The Keen Johnson Building (and the Blue Lady)

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Eastern Kentucky University's Keen Johnson Building was erected in 1939 in the Colonial Revival style. The building is named after the former Kentucky governor and regent of the university, Keen Johnson. Originally the home to the student union of Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College, the Keen Johnson Building now serves as the university's faculty club. The building also hosts receptions, banquets, and conferences. The Keen Johnson Building's clock and bell tower are among the campus's most notable landmarks.

At the Keen Johnson Building, also notable is the haunting of the spectral "Blue Lady" ghost. Her origins are unclear, but sightings of the rumored EKU ghost began as early as the 1950's. The "Blue Lady" is said to appear as a woman surrounded by or comprised of a blue mist. Reports of sightings often accompany such historic events on campus. Though her story is shrouded in mystery, the "Blue Lady" has become an intrinsic part of the history of the Keen Johnson Building and our EKU student experience and history.

My EKU UP Showcase submission for Spring 2013, created for Dr. Gay Sweely's U.S. (American) Art History course at Eastern Kentucky University, is intended to reflect the mysterious presence of the mysterious "Blue Lady" ghost in relation to the history and prominence of the Keen Johnson Building.