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# THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025

**Thursday, March 20, 2025, Special Events**

* **Thursday. 10:00AM-2:00PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Registration Set Up**

* **Thursday. 10:00AM-5:30PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Exhibit Hall & Silent Auction Set Up**

* **Thursday. 10:00AM-2:00PM. *Meet shuttle bus at* *RUC, Dixie Avenue Entrance***

**DeRossett Railroad Section House Tour/Mines**

* **Thursday. 12:00PM-6:00PM. RUC first and second floor lobbies**

**Poster Set Up**

* **Thursday. 1:00PM-3:00PM. *Meet shuttle bus at* *RUC, Dixie Avenue Entrance* Burgess Falls Guided Hike**
* **Thursday. 2:00PM-5:30PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Exhibit Hall and Registration Open**

* **Thursday. 3:00PM-3:45PM. Lab Science Commons Room 1205**

**ASA Business Meeting**

* **Thursday. 4:00PM-5:00PM. Stonecipher Lobby**

**Opening Reception**

* **Thursday. 5:00PM-7:00PM. Stonecipher 113 & 126**

**ASA Conference Opening Ceremonies, In Memoriam, and Awards, music from Doug Van Gundy**

* **Thursday. 8:00PM-10:00PM. Backdoor Playhouse**

**Author Showcase hosted by poet Andrew Smith (Sunfrog)**

# FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025

**March 21, 2025, Special Events**

* **Friday. 7:00AM-8:00AM. FARR 305**

**International Connections Committee Meeting**

* **Friday. 7:00AM-8:00AM. HENDERSON HALL 214**

**Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Meeting**

* **Friday. 7:00AM-8:00AM. HENDERSON HALL 305**

**Special Collections Committee Meeting**

* **Friday. 7:00AM-9:00AM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Registration, Exhibit Hall, and Silent Auction Set Up**

* **Friday. 8:00AM-5:30PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Registration, Exhibit Hall, and Silent Auction Open**

* **Friday. 8:00AM-5:30PM. RUC first and second floor lobbies**

**Posters Open**

## CONCURRENT 1

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.1. PANEL: "Medical Histories"**

**Convener:** Bob Hutton

* "Cottage Plans and Work Cures: Highland Hospital and the Romantically Restorative Rural," Gabby Kiser, University of Virginia
* "Appalachian Women, WWII, and Changes in Mountain Medicine," Gracie Amburn, University of Tennessee Knoxville
* "The History of Herbal Usage among Cherokee Women," Catherine Philips, Tennessee Tech University

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.2. PERFORMANCE: "The Gifts of Poet Bill King"**

**Convener:** Ann Pancake, Independent

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* Elizabeth Hoggard-King, University of Georgia
* Walter King, Independent
* Doug Van Gundy, West Virginia Wesleyan College
* Gordon Johnston, Mercer University

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.3. PANEL: "After All, the Water Will Come: Flooding and Resilience in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Jennifer Schomburg Kanke, Tallahassee State College

* "Scenes from the Flood," Jennifer Schomburg Kanke, Tallahassee State College
* "Driving Us Away, Bringing Us Home," Alison Stine, NPQ
* "New Work About Flooding from the Appalachian Citizens' Law Center," Brendan Muckian-Bates, Appalachian Citizens' Law Center
* "A Time Measured in Water: The 1998 Flooding of SE Ohio," Wesley R. Bishop, Jacksonville State University, Alabama

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.4. PANEL: "Transforming the Foundry: Planning the Resurrection and Reuse of an Historic but Contaminated Industrial Site"**

**Conveners:** Tim Thornton and Jason Davis, Radford University

* Wilma Dotson, Radford University
* Jade Horton, Radford University
* Leslie Pendleton, Radford University
* Oli Sparks, Radford University

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.5. PANEL: "Finding Our Appalachian Voices in the North"**

**Convener:** Jody DiPerna, Independent

* "Death in a Small Mill Town," Jody DiPerna, Independent
* "Driverless Cars in a Mountain Region," Patrick McGinty, Slippery Rock University
* "*American Glass*, a reading," Christina Fisanick, Pennsylvania Western University
* "*Careful Negotiations*, a reading," Natalie Sypolt, Pierpont Community & Technical College

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.6. PANEL: "Widows and Orphans: Four Appalachian Poets Explore Loss and Hope"**

**Convener:** Darnell Arnoult, Independent

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* Cathryn Hankla, Professor Emerita, Hollins University
* Denton Loving, EastOver Press
* Linda Parsons, Madville Publishing

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.7. PANEL: "Black Geographies in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Jillean McCommons, University of Richmond

* "The ‘Double Minority’ Position: Black Feminism in the Black Appalachian Commission, 1971-1974," Jillean McCommons, University of Richmond, ***Wilma Dykeman Faces of Appalachia Fellow 2024-2025***
* "‘It's Always Nice to Have People That Has Your Back’: Black Appalachian Women Working Within and Beyond State-led Agricultural Organizations," Jed DeBruin, Jacksonville State University
* "The Decline of Over the Rhine: Urban Renewal and Community Erosion in a Rural Appalachian City," Dorian Cleveland, University of Kentucky
* "‘Remembering Where it Used to be’: (Re)claiming the Hills and Hollers as Historically Black Spaces in Eastern Kentucky," Kristan L. McCullum, Clemson University

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.8. PANEL: "Recovering the History of Resistance to Slavery in Appalachia: The Greenup County Slave Revolt of 1829 and the Appalachian Freedom Heritage Tourism Initiative"**

**Convener:** Cicero M. Fain, III, Marshall University

* "Finding the Greenup County Slave Revolt in David Walker’s Appeal," Andrew Feight, Shawnee State University
* "Researching Slavery in Eastern Kentucky and the Mystery of Dinah's Execution," Marlitta Perkins, Appalachian Freedom Heritage Tourism Initiative
* "Thinking about the Greenup Slave Revolt in Terms of Environment," Chris Leadingham, University of Kentucky

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.9. PANEL: "Authors-Meet-Critics: Power and Just Transition: The Struggle for a Post-Coal Future in an Appalachian Valley"**

**Convener:** Gabe Schwartzman, University of Tennessee

*Presenters:*

* Barbara Ellen Smith, Emerita
* Philip Lewin, Florida Atlantic University
* Rebecca Scott, University of Missouri
* Cathy Kunkel, Independent

*Authors’ Response*

* John Gaventa, Institute for Development Studies
* Gabe Schwartzman, University of Tennessee

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.10. WORKSHOP: "Academic Success in the Heart of Appalachia"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Casey Peavler, University of Pikeville

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.11. PANEL: "Be a Man: Healthier Masculinity in the Mountain South"**

**Convener:** Matthew Sidney Parsons, Independent

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* Willie Carver, KY120 United AFT, LGBTQ+ Taskforce
* Rick Childers, Berea College

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.12. PANEL: "Drawing Environmental Justice Connections Between in Appalachia and the India"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Denali Sai Nalamalapu, Independent

**Friday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 1.13. PERFORMANCE: "Trauma and Co-Creativity in Appalachia"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Jennifer Elam, Independent

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Water Center Open House.**

## CONCURRENT 2

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.1. PANEL: "Dark Skies in Appalachia Part 1: Literature, Poetry, and Place"**

**Convener:** Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Mount St. Joseph University

* "The Character of the Night Sky in Appalachian Literature," Jeff Bary, Colgate University
* "The Nightly Reminder of a Place on Earth," Elijah Prewitt-Davis, Mount St. Joseph University
* "Falling Down, Looking Up: Nightscapes in Robert Gipe’s *Trampoline*," Anna Creadick, Hobart and William Smith Colleges
* "‘You, Darkness’: A Collaborative Project in Eco-Poetry, Art, and Astronomy at Berea College," Ansel Elkins, Berea College; Lie Ford, Berea College

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.2. PANEL: "Music and Musicians"**

**Convener:** Ted Olson, East Tennessee State University

* "From China to Appalachia: Forging Sustainable Dynamics in Intercultural Music Collaboration and Cultural Diplomacy," Chao Tian, Boston University
* "Embodied Appalachian Geography in the Wiggle Room," Kendall Loyer, Independent
* "‘Seven Bridges Road': Singer-Songwriter Steve Young and the Power of Regional Identity," Ted Olson, East Tennessee State University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.3. "Embodied Making: A (Re)Considered Narrative of Place and Identity"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Christi Camper Moore, Ohio University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.4. PERFORMANCE: "The Mountain Fiesta: Cultivating Comunidad in Central Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Sophia Enriquez, Duke University

* Sophia Enriquez, Duke University
* Roderico Yool Diaz, Iximche Media
* Emily Gibson Rhyne, Iximche Media
* Zachary Green, Lincoln Memorial University, The Mountain Fiesta

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.5. PANEL: "Appalachia Rural Education and Queer Identities: Voices from Rural and (Out)Rooted"**

**Convener:** Clint Whitten, Virginia Tech

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* Amy Price Azano, Virginia Tech

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.6. PANEL: "Adolescence Meets Artificial Intelligence: The Need for Ethical, Practical Technology Use in the Classroom"**

**Convener:** Caroline Grugin, Tennessee Technological University

* "The Need for Accessible Technology Tools in Adolescent Education," Nimotallahi Azeez, Tennessee Technological University
* "Partnering with AI in the 8th Grade Classroom," Destiny Wannamaker, Tennessee Technological University
* "Mental Imaging: How AI Image Generation Tools Can Support Reading Comprehension in Tennessee Middle School Classrooms," Caroline Grugin, Tennessee Technological University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.7. PANEL: "The Flooding in Appalachian Streams and Headwaters (FLASH) Initiative: Building and Sustaining Strong Transdisciplinary Partnerships to Foster Positive Change"**

**Convener:** Mary Brydon-Miller, University of Louisville

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* D. Tyler Mahoney, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, University of Louisville
* Sheri McGuffin, Kentucky Science and Technology Corporation
* Andrea Drayer, University of Kentucky Water Research Institute
* Nathan Alexander, Kentucky Division of Water, Watershed Management Branch
* Jason Immekus, University of Louisville

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.8. ASA COMMITTEE SPONSORED SESSION. PANEL: "Appalachian Disasters! ASA Special Collections Committee Disaster Response Resources"**

**Convener:** Savannah Bennett, Reece Museum, East Tennessee State University

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* Katherine Everhart, University of Virginia - Wise
* Michael Hatch, Southern Highland Craft Guild
* Chad Hunter, Appalshop Archive
* Kim Larmee, University of Virginia - Wise
* Jeremy Smith, East Tennessee State University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.9. PANEL: "New Directions in Twentieth Century Appalachian Labor History"**

**Convener:** William Hal Gorby, West Virginia University

* "Worker Perspectives in the 1977-78 Coal Strike," Christian Rowe, West Virginia University
* "Digging the Hawk's Nest Tunnel: The Racial Construction of Disaster," Cat Harless, West Virginia University
* "White Paper and Black Water: Environmental Control of Labor in Appalachian Paper Mill Communities," Matthew Powell, West Virginia University
* "Patriotism and Patriarchy: Working Women at an Appalachian Paper Mill during World War II," Heidi Buchanan, Western Carolina University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.10. PANEL: "Traditional & Independent Research in Smyth County, Virginia"**

**Convener:** Matt Prater, Florida Atlantic University

* "Institutions, ‘Intellectualism,’ and the Rural Citizen," Matt Prater, Florida Atlantic University
* "Bridging the Research Divide: Democratic Access to Legal Knowledge in Rural America," Ryan Comer, Appalachian School of Law
* "A Glimpse into the Past (Paleoart and Scientific Illustration in Southwest VA)," Cody Rex-Allen Stevenson, Independent
* "On Research, Official and “Independent,” in the Life of an Appalachian Writer," Tracy Prater, Independent

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.11. PERFORMANCE: "Community Remembrance Projects in East Kentucky and Southwestern Virginia"**

**Convener:** Eric Fields, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

* "EKY Remembrance Project," Darryl "Dee" Parker, EKY Remembrance Project, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth, and The Alliance for Appalachia; Emily Hudson, Executive Director of Southeast Kentucky African-American Museum and Cultural Center, EKY Remembrance Project
* "Wise County Remembrance Project," Terran Outsey, Wise County Remembrance Project, Southern Appalachian Mountain Stewards; Josh Outsey, Appalshop, Wise County Remembrance Project; Jared Hamilton, Appalshop, M.A.R.S. Collective, Kudzu Media, EKY Remembrance Project; Tiffany Pyette, The Appalachian Rekindling Project, KFTC, Appalachian Community Fund, EKY Remembrance Project

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.12. PANEL: "Mountain Justice Summer 2005 — 20 Year Reflections"**

**Convener:** Dave Cooper, The Whippoorwill Festival - Skills for Earth-Friendly Living

* Cassie Pfleger, Pflegerfarms
* Chris Irwin, Attorney
* Dave Cooper, The Whippoorwill Festival - Skills for Earth-Friendly Living

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.13. WORKSHOP: "Barking Up the Right Tree: How to Implement a Therapy Dog Reading Program in Rural Appalachian Schools"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Brittany Beeker, Clemson University

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.14. PANEL: "Memoir and Memoirists"**

**Convener:** Chris Green, Berea College

* "Being Loyal: Some Notes on Editing Loyal Jones's Memoir," Chris Green, Berea College
* "My Mother’s Translator: Stories and Poems from an Affrilachian Migrant," E.J. Wade, Independent

**Friday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 2.15. PANEL: "Tourism"**

**Convener:** Audrey Nidiffer, Appalachian State University

* "Made for the Tourists: Searching for Sustainable, Economic Development in Sevier County, Tennessee," Mazdyn Miller, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
* "‘Above it All’: A Rhetorical Analysis of Second-Home Billboards in Appalachia," Audrey Nidiffer, Appalachian State University
* "The Black Appalachian Cultural Center: Building an African American Cultural Heritage Tourism Sector in Southern West Virginia," Cicero Fain III, Marshall University

**Friday. 10:00AM-11:00AM. RUC Upstairs Lobby. "Morning Snack Break"**

**Y’ALL WORKSHOP**

**Friday. 11:00AM-12:15PM.**

**STEM: Education in Appalachia: Perspectives from Y'ALL Members**

**PLENARY 1**

**Friday. 11:00am-12:15pm.**

**“Teaching Affrilachia: Cultivating Community and Culture,”** Zanice Bond, Kristine Yohe, and Frank X Walker

**Friday. 12:15PM-1:30PM. "Camp Happy Appalachee"**

**Friday. 12:15PM-1:30PM. Lunch on your own.**

**Friday. 1:00pm-2:15pm. Featured Panel: “Latino Influence on Country Music"**

**Friday. 1:00PM-3:00PM. EDUCATION COMMITTEE SPONSORED SESSION. WORKSHOP: "Teaching African American Music History in High School and Postsecondary Classrooms across Appalachia"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Bryan Pierce, National Museum of African American Music

## CONCURRENT 3

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.1. PANEL: "Taking Measure of Student Activism, 50 Years Later: What is the Long-Term Impact of Short-Term Student Involvement and Service in Appalachia?"**

**Convener:** Polly McArthur, Independent

"Reflections on Community-Based Partnerships as Students and Our Perspectives 50 Years Later," Nancy Raybin, Independent; Diane Lauver, Independent; Dale Strasser, Independent; Polly McArthur, Independent

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.2. PANEL: "All About Moonshine"**

**Convener:** Caroline VerMeulen, Indiana University

* "Bottling Tradition: The Appalachian Imaginary and Craft Moonshine in Indiana," Caroline VerMeulen, Indiana University
* "Moonshine and the Environment," Arshiya Jeelani, University of Kentucky
* "Moonshine Cosmology," Emelie Peine, University of Puget Sound

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.3. PANEL: "Schools and Health Care"**

**Convener:** Florence M Weierbach, East Tennessee State University

* "School Nurses in Central Appalachia: Tobacco and Health," Florence M Weierbach, East Tennessee State University; Rebecca Adkins Fletcher, East Tennessee State University; Jean Swindle, East Tennessee State University; Kendrea Todt, East Tennessee State University; Alisa Hearl, East Tennessee State University; Kelly Strickland, East Tennessee State University
* "Qigong in the Classroom: Addressing Student Mental Health in Southern Appalachia through Academic Standards and Physical Movement," Gary Padgett, University of North Alabama

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.4. PERFORMANCE: "Transitions and Representations: Women Rewriting the Rural Landscape"**

**Convener:** Karen McElmurray, Spalding University Low Residency MFA

* "Leaving," Karen McElmurray, Spalding University Low Residency MFA
* "The Confluence of People and Place," Cat Pleska, Marshall University
* "Fire's the Color of Georgia Dirt," Sara Henning, Marshall University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.5. ROUNDTABLE: "Environmental Injustices and Community Resilience in Western North Carolina after Hurricane Helene"**

**Convener:** Caleb Brown, Appalachian State University

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* Katie Rodriguez, Appalachian State University
* Nina Nicholson, Appalachian State University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.6. PANEL: "Justice and Memory on the Landscape: Examples from Community Organizations in Kentucky"**

**Convener:** Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, Sunup Corbin

* "Maps, Laws, and Memorial Sites: Updates from the Monument Workshop at the University of Kentucky," Rachel Noble-Varney, University of Kentucky College of Law; Mary Beth Forester, University of Kentucky College of Law
* "The Corbin Expulsion: A Story of Displacement and Resilience," Madison Thacker, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, Sunup Corbin; Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center, Sunup Corbin
* "Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation: Railroads, Memory, and Economic Development in Estill County, Kentucky," Ren Kelley, University of Kentucky College of Social Work, Appalachian Center, Kentucky Steam Heritage Corps.; Joe Darby, Kentucky Steam Heritage Corps

**Fri. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.7. PANEL: "Agricultural History and Science"**

**Convener:** Brittany Beeker, Clemson University

* "Configuring an Agricultural Appalachia: Agrarian Rural Development in Central Appalachia from 1960s-Present," Natasha Shannon, UC Berkeley
* "Daily Light Integral I Implications in Appalachian Controlled Environment Agriculture," Casey Byrd, University of Kentucky
* "Agritech and Appalachia: Central Tensions in Industrial Controlled Environment Agriculture (CEA) as Economic Development," Jimmy Robinson, University of Kentucky
* "Ain't Nothin' but a Hound Dog: An Examination of Traditional Appalachian Dog Breeds and Purposes," Brittany Beeker, Clemson University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.8. PANEL: "Fascism and Anti-Fascism in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Amelia Kirby, Foundation for Appalachian Kentucky

* "Devolution and the Restructuring of the Local State: A Case Study from Eastern Kentucky," Jack Norton, Governors State University
* "Violence Work in Appalachia: The Role of the Police in Perpetuating Fascism," angie luvara, Frostburg State University
* "Carceral Conjuncture: Prisons, Jails, and the Anti-Fascist Fight for Abolition in Central Appalachia," Judah Schept, Eastern Kentucky University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.9. PANEL: "Land & Livelihoods in Transition: Mapping Dispossession and Resistance"**

**Convener:** Kevin Slovinsky, LiKEN Knowledge

* "A Martin County, KY Land Study: Contexts for a Large-Scale Solar Site," Kevin Slovinsky, LiKEN Knowledge; Karen Rignall, University of Kentucky; Jacob Johnson, University of Kentucky
* "The Role of Land in (Resisting) Carceral Expansion," Lindsay Shade, University of Tennessee Knoxville; Sylvia Ryerson, Yale University
* "Who Owns the Land? Prospects and Challenges of Forest Carbon Management for a Just Transition in Central Appalachia," Dylan Harris, University of Colorado - Colorado Springs

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.10. PANEL: "Jean Ritchie Memoir, Ron Rash Works by a Fiddler, Cultural Exchange Between Zuni Sacred Mountain and App State's Grandfather Mountain, and Live Music"**

**Convener:** Cecelia Conway, Appalachian State University

* "Jean Ritchie’s Singing Family of the Cumberlands," Sierra Focazio, Appalachian State University
* Grace Buckner, Appalachian State University
* Cecelia Conway, Appalachian State University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.11. PANEL: "Discover the Kentucky River Watershed: Teaching Resources"**

**Conveners and Presenters:** Pat Banks, Independent andRoberta Hounshell, Independent

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.12. PANEL: "What the Water Reveals and How We Heal"**

**Convener:** Erica Abrams Locklear, UNC Asheville

* Nita Jade, Black Appalachian Coalition
* Erica Abrams Locklear, UNC Asheville
* Meredith McCarroll, Independent
* Jim Minick, Independent
* Denali Nalamalapu, Independent

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.13. PANEL: "Teaching Appalachia Beyond Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Sarah Craycraft, Harvard University

* "Harvard’s ‘Hill Williams’: Appalachia’s Relevance to Ivy League Students and Scholars," Sarah Craycraft, Harvard University
* "Bridging Pedagogies from Latino and Appalachian Studies," Sophia Enriquez, Duke University
* "Appalachia/South in the Classroom: Environmental Storytelling and Regional Intersections," Jordan Lovejoy, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
* "Learning and Teaching through the Contradictions of ‘Traditional’ Craft at the John C. Campbell Folk School," Kelley Totten, Memorial University at Newfoundland

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.14. PANEL: "Jappalachia: The Oft-Neglected Intersections Between Appalachia and Japan"**

**Convener:** Kennedy Alex Sloop, Appalachian State University

* "Haiku Appalachia: The Thematic Parallels of Wabi-Sabi in Japanese and Appalachian Literature," Kennedy Alex Sloop, Appalachian State University
* "Finding Furusato in Appalachia," Yoko Nogami, Independent
* "Making Jappalachian Music in 2024: Audibilities in Two Homes," Maako Shiratori, Duke University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.15. PERFORMANCE: "Howdy Ya'll: Voices from the Hills a Video Documentary"**

**Convener:** Ann Andaloro, Morehead State University

* "Howdy Ya'll: A Video Documentary about Dialect and Language in Appalachia," Ann Andaloro, Morehead State University; Zander Mack, Morehead State University; Heather Parks, Morehead State University

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.16. PERFORMANCE: "Writing Appalachian Women’s History"**

**Convener:** Pauletta Hansel, Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative

* Pauletta Hansel, Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative
* Joyce Compton Brown, Independent
* Patricia Hudson, Independent
* Marianne Worthington, Independent

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.17. ROUNDTABLE: "A Classroom for the Community: The UT Appalachian Justice Research Lab"**

**Conveners and Presenters:** Michelle Brown, University of Tennessee Appalachian Justice Research Center andWendy Bach, University of Tennessee Appalachian Justice Research Center

**Friday. 1:30PM-2:45PM. Session 3.18. PANEL: "Celebrating and Sustaining Appalachian Foodways: A Conversation with the 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellows"**

**Convener:** Candace Mullins, Grow Appalachia

* Chris Smith, 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellow
* Ronnie Marie Tartt, 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellow

## CONCURRENT 4

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.1. PANEL: "Pipelines, Pathways, and Potential: Workforce Development as a Positive Force for Thriving People and Communities in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Maribeth Saleem-Tanner, High Rocks

* "Introduction to the High Rocks Theory of Change," Maribeth Saleem-Tanner, High Rocks

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.2. PANEL: "Interdisciplinary Approaches to the Food-Energy-Water Nexus: Empowering Appalachian Communities"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Andrea Arce-Trigatti, Tennessee Tech University

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.3. PANEL: "Imaginary Appalachia and the Assumed Rural Experience of the Appalachian Woman: Challenging the Idea of a Homogenous Female Experience in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Rachael Fortune, Independent

* "Icons Stuck in an Imaginary Appalachia: Exploring Representations of Rural Women in Pop Culture," Rachael Fortune, Independent
* "Herrenvolk Beats: Country Rap, the Alt-Right, and [Not So] Creeping Fascism," Paul Robertson, Marshall University
* "Paranormal Profits: Appalachia's Dark Folklore and its Effects on Tourism," Jaden Mullins, Tennessee Technological University

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.4. PANEL: "Politics and Policy"**

**Convener:** Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech

* "The Scourge of Appalachian Nationalism: Unpacking, Disavowing, Redirecting," J. M. L. Whittington, University of Central Florida
* "The Politics of the Appalachian Story: Bridging the Urban-Rural Divide," Kristin Kanthak, University of Pittsburgh
* "Regional Food System Resilience: Insights from Appalachia," Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.5. ROUNDTABLE:" AppalAsian Musicians Gathering"**

**Convener:** Maako Shiratori, Duke University

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* Chao Tian, Boston University
* Yoko Nogami, Independent

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.6. Radford University, Organizational Member Sponsored Session. PANEL: "Academic Kinship: Reviving Appalachian Studies with Interdisciplinary Connection"**

**Convener:** April J. Asbury, Radford University and Highland Summer Conference

* "Reviving the Highland Summer Conference," April J. Asbury, Radford University and Highland Summer Conference
* "Appalachian Arts and Studies: Still in the Schools," Tim Thorton, Radford University
* "Ain't Nothin' Wrong with Gettin' Too Big for Your Britches: Empowering Students of Appalachia through Education," Dan Woods, Radford University

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.7. PANEL: "Film Studies"**

**Convener:** Lindsey Martin, Ohio University

* "Appalachian Gothic Film: The Threats from Within and Without," Walter Squire, Marshall University
* "Developing Authentic Stories through Rural Appalachian Settings: Strategies, Challenges, and Successes," Lindsey Martin, Ohio University
* "Blanket Town: The Rise and Fall of an American Mill Town," Rebecca Williams, Independent

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.8. PERFORMANCE: "Veins of Controversy: The TVA Pipeline and Appalachia's Future?"**

**Convener:** Sabrina Buer, Tennessee Technological University

* Olivia Campbell, Tennessee Technological University
* Claire Myers
* Daphni Engle-Wetzlich
* Dipendra Wagle

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.9. ROUNDTABLE: "Building a Community Safety Toolkit for Family and Domestic Violence with the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians and Appalachian Justice Research Center"**

**Convener:** Michelle Brown, Co-director, University of Tennessee Appalachian Justice Research Center

* Sunshine Parker, Associate Judge of the Cherokee Court, Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
* Freida Saylor, Clinical Director of Behavioral Health Services, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority
* Maggie Jackson, Senior Executive Assistant, Cherokee Indian Hospital Authority||*We Are Resilient* podcast host

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.10. PANEL: "Academic Histories"**

**Convener:** James Leonard, Marshall University

* "History of the Geography Department at Marshall University (1837-2024)," James Leonard, Marshall University
* "The Development of Regional Private High Schools around 1900 into State Supported Institutions to Train Teachers in North Carolina," Doris Stam, Independent
* "‘African Student Grants Sought’: An Examination of Kenyan International Students at West Virginian HBCUs," Abigail Smith, Simmons University

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.11. PERFORMANCE: "The World We Live in and the Words We Write: Life and Art in Eastern Kentucky"**

**Convener:** Amelia Kirby, Sycamore Project

* "Reading," Wes Browne, Independent
* "Reading," Willie Carver, Jr., Independent
* "Reading," Mandi Fugate Sheffel, Independent
* "Reading," Robert Gipe, Independent

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.12. PANEL: "Appalachian Identity: Us"**

**Convener:** Joshua Cody Ward, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

* "What’s Appalachia to Appalachia is Me: Exploring Black Identities and Experiences in Appalachian Virginia," Jacob Robinson, Virginia Tech
* "Articulating Appalachia," Joshua Cody Ward, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.13. ROUNDTABLE: "Who Owns the Land? Addressing Heirs’ Property in Rural Tennessee and Beyond"**

**Convener:** Wendy A. Bach, University of Tennessee Appalachian Justice Research Center

* Scottie McDaniel, University of Tennessee School of Landscape Architecture
* Lindsay Shade, University of Tennessee Department of Sociology
* Gabe Schwartzman, University of Tennessee Department of Geography and Sustainability
* Eric Amarante, University of Tennessee College of Law

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. Session 4.13. PERFORMANCE: "A Reading from *Women Speak, Volume Ten*"**

**Convener:** Kari Gunter-Seymour, Women of Appalachia Project

* Christina Fisanick, Pennsylvania Western University
* Dana Wildsmith
* Danita Dodson
* E.J. Wade, Independent
* Jessica Cory, *Appalachian Journal*
* Karen Sayler McElmurray, Spalding University
* Kristi Stephen Walker
* Elaine Palencia
* Lacy Snapp, East Tennessee State University
* Linda Parson, Madville Publishing
* Megan Parsons
* Odana Chaney
* Sara Henning, Marshall University
* Anna Kline
* Omope Carter Daboiku

**Friday. 3:00PM-4:15PM. POSTER SESSION.**

* “Addressing Areas for Improvement from a Council for the Accreditation of Educator Programs Onsite Evaluation: Shawnee State's Approach to AFIs,” Douglas Sturgeon and Karen Koehler, Shawnee State University
* “Social Determinants of Substance Use Recovery and Mental Health Outcomes in Rural Appalachian Communities: From the Perspectives of Kentuckians with Lived Experience,” Maria Rockett, University of Kentucky
* “How Appalachian Culture Impacts Views of Crime,” Lauren Gaal, Marshall University
* “Follow The Food: Sustainable Economy, Environment, and Community in Southeast Ohio,” Tiffany Arnold, Phoebe Giordano, Julia Harmon, Chloe Partlow, Kalli Teeters, and Rachel Terman, Ohio University
* “Evaluating the Impacts of Amenity-Based Tourism in Appalachian Ohio through the Community Capitals Framework,” Skyler Goody, Ohio State University
* “Place-Keeping and Resistance in Appalachian Local History Practices,” Blaise M. Reader III, The Ohio State University
* “Biomedical Innovations Guided by the Foundry for Rural Appalachia: An ECMO Case Study,” Steffano Oyanader Sandoval, Tennessee Tech University
* “Mountain Voices: Strategic Communication for Healthier Appalachian Futures,” Sean Bulger, Eloise Elliott, and Emily Murphy, West Virginia University
* “The WV Physical Activity Plan: How Population Sectors Can Collaborate Effectively to Promote Physical Activity,” Eloise Elliott, Sean Bulger, and Emily Murphy, West Virginia University
* “Reflective Practices Fueling Teacher Professional Growth in the CHOICE Program,” Vanessa Morales, ICF
* “Learning Histories of Kentucky's Cumberland River Waterscape through Multiple Ways of Knowing,” Ann Kingsolver, University of Kentucky; Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center; Edward Lo, Georgia Southern University; and Grace Yi, University of Kentucky Appalachian Center
* “Langston Community Health Survey,” Rebecca Adkins Fletcher, Jeffrey Banks, Codi Clark, Thomas Alan Holmes, Grace Jonas, Tashi Litch, and Grace Shoun, East Tennessee State University
* “Race & the Railroad: Estill County KY Expulsions & Black Industry,” Ren Kelley, University of Kentucky, Kentucky Steam Heritage Corporation; and Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky
* “Exploring Appalachia: Podcasting with The Serpent King,” Megan Hladis, Murray State University and Midway High School
* “Redefining Home and Purpose in the Country,” Luke Anderson, Tennessee Tech University
* “Rural Crime in the Upper Cumberland Region of Appalachia,” Troy D. Smith, Olivia Howell, Chloe Alto, Samuel Hartmann, and Alexia Young, Tennessee Tech University
* “Mountain Drinking Water Project,” Madison Mooney, LiKEN Knowledge
* “Middle Grades in Southern Appalachia: Developing a Thanksgiving-themed Cross-Curricular Approach to Teaching the International System of Units,” Cheney Westbrook, Jonghan An, Seongwoo Kim, Mollie Vick, Yire Soo, Helen Yu, University of North Alabama
* “Hidden No More: Improving the Discoverability of the West Virginia Feminist Activist Collection,” Lori Hostuttler and Abigail Moncus, West Virginia University
* “Race, Income, and Environmental Injustice: A Comparative Study of Marginalized Communities in times of Disasters,” Kara Fisher and Maliah McCann-Coles, University of Charleston
* “An Act of Resiliency: Wild Foods of Appalachia,” Nina Nicholson, Appalachian State University
* “The Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, Its Revitalization, and Its Effects Within the Community,” Ian Simonton, Ohio University
* “Wake of the Flood: Cultural Arts and Heritage Organizations Response to Hurricane Helene in Western North Carolina,” Trevor McKenzie, Center for Appalachian Studies, Appalachian State University
* “Creating Educator Pipelines through School District Partnerships in Light of the Extraordinary Teacher Shortage in Eastern Kentucky,” Michael D. Eicher, Ohio Northern University
* “Uplifting a Just Transition in Southwest Virginia,” Emma Kelly and Kara Dotten, *Appalachian Voices*
* “Sustainable Methodologies for Degradation of PET-based Microplastics along the Tennessee River,” Kyle Murphy, Tennessee Tech University
* “Faults Associated with the Cumberland Plateau Overthrust, Spencer, Tennessee,” Juan Baez Trevino and Michael Harrison, Tennessee Tech University
* “Interrelation of Insect Herbivory & Paleoenvironment to Holocene Climatic Change as Seen via the Middle Eocene Claiborne Formation,” Margaret Hobbs, E.K. Vigil, and Lauren Michel, Tennessee Tech University
* “Assessing Severe Weather Readiness of the Upper Cumberland Region of Tennessee,” Davis C. Roberts and Lauren Michel, Tennessee Tech University; and Brandon Smith, Putnam County Emergency Management
* “Assessing Flood Risks and Modeling Flood Events in Indigenous and Rural Communities in Western North Carolina,” Creek Anderson, Tennessee Tech University

**Friday. 4:00PM-5:00PM. Rachel Rodriguez Performance**

**Friday. 4:00PM-5:00PM. Afternoon Snack Break**

## CONCURRENT 5

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.1. PANEL: "** **Appalachian Englishes"**

**Convener:** Paul Reed, University of Alabama

* "The Mountain South Versus the Deep South — Surprising Similarities Between Two Storytellers from Each Region," Jeremiah Farmer, Clemson University
* "An Individual View of Appalachian Englishes: A Lifetime of Change," Paul Reed, University of Alabama
* "The Traditional “Grass” Vowel in Appalachian English," Bridget Anderson, Old Dominion University

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.2. PERFORMANCE: "A Way to Dance: A Reading and Discussion with Cathryn Hankla and Her Students"**

**Convener:** Annie Woodford, Wilkes Community College

* Cathryn Hankla, Professor emerita, Hollins University
* April J Asbury, Radford University and the Highland Summer Conference
* Mike Good, Independent
* Natasha Oladokun, University of Wisconsin-Madison
* Julia Johnson, University of Kentucky

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.3. PANEL: "Archiving and Storytelling"**

**Convener:** Jessica Johnson, University of Tennessee Knoxville

* "Archiving as Activism in Appalachia," Jessica Johnson, University of Tennessee Knoxville

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.4. PANEL: "A Reading from Pine Mountain Sand & Gravel Volume 27: Appalachian Fusion"**

**Convener:** Sherry Cook Stanforth, Founder/Director of Originary Arts Initiative

* Wesley Bishop, Jacksonville State University, Alabama
* Jeanne Bryner, Independent Artist
* Pam Campbell, Independent Author
* Teresa Cox, Independent Author
* Hilda Downer, Independent Author
* Pauletta Hansel, Southern Appalachian Writers Cooperative

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.5. WORKSHOP: "The Power of Storytelling: Transforming the Classroom Experience"**

**Convener and Presenter:** J. Michael King, University of Pikeville

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.6. PERFORMANCE: "Swannanoa and Blanket Town: The Rise and Fall of an American Mill Town"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Rebecca Williams, Independent

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.7. PANEL: "Appalachian Identity: Others"**

**Convener:** Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University

* "The “Othering” of Appalachia: The Exploitation of West Virginia," Kevin Murphy, Shepherd University
* "Clean Workboots and Northern Banjos: White Country Aesthetics and Metronormative Politics," Hannah Krull, Independent
* "Stereotyping Appalachia: Hillbillies, Serpent Handlers, and the Enduring Captivation of the Other," Jenna Gray-Hildenbrand, Middle Tennessee State University
* "Evaluating Resilience Research in Appalachia through an Intersectional Lens: A Review," Mary Jo Hedrick, East Tennessee State University; Tess Simpson, Maryville College

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.8. PANEL: "Appalachian Identity: New Media"**

**Convener:** Robert Ellison, Marshall University

* "Upper Cumberland Blues: Podcasting and Autoethnography as Archive, Storytelling, and Counter-Narrative," Tony VanWinkle, Guilford College; Erin Eldridge, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
* "HillbillyTok: Storytelling, Counternarratives, & (Re)Constructing Identity on Social Media," Emily Colleen Cobb, Clemson University
* "Reimagining Religion in WV: Encountering Underrepresented Faith Traditions through YouTube and Facebook Sermons," Robert Ellison, Marshall University

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.9. ROUNDTABLE: "Networking Technological Gaps in Academic and Activist Endeavors"**

**Convener and Presenter:** J. M. L. Whittington, University of Central Florida

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.10. WORKSHOP: "Using the Future Creating Workshop Method to Engage Communities in Utopian Thinking"**

**Convener:** Mary Brydon-Miller, University of Louisville

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* Jacinda Dariotis, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.11. PANEL: "Celebrating and Sustaining Appalachian Foodways: A Conversation with the 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellows"**

**Convener:** Candace Mullins, Grow Appalachia

* Marcus West, 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellow
* The New Opportunity School for Women – Sam Cole, 2025 Appalachian Foodways Practitioner Fellow

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.12. PANEL: "STEM Education"**

**Convener:** Beth Nardella, West Virginia University

* "Exploring Teamwork and Communication in the BioFoundry Initiative Applied to Appalachian Communities," Dipendra Wagle, Tennessee Technological University; Andrea Arce-Trigatti, Tennessee Technological University; Pedro Arce, Tennessee Technological University; Robby Sanders, Tennessee Technological University
* "Transformative Leadership: Cultivating Student-Centered Success in STEM Education at Marshall University," Ashlea Krasnansky, Marshall University & First2 Network; Rimsha Kingson, Marshall University & First2 Network
* "Technology and Academic Progress: Do College Students from Appalachia Profile Differently?," Kristi Barnes, Marietta College
* "The Development and Implementation of a Rural Health Curriculum for Undergraduates," Beth Nardella, West Virginia University

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.13. WORKSHOP: "En-Rhythming to Appalachian Voices"**

**Convener and Presenters:** Jennifer Schomburg Kanke, Tallahassee State College

**Friday. 4:30PM-5:45PM. Session 5.14. WORKSHOP: "Dark Skies in Appalachia Part II: People and the Sky"**

**Convener:** Jane Eastman and Brett H. Riggs, Western Carolina University

* “Cornish Nocturnal Landscapes as Template for Preserving Night Skies,” MJ Sharp, Independent
* “The Sun and Horizon at Watauga,” Jane Eastman and Brett H. Riggs, Western Carolina University
* “The Night Sky at Watauga,” Jane Eastman and Brett H. Riggs, Western Carolina University
* “Roots in the Stars: Reconnecting Cherokee Heritage through Land and Sky,” Chi Shipman and Madison Long, Independent

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS - John Gaventa**

**“Rural Appalachia in Global Context: Reimagining a Just and Sustainable Future”**

**Friday. 6:30PM-7:45PM. STONECIPHER 113 AND 126**

**Friday. 8:00PM-10:00PM. PUTNAM COUNTY LIBRARY. The Bilbreys**

# SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025

**Saturday, March 22, 2025, Special Events**

* **Saturday. 7:00AM-8:00AM. FARR 305**

**Appalachian Collegiate Research Meeting**

* **Saturday. 7:00AM-8:00AM. HENDERSON HALL 214**

***Journal of Appalachian Studies Editorial Board* Meeting**

* **Saturday. 8:00AM-5:30PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Exhibit Hall, Registration, Silent Auction Open**

* **Saturday. 8:00AM-5:30PM. RUC first and second floor lobbies**

**Posters Open**

## CONCURRENT 6

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.1. PANEL: "Future Places"**

**Convener:** Marti Wagnon, Virginia Tech

* "'This Place Knows How to Dream': King Coal as Thirdspace Vision of Appalachia's Future," William Nash, Middlebury College
* "Between Heaven & the High Country: Constructing Religious Space in the Southern Appalachian Landscape," Ella Adams, Appalachian State University
* "Beyond the Tall, Tall Trees: Reimagining Technology, Digital Literacy, and the Physical Landscape of Rural Appalachia," Marti Wagnon, Virginia Tech

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.2. PANEL: "Environmental Sciences"**

**Convener:** Alexander Miele, LSU

* "Geographic Variations in U.S. Natural Gas Pipeline Incidents: Misalignment Between Administrative Boundaries and the Appalachian Region," Jacob Hileman, West Virginia University
* "Linking Streamflow Trends with Land Cover in a Southern USA Water Tower," Alexander Miele, LSU
* "Sustainable Methodologies for Degradation of PET-based Microplastics along the Tennessee River," Kyle Murphy, Tennessee Tech University

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.3. PANEL: "Faith Histories"**

**Convener:** Summer King, University of Mississippi

* "The Potential of Religion in Appalachian Sustainability Transitions: The Case of Bethlehem Farm," Julius Malin, University of Basel
* "Hearing from Our Own Home: Reading the Pastoral Letters of Catholic Committee of Appalachia as a Model for Synodality," Abigail Rosys, Boston College Clough School of Theology and Ministry
* "He Shall Take Up Serpents: The Spread of Pentecostal Snake Handling through Southern Appalachia, 1909-1932," Summer King, University of Mississippi

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.4. PANEL: "Folklore"**

**Convener:** Rebecca Proffitt, East Tennessee State University, Reece Museum

* "Ritual Remembrance: Material Culture as Historical Document," Rebecca Proffitt, East Tennessee State University, Reece Museum
* "From Mary Draper Ingles to Hungry Mother: Tracing the Roots of Appalachian Captivity Narratives," Elise Johnson, Appalachian State University
* "‘Around the Old Ore Knob Today’: Exploring Labor, Environment, and Memory in a Western North Carolina Ballad," Trevor McKenzie, Appalachian State University

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.5. WORKSHOP: "Rooted, Resilient, Rising: Women Growing Food across the Mountains Writing Workshop"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Amy Le Ann Richardson, Independent

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.6. PERFORMANCE: "Montañitas Reimagined"**

**Convener:** Amy Price Azano, Virginia Tech

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* Estela Diaz Knott, Lua Project
* Dave Berzonsky, Lua Project
* Luna Berzonsky, Lua Project

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.7. PANEL: "Sites of Memory: History, Storytelling, and Undermining the Erasure of BIPOC in Northern Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Kenton Butcher, Bucknell University

* "Outside the Mainstream: Black Self-Publishing in Appalachian Ohio," Kenton Butcher, Bucknell University
* "‘Eww, these apples suck, de donde son?’: Latinx Storytelling in Rural Pennsylvania," Elena Perez-Zetune, University of Texas at Austin/Bucknell University
* "Race and Reputation: Black Appalachian Soldiers in the United States Colored Troops," Alexandra Finley, University of Pittsburgh

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.8. ROUNDTABLE: "Coalition Building through the Arts in Rural Appalachian Communities"**

**Convener:** Krystal Brooke Carter, Independent Scholar

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* Lacy Snapp, East Tennessee State University
* Becks Lipshultz, Appalachian State University
* LB Prevette, Independent

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.9. PANEL: "Creating Change for Resilient Community Water Systems in Central Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Deborah J. Thompson, LiKEN Knowledge

* "Creating Spaces of Mutual/Social Learning and Action, Undoing Entrenched Inequities through a Collaborative Research Project on Community Water Systems in Two Counties of Central Appalachia,” Maria Bareli, LiKEN Knowledge
* “Water Inequalities and Extractive Developmental Pathways: Analyzing Water System Challenges in Two Central Appalachian Communities," Madison Mooney, LiKEN Knowledge
* "Toolkits for Community Engagement and Water Resilience in the Face of Climate Change," McKensi Gilliam, LiKEN Knowledge
* "Toolkits for Community Engagement and Water Resilience in the Face of Climate Change," Natasha Moore-Howell, LiKEN Knowledge
* "LiKEN’s Theory of Change and Points of Leverage for Disrupting Vicious Cycles," Deborah J. Thompson, LiKEN Knowledge

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.10. PANEL: "Gas Build Outs in the Tennessee River Valley: A Continuing of Exploitation of People and Land in Appalachia"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Brig Ortner, SAGE TN

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.11. PERFORMANCE: "Voices of Nature: Creative Writing Among Appalachian Students"**

**Convener:** Heather Richmond, Tennessee Technological University

* "Beyond the Storm," Heather Richmond, Tennessee Technological University
* "Relinquished," Christopher Fairchild, Tennessee Technological University
* "The Water Wept as the Ducks Said Goodbye," Jaden Mullins, Tennessee Technological University

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.12. PANEL: “Appalachian Musicians and Influence"**

**Convener:** Jim Clark, Barton College - Emeritus

* "The Voices Behind a Voice: Tracing African American Influence in the Singing Style of Frank Proffitt," Olivia Phillips, Indiana University - Bloomington
* "A Fiddlin' Fit: Frazier Moss, Master Fiddler of the Upper Cumberland," Jim Clark, Barton College – Emeritus

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.13. Sponsored by Tennessee Tech Women’s Center PANEL: "Women’s History"**

**Convener:** Allen Fletcher, University of Kentucky

* "Beyond ‘Fotched-On’ Women: School Reform and Gendered Politics in Progressive Era Appalachia," Allen Fletcher, University of Kentucky
* "Schooling Us: Generations of Educating Appalachian Women," Leslie Cook, Appalachian State University
* "Carrie Buck and the Ongoing Fight for Reproductive Freedom," Karen Spears Zacharias, Independent
* "Recipes and Remedies of Rural Appalachian Midwives and Families: Examination through the Lens of Racism and A Superstitious Belief System," Kristen Montgomery, East Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.14. PERFORMANCE: "The Brownsville Project: Recovering Remnants of an Appalachian African-American Community"**

**Convener:** Clory Jackson, The Brownsville Project

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* Caroline Hann, Creative Partner, The Brownsville Project

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.15. PERFORMANCE: "We Dwell on These Mountains: Diverse Voices of Appalachia Showcase"**

**Convener:** Justin Wymer, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga

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* Sarah Einstein, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga
* Torli Bush, Independent

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.16. PANEL: "Leveling the Playing Field: To be Heard and Seen"**

**Convener:** Cat Pleska, Marshall University

* "I'll Always Be That Georgia Girl: *Burn,*" Sara Henning, Marshall University
* "She is Among so Many Silent Heroes," Cat Pleska, Marshall University
* "Billie Lee," Nathan Rucker, Marshall University

**Saturday. 8:00AM-9:15AM. Session 6.17. ROUNDTABLE: "Sacred Places and Historical Preservation: The Central Appalachia Churches Project"**

**Convener:** Ted Olson, East Tennessee State University

* "Directing the Central Appalachia Churches Project," Emily Sajdak, Partners for Sacred Places
* "Assessing the Central Appalachian Churches Project," Carroll Van West, Middle Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. VOLPE LIBRARY, 3rd Floor. iMakerSpace Open House**

## CONCURRENT 7

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.1. PERFORMANCE: "Writing the New Appalachia: A Reading and Discussion with Appalachian Memoirist Jennifer McGaha"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Jennifer McGaha, Independent

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.2. PANEL: "College Transitions"**

**Convener:** Africa Hands, University at Buffalo

* "‘My Grandmother Recommended I Apply’: College Information Seeking among Appalachian Students," Africa Hands, University at Buffalo
* "Rank Strangers: Using Liminality to Conceptualize College Transition for Rural Appalachian Students," David Adams, University of Cincinnati
* "The Influences That Facilitate the Development of a Sense of Calling Among Undergraduate Women Raised and Educated in Appalachia," Lindsay Monihen, Shawnee State University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.3. WORKSHOP: "Never Been out of the County: Short-Term Study Abroad Programs for Appalachian Students at Two-Year Colleges"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Jeff Wallace, Southern State Community College

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.4. PERFORMANCE: "High Water is Hell, Brothers and Sisters!"**

**Convener and Presenter**: Jared Hamilton, M.A.R.S. Collective

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.5. PANEL: "Literary Outsiders and Canon-Making"**

**Convener:** Ashley Massey, University of North Alabama

* "Haunted by the Law: Living in William Gay’s Literary Landscape," Ashley Massey, University of North Alabama; Tennessee Higher Education Initiative
* "The Rhetoric of Subversion in *Mountain Path* by Harriette Simpson Arnow," Gisele Sigal, Pau University - UPPA - France
* "Faulkner's *Absalom, Absalom!:* The Great Lost Appalachian Novel?," Matthew D. Sutton, Morehead State University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.6. ROUNDTABLE: "Investigating Retail Theft in Sullivan County Tennessee - A Project of the Appalachian Justice Research Lab"**

**Convener:** Wendy A. Bach, University of Tennessee Appalachian Justice Research Center

* Imani Mfalme-Shu’la, Community Defense of East Tennessee
* Kyra Martinez, Lecturer, University of Tennessee Department of Sociology

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.7. Sponsored by Tennessee Tech Women’s Center PANEL: "Gender and Other Intersections"**

**Convener:** Thomas Alan Holmes, East Tennessee State University

* "Trans Banjos and Gay Guitars: Appalachian Music as Queer Feminism," Cassie Dawn Ball, Graduate Center, City University of New York
* "‘Here I Am’: The Prosthetic Memory of Dolly Parton in *Dumplin,*" Travis Rountree, Western Carolina University
* "Discussing and Confronting Stereotypes: Narratives of Appalachian Fathers," Aran Garnett-Deakin, Virginia Tech
* "‘Oh, that I Could Have Lived Like I Wanted to—’: A Small-Town Diarist's Isolation," Thomas Alan Holmes, East Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.8. ROUNDTABLE: "Wielding and Disrupting Power: The Emotional Labor of Collaborative, Restorative Relationships with Dispossessed Community Partners for #MoreMountainStories"**

**Convener:** Emily Satterwhite, Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia, Virginia Tech

* Sarah Plummer, Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia, Virginia Tech
* Emily Satterwhite, Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia, Virginia Tech
* Marti Wagnon, Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia, Virginia Tech
* Jacob Robinson, Monuments Across Appalachian Virginia, Virginia Tech

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.9. PANEL: "Art: Retrospectives"**

**Convener:** Joy Gritton, Morehead State University

* "A Retrospective of the Art of Bonita Skaggs-Parsons," Joy Gritton, Morehead State University
* "Sullivan’s Universe: Appalachian Folk Culture, Art, and Infinite Systems of Worlds and Wonders," Ali Printz, Temple University/Smithsonian American Art Museum
* "Quilting for Community Recovery: A Trauma-Informed Textile Mapping Approach for Post-Hurricane Appalachia," Fabio Andres Tellez, North Carolina State University,” Isabel Arteaga-Arredondo, Universidad de los Andes (Bogota, Colombia)
* "‘Everything is different, but it’s all the Same’; Arts-Based Graduate Projects After Helene," Robert McCormac, Indiana University, and Matt Groce, Wake Forest University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.10. PANEL: "Carceral States and Criminality"**

**Convener:** William Hal Gorby, West Virginia University

* "Addressing the Problems at Moundsville: The Expansion of West Virginia's Corrections System During a Period of Economic Restructuring," William Hal Gorby, West Virginia University
* "Of Prisons and Place: Abolition & Education in Appalachia," Meghan Moore-Hubbard, Clemson University
* "Constructing "Legality": Comparing and Contrasting the Evolution and Economic and Cultural Legitimization of Appalachian Moonshiners and the Mexican Cartels," Lucy Coleman, Appalachian State University
* "The History of Opioids in Appalachia: Just What the Doctor Ordered, Cultural Rebellion, or State-Corporate Crime?" Carl Root, Eastern Kentucky University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.11. PERFORMANCE: "*After the Flood* Documentary Short Screening"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Ali Gautier, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.12. ROUNDTABLE: "Embracing and Celebrating Appalachian Heritage through Storytelling, Art, & Place-Based Reflection"**

**Convener:** Emily Colleen Cobb, Clemson University

* Brittany Beeker, Clemson University
* Emily Colleen Cobb, Clemson University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.13. PANEL: "Drag Pedagogy as Spaces of Resistance, Advocacy, and Resilience in Rural Education"**

**Convener:** Clint Whitten, Virginia Tech

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* Josh Thompson, Virginia Tech
* Amy Price Azano, Virginia Tech
* Daniel Vandeberg, Roanoke City Public Schools
* Justin Smith, Farm to Feed (Nonprofit)

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.14. ROUNDTABLE: "Community-Based Participatory Archiving with Historic Brownsville Descendants"**

**Convener:** K. Melchor Hall, SAEDi Collective

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* Clory Jackson, The Brownsville Project
* Cheryl Jefferson Page, SAEDi Collective
* Teniqua Pope, SAEDi Collective

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.15. WORKSHOP: "Transforming Education for Rural and Underrepresented Students: The First2 Network Approach"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Samantha Mitchell, High Rocks Educational Corporation

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.16. PANEL: "Power of Stories"**

**Convener:** Karen Spears Zacharias, Independent

* "Meta-Methodologies of Oral History: Lessons Learned from Interviewing Oral Historians in Kentucky/Central Appalachia," Tammy Clemons, Independent; Timi Reedy, Independent
* "The Devil's Pulpit and Other Mostly True Scottish Misadventures," E.J. Wade, Independent; Karen Spears Zacharias, Independent

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.17. Indiana University, Organizational Member Sponsored Session. PANEL: "Appalachian Health Disparities are a Local Expression of Global Worsening of Health Disparities"**

**Convener:** Robert Miller, Mayo Clinic

* "Worsening Disparities in Cancer Outcomes in Appalachian Eastern Kentucky," Robert Miller, Mayo Clinic; Kennedy Sabharwal, University of Kentucky College of Medicine
* "Disparity as a Manifestation of Environmental Destruction: The Impact of Mineral Extraction on Cancer Care Across the Globe," Elijah Baker, Maryville College, Maryville, Tennessee
* "Excess Smoking Related Cancer Deaths in Eastern Kentucky Continue to Persist Despite Improving Survival Rates Elsewhere in The United States," Lauren Slone, Asbury University Robert Miller, Mayo Clinic

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.18. ROUNDTABLE: "The Online *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* Project"**

**Convener:** Ron Roach, East Tennessee State University

* "Overview and Update on the Online *Encyclopedia of Appalachia* Project," Ron Roach, East Tennessee State University
* "Update to the Online, Open-Access *Encyclopedia of Appalachia*, Part 2," Jeremy Smith, East Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.19. ROUNDTABLE: "Rebellious Educators: P-12 Educators Sharing Stories of Joy as Resistance in the American South and Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Adam Jordan, College of Charleston

* "Making the Road: Clarifying ‘Rebellious Education,’" Adam Jordan, College of Charleston
* "Authenticity as Resistance: The Case of Two Teachers from Southern Appalachia," Carrie Rogers, Western Carolina University
* "To Dare Mighty Things: A Pedagogical Reflection on How Student-Driven Affirmative Communities Led to Joyful Learning and Amplifying Identities," Pete Locher, American University
* "Loving Coalitions: Teaching and Forming Intergenerational LGBTQ+ Community in the Classroom," Carrie Hart, University of North Carolina School of the Arts
* "Outcries of the Silent Voices: A Resistance against ‘Bless Your Heart’," Allison Jones, Forsyth County Schools, Georgia

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.20. ROUNDTABLE: "Publishing in Appalachian Studies"**

**Convener:** Meredith McCarroll, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*

* "Publishing in *Journal of Appalachian Studies*," Meredith McCarroll, *Journal of Appalachian Studies*
* "Getting Published in *Appalachian Journal*," Jessica Cory, *Appalachian Journal*
* "Publishing with West Virginia University Press," Marguerite Avery, West Virginia University Press
* "Publishing with University Press of Kentucky," Abby Freeland, University Press of Kentucky
* "Publishing with University of North Carolina University Press," Lucas Church, University of North Carolina Press
* "Publishing in Literary Journals," Marianne Worthington, *Still: The Journal*

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.21. ROUNDTABLE: "African American History and Culture in the Upper Cumberland"**

**Convener:** Megan Atkinson, Tennessee Tech University

* "Black Union Soldiers of the Upper Cumberland," Troy D. Smith, Tennessee Tech University
* "Cookeville's Historic West End," Linda Irby, Independent
* "West End Oral History Project," Krystal Akehinmi, Tennessee Tech University
* "Race Relations in Cookeville," Carl Owens, Tennessee Tech University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.22. ROUNDTABLE: "Reimagining the Small Press in Appalachia: *The Red Branch Review*"**

**Convener:** Nicole Drewitz-Crockett, Carson-Newman University

* "*Red Branch Review*: Background & Goals," Noah Soltau, Carson-Newman University
* "*The Red Branch Review*: Literary Arts," Wesley McMasters, Carson-Newman University
* "*The Red Branch Review*: Visual Arts," Heather Hartman Folks, Carson-Newman University

**Saturday. 9:30AM-10:45AM. Session 7.23. PANEL: "Affrilachia: Testimonies - A Visual, Poetic, and Historical Journey through Southern Appalachia's Black Communities"**

**Convener:** Maia A. Surdam, Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education

* Chris Aluka Berry, Independent
* Kelly Elaine Navies, Independent
* Maia A. Surdam, Partnership for Appalachian Girls' Education

**Saturday. 10:00AM-11:00AM. S. BRYAN FINE ARTS LOBBY. Morning Snack Break**

**Saturday. 10:00AM-11:30AM. BRYAN FINE ARTS WATTENBARGER AUDITORIUM.** **Mystic Wind Chata Social Dancers**

## CONCURRENT 8

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.1. PERFORMANCE: "A Reading from Appalachian Lit Authors"**

**Convener:** Damian Dressick, Appalachian Lit

* "Wesley Scott McMasters Reads His Work," Wesley Scott McMasters, Carson-Newman University
* "Laura Jackson Reads Her Work," Laura Jackson, Autumn House Press
* "Willie Carver Reads His Work," Willie Carver, Independent
* "Patrick McGinty Reads His Work," Patrick McGinty, Slippery Rock University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.2. PANEL: "** **Health Outcomes"**

**Convener:** Michelle Roberts, University of Kentucky

* "Insuring Health, Ensuring Limits: A Praxiographic Approach To Health Insurance And Care Delivery For People With Disabilities in Appalachian Kentucky," Michelle Roberts, University of Kentucky
* "Diabetes Fatalism in Appalachia: A Concept Analysis," Karen Carver, East Tennessee State University
* "“It’s Generational Trauma”: The Importance of Historically Contextually Drug-Related Suffering Amongst Pregnant and Postpartum Women in Appalachian North Georgia," Anna Mullany, Emory University, Rollins School of Public Health

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.3. PANEL: "Perspectives on Appalachia with the University Press of Kentucky"**

**Convener:** Laura Leigh Morris, Furman University

Reading and Discussions with:

* Laura Leigh Morris, Furman University
* Chris Aluka Berry, Aluka Stories
* Kelly Elaine Navies, Independent
* Karen Sayler McElmurray, Spalding University
* Rae Garriger, *Country Queers*

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.4. ROUNDTABLE: "The Challenge of Moving Past Stereotypes in Appalachian Literature"**

**Convener:** Erin Presley, Eastern Kentucky University

* Erin Presley, Eastern Kentucky University
* Brandi Bowlin, Eastern Kentucky University
* Natalie Axton, Appalachia Book Company

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.5. PANEL: "Youth Engagement"**

**Convener:** Newlin Humphrey, University of Alabama

* "Battling Brain Drain: Perspectives of Public Library Youth Engagement in Rural Southern and South Central Appalachia," Newlin Humphrey, University of Alabama; Griffin Anderson, University of Alabama

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.6. PANEL: "Art: Community Legacies"**

**Convener:** Katie Rodriguez, Appalachian State University

* "Breaking the Mold: Clarifying Indigenous Appalachian Identities along the Upper New River," Katie Rodriguez, Appalachian State University
* "Land Art in Appalachia: Maya Lin’s Open-Air Peace Chapel (1988-89) and Input (2004)," Heather Stark, Marshall University
* "Public Art and Critical Literacies of Place: The Case of the Petrila Coal Mine in Romania’s Jiu Valley," Kai A. Schafft, Penn State University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.7. PANEL: "History and Higher Education"**

**Convener:** Douglas Sturgeon, Shawnee State University

* "Remembering Mountain State College in Parkersburg WV," Douglas Sturgeon, Shawnee State University; Karen Koehler, Shawnee State University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.8. WORKSHOP: "Placeknowing: Seeing Appalachia through Concepts from Indigenous Design and Planning"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Douglas Reichert Powell, Columbia College Chicago

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.9. PANEL: "Historic Events"**

**Convener:** Carson Benn, Lincoln Memorial University

* "Nixon in the Mountains: A History of Twentieth-Century Conservatism through Two Kentucky Visits," Carson Benn, Lincoln Memorial University
* "The Tennessee Valley Authority v. Appalachia: Exploring the Complicated and Exploitive History of the Tennessee Valley Authority within East Tennessee and Beyond," Madeleine Howe, University of Tennessee, Knoxville
* "To Be a Good Soldier, Citizen, and Patriot: How Southern Military Tradition at UNG Upheld the Lost Cause in Post-Civil War Appalachia," Ariana Mohr, University of North Georgia

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.10. PANEL: "Re-writing the Appalachian Family: Households of Necessity, Households of Choice"**

**Convener:** Doug Van Gundy, West Virginia Wesleyan College

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* Jamey Temple, University of the Cumberlands
* Sara Henning, Marshall University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.11. PANEL: "Appalachian Community"**

**Convener:** Vonnia Davis, Independent

* "Monuments in Black Appalachia: Community Engagement for Memory and Growth," Gregory Galford, Virginia Tech; Vonnia Davis, Independent
* "There Was a Solid Community Here: The Development and Effects of Huntington, West Virginia’s Segregated Public Housing, 1938-1950," Jillian Kendall, West Virginia University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.12. ROUNDTABLE: "Abolition Now: A Digital Participatory Project for Images of Study and Struggle"**

**Convener and Presenter:** Vivian Swayne, University of Tennessee Department of Sociology

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.13. ROUNDTABLE: "Grassroots Stories of Helene Disaster Response and Recovery"**

**Conveners and Presenters:**

* Randal Pfleger, Independent
* Cassie Pfleger, Independent

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.14. WORKSHOP: "From Appalachia to the Andes: Virtual Field Trips, Language Learning, and Making Place-Based Connections"**

**Convener:** Emily Colleen Cobb, Clemson University

* Sharon Jackson, Clemson University
* Emily Colleen Cobb, Clemson University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.15. PANEL: "Knowledge Access"**

**Convener:** Kathryn Wisinger, Putnam County Library

* "Johnson's Unfulfilled Promise: Accessibility to Higher Education in Appalachia during the War on Poverty," Zoe Davin, Connecticut College
* "Problems of Ensuring the Right to Education of Children Living in the Mountainous Areas of the Ukrainian Carpathians," Yulia Tanasiichuk (Kerniakevych-Tanasiichuk), Vasyl Stefanyk Precarpathian National University, Ukraine
* "Rural Libraries and Their Influence in Appalachian Communities," Kathryn Wisinger, Putnam County Library
* "Cyber Possibilities: Making Higher Education Accessible for Rural Appalachian Students," Kristen LeFevers, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.16. PANEL: "Appalachian Music"**

**Convener:** Randal Williams, Tennessee Tech University

* "Authenticity Meets the Sacred and Profane: Focus on Country Music," James Akenson, Tennessee Tech University; Randal Williams, Tennessee Tech University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.17. ROUNDTABLE: "Higher Education in an Appalachian Context"**

**Convener:** Michelle Boettcher, Clemson University

* "The Rural Educators Academy: A Community Colleges of Appalachia Initiative," Michelle Boettcher, Clemson University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.18. PANEL: "Gender, Race, and Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Alana Anton, Radford University

* "In Search of the Woman Robert Burns Plagiarized," E.J. Wade, Independent; Karen Spears Zacharias, Independent
* "Exploring Gender, Race, and Ethnicity in Appalachia," Alana Anton, Radford University

**Saturday. 11:00AM-12:15PM. Session 8.19. PANEL: "Pop Culture: Representation"**

**Convener:** J. M. L. Whittington, University of Central Florida

* "Navigating the History and Evolution of Professional Wrestling in Appalachia," Caleb Brown, Appalachian State University
* "From Carpet Capital to Soccer Town USA: “Monday Night Fútbol” in Dalton, Georgia," Michael Dowdy, Villanova University
* "Introducing Appalachian Game Studies: *Fallout 76*, Imaginative Geography, and Extractive Tourism," J. M. L. Whittington, University of Central Florida

**Saturday. 12:00PM RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Close of Silent Auction; Auction Pick Up**

**Saturday. 12:15PM-1:30PM. Lunch on Your Own**

**Plenary 2**

**Saturday. 1:00PM-2:15PM. “We're All We've Got: Fighting for Appalachia When Institutions Fail Us”**

Neema Avashia and Ann Pancake

## CONCURRENT 9

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.1. PANEL: "Education: Resources"**

**Convener:** Michael D. Eicher, Ohio Northern University

* "Developing Multidisciplinary Teachers: Mentoring Pre-Service Teachers in Southern Appalachia," Hongxia Zhao, University of North Alabama; Gary Padgett, University of North Alabama
* "The Influence of Leadership Style on Philanthropy and Fundraising in Three Independent Appalachian Schools," Michael D. Eicher, Ohio Northern University
* "Narrative(s) of Appalachia: A Poststructuralist Examination of English Education Practices in a Southern Appalachian School District," Megan Krupa, East Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.2. PANEL: "Literature: Genre and Style"**

**Convener**: Moriah Silvers, University of Georgia

* "New Critical Edition of Appalachian Novel *This Day and Time* by Anne W. Armstrong," Linda Behrend, Independent
* "A Genre Reimagined: An Exploration of Rhetorical Style in Contemporary Appalachian Literature," Moriah Silvers, University of Georgia
* "A Hotel Perched on a Hill: The Grove Park Inn in Recent Appalachian Fiction," Jimmy Dean Smith, Union Commonwealth University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.3. PANEL: "Mining Perspectives"**

**Convener:** Barry Whittemore, University of North Georgia

* "An Historical Perspective on Mining in the Southern Appalachians and its Effects," Barry Whittemore, University of North Georgia
* "Health and Extractivism in Central Appalachia," Meghan Albritton, Virginia Tech
* "Stories from the Mines: Historical Memories of Westmoreland Coal," Adam Dean, Lincoln Memorial University; Stephanie Holyfield, Lincoln Memorial University
* "The Social Lives of Energy Regimes," Nadia Smiecinska, UC Davis

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.4. PANEL: "Pedagogy: Approaches"**

**Convener:** Ada Haynes, Tennessee Tech University

* "Uplifting Appalachia-Exploring a Place-Based Pedagogy that Integrates Critical Thinking and Foundry-Guided Approaches," Ada Haynes, Tennessee Tech University
* "‘I Was Appalachian Before It Was Even a Thing’: Raising Appalachian Awareness in Older Than Average Students," Henry Wilson, Independent
* "Memoir Writing in English Composition=Power through Connection," Jill Anderson, Washington State College of Ohio

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.5. PANEL: "Ecocriticism"**

**Convener:** Catherine Wilbur, University of Charleston

* "Louise McNeill, Paradox Hill: From Appalachia to Lunar Shores," Catherine Wilbur, University of Charleston
* "‘Insane and Acceptable all the Time and all the While, Hainted’: Postnatural Travel Narratives at the End of the World," Shelby Roberts, University of Kentucky
* "...If the Crick Don’t Rise: Ann Pancake’s and Barbara Kingsolver’s Speculations of Flood Catastrophe Amid the Anthropocene," Danara Wallace, University of Tennessee Knoxville

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.6. PANEL: "Displacement"**

**Convener:** Anngel Gallihar, UVA Wise

* "Rural Displacement: Public Housing in Rural Southwest Virginia," Anngel Gallihar, UVA Wise; Katherine Everhart, UVA Wise
* "Remember Me: Addressing Displacement and Collective Trauma Following the Construction of Fontana Lake," Ryan Floyd, Lander University
* "A Memoir of Movement: Diasporic Frictions and Responsible Encounter in Appalachia," Taylor Gilliam, University of Virginia
* "The Death of the Hillbilly Ghetto?," Michael Maloney, University of Cincinnati

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.7. PANEL: "Psychology"**

**Convener:** Mary Jo Hedrick, East Tennessee State University

* "Low-Cost Intentional Inclusionary Practices?: Evaluating Effectiveness of Recruiting Appalachian Caregivers for a Developmentally Focused Psychological Study," Tess Simpson, Maryville College; Mary Jo Hedrick, East Tennessee State University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.8. PANEL: "Linguistic Classrooms"**

**Convener:** Jenny Crisp, Dalton State College

* "Appalachian Dialects as a Tool for Student Engagement," Jenny Crisp, Dalton State College
* "West Virginia Authors in the Second Language Classroom: Building a West Virginia Literature Course for English-as-a-Second-Language Students," Emil Asanov, Florida State University; Sumeeta Patnaik, Marshall University; Kae Bradley, Marshall University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.9. PANEL: "Disaster"**

**Convener:** Caleb Brown, Appalachian State University

* "Possibilities and Challenges of Rural Disaster Response and Relief," Erin Eldridge, University of North Carolina at Charlotte; Seth Hawkins, Wake Forest University
* "Applying Environmental Justice Lessons from Non-Appalachian Natural Disasters to the Appalachian Context," Caleb Brown, Appalachian State University
* "The Role of Public Educators in Climate Related Disaster Resilience: A Literature Review," Adam Jordan, College of Charleston; Kasey Jordan, College of Charleston
* "Interacting Disasters: A Western North Carolina Case Study," Megan E. Hall, University of Kentucky

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.10. WORKSHOP: "Preserving Rural Voices: Engaging Preservice Teachers in Oral History Projects in East Tennessee"**

**Convener:** Melissa Comer, Tennessee Tech University

* Kristen Pennycuff Trent, Tennessee Tech University
* Melissa Comer, Tennessee Tech University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.11. PANEL: "Labor"**

**Convener:** Meghan Moore-Hubbard, Clemson University

* "Mountain Mothers, Summer Gardens, and 100 Years of West Virginian Food Preservation," Sarah Trautwein, Marshall University
* "Whose Labor History?: A Counterstory of Labor History in Appalachia," Meghan Moore-Hubbard, Clemson University; Brandon Beck, Clemson University
* "‘Come to Me, All You Who Labor, And I Will Give You Rest’: Post-Coal Industrial Identity in Appalachia as Shown through the Upper Big Branch Miners Memorial," Jane M. Harris, Independent

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.12. WORKSHOP: "Community Stories to Policy Action: A Digital Storytelling Workshop"**

**Convener:** Bishop Marcia Dinkins, Black Appalachian Coalition

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* NitaJade Jackson, Black Appalachian Coalition
* Milan Bush, Black Appalachian Coalition
* Shana Goggins, Black Appalachian Coalition

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.13. WORKSHOP: "Agency, Fiber Work, and the Appalachian Woman"**

**Convener:** Carlee Bradbury, Radford University

* Morgan Gilbert, Southwest Virginia Community College
* Carlee Bradbury, Radford University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.14. PANEL: "Death Traditions"**

**Convener:** Clint Whitten, Virginia Tech

* "Cemetery Language in Western North Carolina," Bridget Anderson, Old Dominion University; Craig Winkelmann, Independent
* "Appalachian Cultural Traditions Regarding Death, Dying, and Funerals," Adeline Rosenberger, University of North Georgia

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.15. PANEL: "Community Legacies"**

**Convener:** Kopana Terry, University of Kentucky

* "Peck’s Addition Revisited: Exploring Southwestern Ohio’s Appalachian Legacy through Public History," Matthew Smith, Miami University-Hamilton; Ashley Hopkins, Miami University-Hamilton
* "Invisible Appalachia," Kopana Terry, University of Kentucky

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.16. PERFORMANCE: "Night Skies"**

**Convener:** Cassandra Wade, Independent

* "Star-Sown: Creative Explorations in Ecological and Astrological Confluences: Moon in the Thighs, the Undertakers’ Almanac," Leslie Bohn, Independent
* "The Soil, the Spirit, and the Stars," Cassandra Wade, Independent

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.17. ROUNDTABLE: "Roundtable on Disability in Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Mack Thompson, University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology

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* Justin-Ray Dutton, Wake Forest University
* Courtney Johnson, Just Keep Stimming, Tennessee Council on Developmental Disabilities
* Alexandria Knipp, Mountain Association
* Michelle Roberts, University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology
* Rachel Stallard, Care Collective of Southwest Virginia, Cumberland Mountain Mutual Aid, Patchwork Kinfolx

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.18. PANEL: "Constructions of Whiteness"**

**Convener:** Meghan Moore-Hubbard, Clemson University

* "Rural Appalachian Social Studies Teachers Grappling with Whiteness," Meghan Moore-Hubbard, Clemson University
* "Flotilla: Interrogating My White Ancestry," Melissa Helton, Hindman Settlement School

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.19. WORKSHOP: "Regional Appalachian Perspectives on Narrative Fictional Film Strategies"**

**Convener and Presenters:** Chet Pancake, Temple University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.20. PERFORMANCE: "Dark Skies in Appalachia Part III: Musical Star Streams"**

**Convener:** Tim Stafford, East Tennessee State University

* "Dark Skies and Songwriting: Tim Stafford," Tim Stafford, East Tennessee State University
* "Dark Skies and Songwriting: Danny Schmidt," Danny Schmidt, Independent
* "Dark Skies and Songwriting: Wild Ponies," Wild Ponies, Independent

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.21. PANEL: "Nature and the Economy"**

**Convener:** Tom Hansell, Appalachian State University

* "El Corazon del Arbol de Navidad (The Heart of the Christmas Tree)," Tom Hansell, Appalachian State University; Yolanda Adams, Appalachian State University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.22. WORKSHOP: "Envisioning Appalachia: Defining Ourselves for Ourselves"**

**Conveners and Presenters:**

* Mary Linscheid, Independent
* Torli Bush, Independent

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.23. PERFORMANCE: "Local History"**

**Convener:** Skye McFarland, McKinney Center

* "Cane Boil" - A Short Film Chronicling a Community Tradition," Sammy Osmond, Independent
* "Living Here: A Portrait of Jonesborough Tennessee," Skye McFarland, McKinney Center
* "Professor of the Practice in Creative Nonfiction and Journalism," Emily Strasser, Tufts University

**Saturday. 2:30PM-3:45PM. Session 9.24. PANEL: "Writers of Appalachia"**

**Convener:** Sylvia Shurbutt, Shepherd University, Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities

* "Changing Landscapes, Changing Scholarly Approaches: The Work of Robert Gipe," Peter Thompson, University of New Brunswick
* Timothy Di Leo Browne, Carleton University
* "Historical Remembrance & Appalachian Identity in Ron Rash's *The World Made Straight*," Grace Buckner, Appalachian State University
* "Fluidity and Found Family in Carter Sickels’ *The Prettiest Star*," Atticus Mason, University of North Carolina at Asheville
* "Poetry All Around Us: The Work of West Virginia Poet Laureate Marc Harshman," Sylvia Shurbutt, Shepherd University, Center for Appalachian Studies and Communities

**Saturday, March 22, 2025, Special Events**

* **Saturday. 3:30PM-4:30PM. RUC Upstairs Lobby**

**Afternoon Snack Break**

* **Saturday. 4:00PM-6:00PM.** *Meet Shuttle Bus at* *RUC, Dixie Ave. Entrance*

**Appalachian Center for Craft Tour**

* **Saturday. 5:00PM-6:30PM. RUC Tech Pride Room**

**Newcomers Reception**

* **Saturday. 5:00PM-6:30PM. RUC Tech Pride Room**

**Publishers’ Reception and Book Signing**

* **Saturday. 7:00PM-8:30PM. Memorial Gym**

**Memorial Gym Memories Community Event**

# SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025

**Sunday, March 23, 2025**

* **Sunday. 8:00AM-12:00PM. RUC Multipurpose Room**

**Take Down**

**Exhibit Hall and Registration**