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DIFFERENCE AND AFFINITY  
REPRESENTING APPALACHIA

# WELCOME!

Thank you for attending the 7th Annual Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase presented by the University of Kentucky Graduate Appalachian Research Community and the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center.

As the Symposium is intended to foster a supportive research community, we strive to provide an space for students to network, collaborate, learn from each others' findings, and explore issues relevant to Appalachian communities.

This year's theme is "Difference and Affinity: Representing Appalachia." The Symposium will reflect on the diversity and commonality of the Appalachian experience and how our work as academics, activists, artists, and community members shapes perceptions of the region and has the potential to influence policies and outcomes for Appalachian communities. Through our keynote panel and film-screenings, we hope to highlight Appalachia's differences and affinities with a comparative method in mind.

Please visit us at <http://appalachiancenter.as.uky.edu/graduate-appalachian-research-community> or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/UKAppRC>.

Sincerely,

The GARC Symposium Commitee

Zada Komara, Kathryn Engle, Lesly-Marie Buer, Melissa Wiser, Tammy Clemons and Jasper Waugh-Quasebarth

## PRESENTERS

Judson Abraham, Virginia Tech  
Amanda Beradi Tennant, Carnegie Mellon University  
Katelyn Blair, Berea College  
Henry Bundy, University of Kentucky  
Tammy Clemons, University of Kentucky  
Brandon Combs, Morehead State University  
Christine Crabtree, Radford University  
Jonathon Curtis, University of Kentucky  
Charlie Day, Morehead State University  
Elizabeth Dotson, Morehead State University  
Benjamin Duvall-Irwin, Appalachian State University  
O.J. Early, East Tennessee State University  
Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky  
Samantha Eubanks, Appalachian State University  
Shannon Gibson, Eastern Kentucky University  
Andrew Gott, Kentucky State University  
Marc Guest, University of Kentucky  
Sydney Guffey, Morehead State University  
Kanzas Hicks, Berea College  
David Jensen, University of Kentucky  
Cheyanna Johnson, Berea College  
Elon Justice, Western Kentucky University  
Zada Komara, University of Kentucky  
Nashwin Laungani, University of Kentucky  
Renata Lisowski, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
Stephen Mays, West Virginia University  
Kenneth McQueen, Berea College  
Brittany O'Brien, Eastern Kentucky University  
Matthew Parsons, Berea College  
Danielle Petrak, West Virginia University  
Shaunna Scott, University of Kentucky  
Kenton Sena, University of Kentucky  
Murtaza Sharifi, Berea College  
Mary Sheldon, Green Forests Work  
Zach Taylor, University of Kentucky  
Marta Vandegrift, Edinboro University of Pennsylvania  
Jasmine Wheeler, Morehead State University  
Kiristen Webb, Morehead State University

## POSTER SESSION PARTICIPANTS

*University-Community Collaboration in the Post-Coal Transition: Elkhorn City's Quest to Become an Adventure Tourism Destination*, Shaunna Scott

*Physical and Psychological Significance in the Perpetuation of Periodontitis and Resultant Societal Disadvantages*, David Jensen, Nashwin Laungani, and Jonathon Curtis

*Healthography in Appalachia: A Proposal to Examine the Nexus of Multiple Environments on Older Adults with Type 2 Diabetes*, Marc Guest

*Angels of Agriculture: Healthy Bees, Healthy Trees, Healthy Families*, Mary Sheldon

*Addressing Pediatric Hearing Loss Educational and Practice Gaps in Primary Care Providers*, Zach Taylor

*Growing Appalachia: Local Foods & Community Development in Knox County, Kentucky*, Kathryn Engle

*Three Girls Drown: A Teaching Trunk*, Renata Lisowski and Marta Vandegrift

Thanks to all of the presenters and participants of this year's Symposium and Arts Showcase!

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Thanks to the UK College of Law for hosting the event.

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

### Saturday, March 5th

9:00-9:30 Registration, Breakfast Meet & Greet, and Poster Set-up

9:30-9:40 Welcome Address by GARC President Zada Komara

9:40-10:20 Identify This! : Exploring Representations  
- *The Influence of Appalachian Culture: How I Transitioned from Urban to Rural Appalachia*, Kenneth McQueen  
- *Appalachian Metropolis: Rural/Urban Identities at Two Kentucky Company Coal Towns*, Zada Komara  
- *Negotiating Appalachian Identity in the University: An Ethnographic Study of Appalachian Students at Carnegie Mellon University*, Amanda Bernadi-Tenant  
- *Así se alaba a Dios: International Music at a Latino Evangelical Protestant Church in Southern Appalachia*, Benjamin Duvall-Irwin

10:35-10:55 A Creative Man in Creative Ways, Musical Performance by Matthew Parsons

11:00-11:50 Reaching Out: Strategies in Education  
- *Envisioning a Healthier Region: Diversity in Physical Education*, Sidney Guffey  
- *Understanding Education in the Appalachian Sub-cultural Context*, Kiristen Webb  
- *Connecting Past With Present Through Children's Music*, Charlie Day, Jasmine Wheeler, and Elizabeth Dotson  
- *Designing on a Dime: Creating a Virtual Presence for Non-Profit Organizations*, Juliann Helton  
- *Law Enforcement Training in Kentucky: Barriers to Implementing Distance Learning from the Rural Perspective*, Brandon Combs

12:00-12:30 Lunch

- 12:30-1:00 Poster Session
- 1:00-1:45 **Transiting Appalachia: Illustrations, Influence and Impact**  
 -*Small Business Illustrations*, Katelyn Blair  
 -*Influencing Change*, Cheyanna Johnson  
 -*Travelers Impacts*, Murtaza Sharifi
- 1:45-2:15 **Environmental Impacts and Representation**  
 -*Stewarding Appalachia's Forests: Challenges and Threats, Both Future and Former*, Kenton Sena and Chris Barton  
 -*Assessing Coal Mining Effects on Appalachian Communities*, Andrew Gott  
 -*Analyzing Sustainable Marketing in Southeastern Kentucky*, Shannon Gibson
- 2:25-2:55 **Inscribing Region Through Literature**  
 -*An Insider's Perspective: Jim Wayne Miller and the Representation of the Mountain Man*, Elon Justice  
 -*Environmental and Gender Inequality in Appalachia: An Ecofeminist Analysis of Ann Pancake's 'Strange As This Weather Has Been'*, Christine Crabtree  
 -*Using Regional Literature in the Classroom*, Samantha Eubanks
- 3:10-3:30 Afternoon Break and Networking Session
- 3:30-4:30 **Screening of *After Coal***
- 4:30-5:30 **Keynote Panel - *After Coal: Research, Representation, and Economic Futures in Appalachia***  
 Tom Hansell, Panelist, Appalachian State University  
 Alessandro Portelli, Panelist, University of Rome La Sapienza  
 Julie Shepherd-Powell, Panelist, University of Kentucky  
 Carrie Billett, Panelist, Transylvania University  
 Jasper Waugh-Quasebarth, Moderator, University of Kentucky

## Sunday, March 6th

- 9:00-9:30 Breakfast
- 9:30-10:10 **(Re)Constructing the Social, Political, and Economic Through History**  
 -*The "Furrin Furriers" of Kentucky's Settlement Schools: Immigrant Workers in an Appalachian Reform Movement*, Danielle Petrak  
 -*"Mere Supplicants at the Gate": Northeast Tennessee Politics in the Antebellum Era*, O.J. Early  
 -*Diminished Industrialization and Capital Restructuring in the Kyova Region: A Process or an Event?*, Stephen Mays  
 -*No Justification for a "Symbol of Counterrevolution": Towards an Intersectional Reading of the Confederate Flag*, Judson Abraham
- 10:25-10:45 **Speaking and Listening: Conversations with Health**  
 -*Social Suffering and Diagnoses of Mental Illness among South Carolina's Uninsured Working Poor*, Henry Bundy  
 -*Dialect Is Not A Disorder Everywhere*, Brittany O'Brien
- 10:55-11:20 ***Appalachia: My Mountain Home*, Spoken Word Performance by Kansas Hicks**
- 11:30-11:45 ***Exploring Mountains with Multisensory Methods: Sensory Postcards of Appalachia and the Andes*, Tammy Clemons**
- 11:50-12:35 **Films by the Appalachian Media Institute**  
 -*Beyond Me* (9 minutes), Dominick Spangler, Kevin Swiney, and Andrea Williams  
 -*Dos Patrias: Living Latino in Appalachia* (11 minutes), Brandon Sun Eagle Jent, Shannel Arellano, Courtney Johnson, and Kyra Higgins  
 -*Pickin & Screamin* (15 minutes), Tristin Cuniff, Skylar Griffith, Cody Riddle, and Trenon Barnett
- 12:35-12:45 Closing Remarks