APP 399-001: Environment & Health in Appalachia

Spring 2021
Monday March 8th -Friday April 2nd

This partial term practicum course will be centered around the theme "Environment & Health in Appalachia." During this course, students will engage with a variety of readings and activities relating to environmental inequalities and health disparities in Appalachia. Students will also participate in a creek cleanup and water testing project in the Stinking Creek watershed of Knox County. Students will learn skills in water sampling and will participate in a creek cleanup on March 20th through the Lend-A-Hand Center. Students will also attend the virtual Appalachian Studies Association Conference to be held March 11-14. This course will provide hands-on learning experiences for students to conduct community-based research and pursue individual interests relating to health and environment in the region.

3 credit hours (Pass/Fail)
Partial Term: Monday March 8th -Friday April 2nd (4 weeks)
Meetings/Location: Hybrid course- materials and activities will be made available online & 1-2 synchronous class meetings will be held each week which will be determined based on students' availability. Students will be expected to attend the creek cleanup (pending the approval to do so—safety precautions will be enforced) and should block off their calendar for March 19-21. Students may have the opportunity to stay overnight at the Lend-A-Hand Center. Students should also plan to spend quite a few hours March 11-14 attending the virtual ASA Conference, so please don't schedule work or major activities during these times.
Prereq.: APP 200 or consent of instructor
Special note: Students may need funds for registration for the ASA membership ($85) in order to attend the conference (we hope to cover these costs for students but that is not 100% guaranteed yet) and may need to provide their own transportation to Stinking Creek (2 hours from Lexington) (If students don't have their own transportation we will provide transportation- but transporting yourself will be an option). Students may also have the opportunity to stay overnight at the Lend-A-Hand Center.
Enrollment: This is a controlled enrollment course. If you would like to add this course, please contact Dr. Kathryn Engle (kathryn.engle@uky.edu)