

APPALACHIAN CENTER AND APPALACHIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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Message from the Directors

Dear friends,

This cold snap has us dreaming about the Spring, and we have so many wonderful events to look forward to. As always, we have coffee hours and SWAP events, but we also have the Graduate Appalachian Research Community Symposium, the Appalachian Studies Association annual conference, and more! Check out this newsletter for more information about these events. We also have several opportunities to learn about our AppalachiaCorps program, where we work to pair students with summer internships in the region. Come to one of our info sessions!

Stay warm and safe, and know that warmer weather will be here soon!

-Jennifer and Kathryn

Jennifer Cramer, Ph.D.
Appalachian Studies Program Director

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

[Join Us for Coffee Hour at the Appalachian Center](#)

[Drop-In Coffee Hour](#)

Thursdays, Feb. 12 and 26 | 10 - 11 a.m.

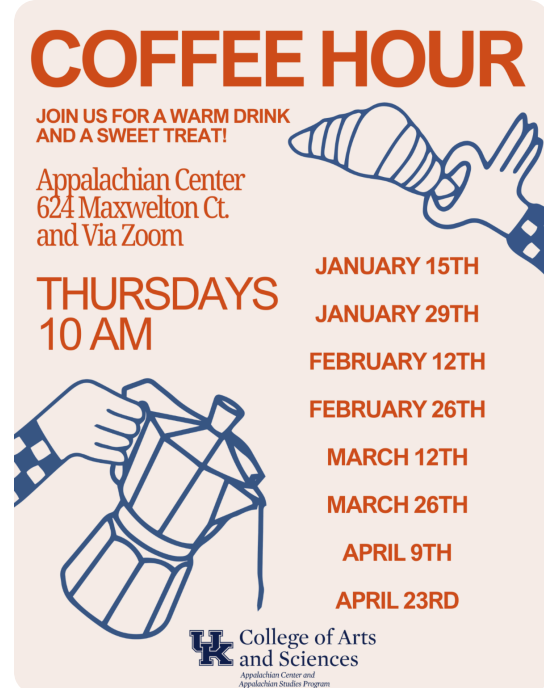
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624 Maxwellton Court, Lexington, KY 40508

Students, faculty, staff and community members: join us for coffee and light refreshments. Meet others interested in the region and learn about the Appalachian Center and the Appalachian

Studies Program. Coffee Hour is a casual space to exchange ideas about programs, discuss regional issues, share research and connect with the community.

Coffee Hour typically meets every other week on Thursday at 10. Additional information can be found [here](#).




COFFEE HOUR


JOIN US FOR A WARM DRINK AND A SWEET TREAT!

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624 Maxwellton Ct.
and Via Zoom

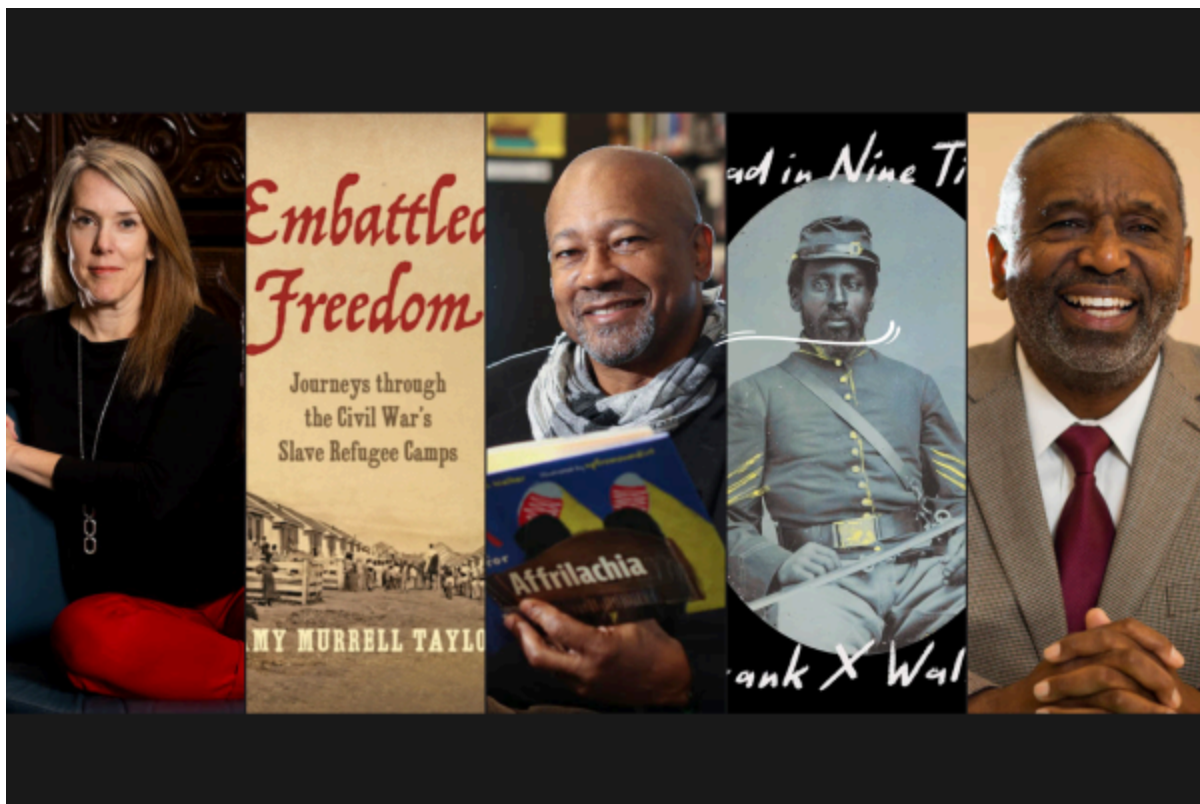
**THURSDAYS
10 AM**

JANUARY 15TH
JANUARY 29TH
FEBRUARY 12TH
FEBRUARY 26TH
MARCH 12TH
MARCH 26TH
APRIL 9TH
APRIL 23RD



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A Conversation with Frank X Walker and Amy Murrell Taylor



[A Conversation with Frank X Walker and Amy Murrell Taylor](#)

Monday, Feb. 9 | 3:30 - 4:30 PM

John Jacob Niles Gallery

Lucille Caudill Little Fine Arts & Design Library, 160 Patterson Dr.

You're invited to join for a reading from and conversation about Professor Frank X. Walker's (Creative Writing) and Professor Amy Taylor's (History) award-winning books, [Load in Nine Times](#) and [Embattled Freedom](#). The conversation will be moderated by Professor of History and Senior Adviser to the President, George C. Wright.



[February SWAP Presentations](#)

Tuesday, Feb. 17 | 12:30 - 2:00 PM

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624 Maxwellton Court, Lexington, KY 40506

Join us! This year's SWAP showcases the research conducted by recipients of the 2025 James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia and the UK Appalachian Center Eller & Billings Student Research Award, as well as other scholars and students sharing their research.

[February 17 Presentations:](#)

Morgan Gilbert, Arts Administration, 2025 UK Eller & Billings Student Research Award, "Berea College's Weaving Program."

Riccardo P. D'Amato, History, 2025 James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research in Appalachia, "Solving Half the Problem: The Kentucky Water Pollution Control Commission."

[SWAP - Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress 2025-2026 Schedule](#)

[AppalachiaCorps Summer Internship Program - Upcoming Information Sessions](#)

AppalachiaCorps is a student internship program through the Appalachian Center that pairs students with experiential learning opportunities in eastern Kentucky and the greater Appalachian region. AppalachiaCorps serves a three-fold purpose:

- Providing students with unique work and learning opportunities
- Strengthening UK's land-grant commitment to the Appalachian region
- Building capacity and networks of relationships between Appalachian organizations

The AppalachiaCorps program is **currently accepting student inquiries regarding Summer 2026 placements**. Please submit an inquiry form through the [Appalachian Center and Appalachia Studies Program](#) and be sure to attend an information session in the Spring semester.



APPALACHIACORPS
PREPARING APPALACHIAN LEADERS OF TOMORROW

APPALACHIACORPS INTERNSHIP INFO SESSIONS
VIRTUALLY VIA ZOOM

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- THU → JANUARY 29 @ 4:30PM
- THU → FEBRUARY 12 @ 4:30PM
- THU → FEBRUARY 26 @ 4:30PM
- THU → MARCH 26 @ 4:30PM
- THU → APRIL 2 @ 4:30PM

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AppalachiaCorps informational sessions will be offered on the dates listed below. Additional information including Zoom registration links, can be found [here](#).

- Thu. Feb. 12 4:30 PM ET
- Thu. Feb. 26 4:30 PM ET
- Thu. Mar. 26 4:30 PM ET
- Thu. Apr. 2 4:30 PM ET

15th Annual GARC Research Symposium & Arts Showcase Registration Now Open



15TH ANNUAL APPALACHIAN RESEARCH + ARTS SYMPOSIUM

HOSTED BY THE GRADUATE APPALACHIAN RESEARCH COMMUNITY

University of Kentucky
February 28, 2026

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keynote
Dr. Abby Mack
Assistant Professor of Anthropology, UK
Hopesick: Reckoning with Care, Community and Recovery in Central Appalachia

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Center for Health, Engagement and Transformation

2026 GARC Symposium

Saturday, Feb. 28 | Time TBD
Healthy Kentucky Research Building
760 Press Ave., Lexington, KY 40508

Alongside the Appalachian Center, the Appalachian Studies Program, and the UK Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC) announce that the University of Kentucky's 15th Annual Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase will be held Saturday, Feb. 28, 2026.

Abstract Submission

Deadline for posters only extended to Feb. 4

Registration Deadline

Deadline Feb. 14

Continue to check the [Symposium & Arts Showcase](#) for additional details as they become available.

Additional information about GARC may be found on the [GARC webpage](#).

To be added to the GARC listserv to receive email updates about events, resources, and opportunities, please email GARC president Michelle Roberts at michelle.roberts@uky.edu.

UK Appalachian Center 2026 Award Opportunities

Applications are open for awards and funding opportunities offered by the University of Kentucky Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies program. These opportunities are open to any student participating in work and research in the Appalachian region.



Graduate students are eligible to apply for the [James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia](#), and both undergraduate and graduate students are eligible to apply for the [Eller & Billings Student Research Award](#). These awards support student research in/relating to the Appalachian region. Applications for the 2026 James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia and the 2026 UK Appalachian Center Eller & Billings Student Research Award must be submitted by Feb.13.

Applications for the James S. Brown Award that are not funded will automatically be entered into the competition for the 2026 UK Appalachian Center Eller & Billings Student Research Award.

The Appalachian Center [Faculty/Staff Travel Funding](#) is also now available for individuals presenting Appalachian-related work at conferences. Funds of up to \$250 will be given in the form of reimbursement so all necessary receipts will need to be submitted.

The [Student Travel Award](#) allows for up to \$250 and is given up front. Funds will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications that are received as soon as possible will be given preference.

For detailed information on any of these opportunities, visit <https://appalachiancenter.as.uky.edu/scholarships>.

For questions about proposals and applications, contact UK Appalachian Center Director Kathryn Engle at kathryn.enge@uky.edu.

APP Faculty Affiliates in the News

Jennifer Cramer was quoted in a George-Anne Media Group article about how young Southerners are [redefining the southern accent](#). Additionally, Prof. Cramer in *The Atlantic* talks about how students find it difficult to [walk a linguistic tightrope regarding the “southern drawl,”](#) which the article suggests is disappearing.

Melanie Goan appears on the [Lectures in History C-SPAN](#) podcast to discuss Kentucky’s historical relationship to slavery.

Shaunna Scott and Kathryn Engle [have edited and contributed to a volume titled "Toward Just Translons: Visions for Regenerative Communities in Appalachia,"](#) which explores ways in which Appalachia can find a promising and prosperous future. Additional UK contributors to the book include: Dwight Billings, Ph.D., professor emeritus of sociology; Frances Henderson, Ph.D., associate professor of gender and women’s studies; Lora Smith-Tovar, an MFA Student; Julie Shepherd-Powell, UK alum; Martin Richards UK alum; Douglas Scutchfield, M.D., a former UK faculty member who died in 2022; Ivy Brashear, a doctoral student.

CHECK THIS OUT

[SRSA Post-Conference Opportunity, SERA 49: Heir Property Annual Meeting - Feb. 3](#)

[UK-CARES Pilot Project Program - Submit Letter of Intent by Feb. 13](#)

[UK College of Arts & Sciences Summer 2026 Undergraduate Research Awards application now open - Deadline Feb. 14](#)

[UK Sustainability Research Fellowship Application Window Now Open - Due Mar. 1](#)

[Chain of Wooded Mountains: Remembering the Coal Town of Balkan, Kentucky - Exhibition runs through May 8](#)

[Fellowship Proposal Writing Workshop presented by A&S - Feb. 10 3-4:30 PM in GSC 330](#)

[Call for Papers for 2026 Social Theory Symposium - Due Feb. 23](#)

[CLIMBS Seed Funding - Proposals Due Mar. 13](#)

[Anthropologists and Sociologists of Kentucky Meeting Apr. 11 - Submissions Due Mar. 20](#)

Appalachian Center to Celebrate 50 Years



Founded in 1977 with a Rockefeller Foundation grant, the [University of Kentucky Appalachian Center](#) supports the university's land-grant mission by fostering community-university partnerships in research, learning and engagement in Appalachia.

Check out future newsletters and the [UK Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies website](#) for details about the Spring 2027 event marking the center's 50th anniversary.

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