighted to be back home.

**Leila Salisbury:** One of the things that’s been very meaningful to me is just helping the press have a really outward vision. In some ways, I’m a connector of people, resources and projects. And, connecting authors with ideas or connecting researchers with each other. In addition to the books that we publish, I love seeing the press really hit the center of the thinking life and just what happens with the development of ideas.

**Carl Nathe:** The University Press of Kentucky publishes about 50 books a year ranging from poetry to sports, to Appalachia, to mystery, to movies, politics and even Kentucky beer cheese.

**Leila Salisbury:** What books need to be written? What are the important topics in Kentucky today? Kentucky is this fascinating crossroads of America.

**Carl Nathe:** Next Saturday, November 18, from 9 a.m.- 4 p.m., at the Kentucky Horse Park’s Alltech Arena, it’s the annual Kentucky Book Fair and the press will be well-represented. It’s a chance for book lovers to meet and greet some of their favorite writers.

**Leila Salisbury:** Mary Ann Taylor Hall, her new book of Poetry. Frank Walker will be there, Bobbi Ann Mason, Crystal Wilkinson, a really wide variety of authors. Having an autographed copy of a very special book really adds an extra layer of meaning.

**Carl Nathe:** The holidays are just around the corner and books make wonderful gifts. You can find more at Kentuckypress.com. Sports fans will want to keep your eyes open for the scheduled early March release of a basketball book by sportswriter DougBrunk**.**

**Leila Salisbury**: “Forty Minutes to Glory,” it’s about the 1978 championship. It’s kind of an anniversary year for the big game, just a season with players who I think so many people in Kentucky still remember fondly and connect with.

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