

APPALACHIAN CENTER AND APPALACHIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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Message from the Directors



*The Pinnacles in the Berea
College Forest.*

October is probably our favorite month to drive through Appalachia. The leaves have started to turn, the air is crisp and no ice yet on curvy mountain roads.

It's also the midpoint of the semester, when students (and faculty!) can feel tired or burned out. If you're craving a little fall getaway, we hope you'll join us for **our trip to the Pinnacles on October 19**. Details and registration are below.

We'd love to see you there, or at one of our other events this year. Our regular coffee hours have been a highlight, and we hope to see y'all there soon.

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Appalachian Studies Program Director

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for Coffee Hour at the Appalachian Center

[Drop-In Coffee Hour](#)

Thursday, October 9 and October 23 | 10 - 11 AM

Zoom or Appalachian Center

624 Maxwellton Court, Lexington, KY 40506

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 10:00 a.m.



Fall Hike with the Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program

Pinnacles Hike

Sunday, October 19 | 12:30 - 5 PM

Meet at Appalachian Center

624 Maxwellton Court, Lexington, KY 40506

Join the UK Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program for a hiking trip to the Pinnacles in Berea! Your tour guides: Dr. Kathryn Engle, Appalachian Center Director, and Education and Outreach Coordinator for the Berea College Forest Outreach Center.



All participants must register. Visit the [event webpage linked here](#) to RSVP.

Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC)

The University of Kentucky's Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC) is an official graduate student organization promoting interdisciplinary dialogue on Appalachian research. Our mission is to foster a supportive community in which students from various disciplines learn from each other's findings, discuss research obstacles and successes, can have a venue to present their Appalachian-based research, and collaborate.

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.

CHECK THIS OUT

[Gaines Center accepting applications thru October 6 for mini-grants for 2025-2026](#)

[Appalachia in the Bluegrass Concert Series - Fridays at noon in the Niles Gallery](#)

[Fall 2025 Involvement Fair - October 2](#)

[Call for applications for Journal of Appalachian Studies \(JAS\) journal editors/co-editors - Application deadline October 15](#)

[4th Annual Sustainability Research Poster Competition - October 15](#)

[Mildred Haun Conference Call for Papers - Abstracts due November 15](#)

[Environmental Sectors Career Fair \(sign-up via Handshake\) - November 18](#)



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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