

2022 UK Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase

Reunited During Crises: Appalachia Moving Forward

Jacobs Science Building, RM 321
680 Rose St
Lexington, KY 40506
& Virtually Via Zoom
<https://uky.zoom.us/j/83196225509>



Event Program

March 5th, 2022 8:00am - 5:00pm

8:00 AM to 9:00 AM

Registration, Breakfast, and Poster Set-Up
Third floor of Jacobs Science Bldg. near RM 321

9:00 to 9:30

Welcome and Introductions

Greg Gibson, President, UK-Appalachian Research Community
Kathryn Engle, Director, UK Appalachian Center
Ann Kingsolver, Director, UK Appalachian Studies Program
Leah Vance-Berg, UK Senior Program Advisor, First-Generation Student Services

9:45 to 11:00

Whose Appalachia? - Power, Democracy, and Inclusion in Modern Appalachia

1. "Degradations of Democracy: A Genealogy of the Institution-Community Relationship of Somerset County, PA," Kevin Slovinsky, University of Kentucky
2. "The History of Diversity at the University of Virginia's College at Wise," Chloe Allen, University of Virginia's College at Wise

3. “James A. Bland High School: Working Toward A National Register of Historic Places Nomination,” Math Rowe, University of Virginia's College at Wise

11:15 to 12:30

Keynote Address

April Taylor, Highlander Center Education and Governance Team

**About the Keynote Speaker**

April Taylor is a Black queer organizer from Lexington, KY. She is an Economics and Governance program manager on the Education team at the Highlander Research and Education Center. She has been involved in grassroots organizing for more than two decades working at the intersection of racial and economic justice. She is a co-founder of the Wild Fig Books & Coffee worker cooperative. She also helped lead the push by Lexington citizens to make unprecedented changes in local police accountability that included a ban on no knock warrants and all officers being mandated to wear body cameras. She serves on the Governance Council of the Southern Movement Assembly and has supported Movement for Black Lives work to catalyze solidarity economy organizing. When she's not building community and working towards liberation, she enjoys spending time at the Moonbow in Cumberland Falls and connecting with nature.

12:30 to 1:30

Lunch and Networking

1:30 to 2:45

Music, Gender, and Representation

Elizabeth DiSavino, moderator

1. "Professional Woman Balladeers," Ali Hassan and Hannah From, Berea College
2. "Crankies!" Hannah From, Berea College
3. Berea College Bluegrass Ensemble Performance (Sam Gleaves, Hannah From, Charity Gilbert, Sophie Delaney, Maggie Neal, Erin Johnson)

3:00 to 3:50

Living in Appalachia: Contemporary Challenges

1. "UV Protection and Sun Exposure Risk Factors Among High School Aged Students in Appalachia" and "Stylists Against Skin Cancer: An Interventional Study," Cody Estep, University of Kentucky
2. "'Preciate Ya:' A Case Study on Language Ideologies and Linguistic (In)securities in Lexington, KY," Ty Gill-Saucier and Ian Schneider, University of Kentucky

4:00 to 4:45

Poster Session

1. "What's Up with Snot Otters? Current Research Efforts on Kentucky's Largest Salamander, the Eastern Hellbender," Sarah Tomke, University of Kentucky
2. "Patterns of Landscape Use and Reproduction in Cow Elk Across Appalachian Kentucky," Nathan Hooven, University of Kentucky
3. "Elk Calf Survival in Southeastern Kentucky," Kathleen Williams, University of Kentucky

4:45 to 5:00

Closing Remarks

Allen Fletcher, UK Department of History

Optional: Brief Tour of African American Cemetery #2 with April Taylor

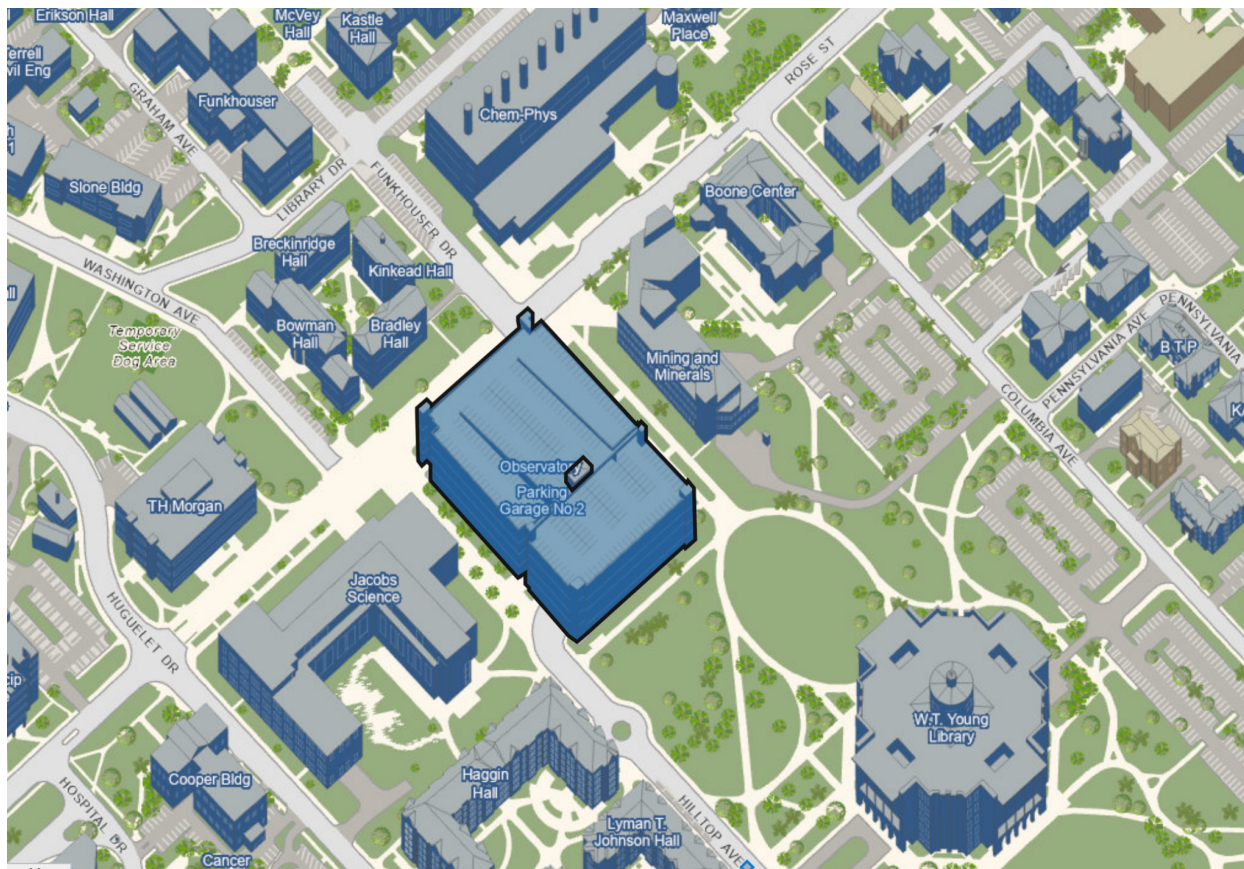
African Cemetery No.2 is a historic cemetery located in Lexington, KY. Established in 1869 by the Union Benevolent Society No. 2, the cemetery covers an area of 8 acres with more than 5,000 graves. The stories of those buried there along with the journey of the cemetery's restoration by community members has helped catalyze and strengthen community building. Come learn about the first resting place for Isaac Murphy and the stories of people like R.C.O. Benjamin, a Lexington journalist and lawyer, who was killed in 1900 by a local voting precinct worker for working to help Black people vote. **We will leave together after the conference.**

University of Kentucky Mask Policy

All individuals, regardless of vaccination status, must wear masks or face coverings in indoor spaces on campus where people gather — including, but not limited to, classrooms, the Gatton Student Center, William T. Young Library, shared office spaces (including shared rooms with cubicles), hallways, common spaces like the lobby of a residence hall, studios, concerts, lessons and performance situations.

Logistics and Maps

The Symposium will be held in the University of Kentucky's Don and Cathy Jacobs Science Building, located at 680 Rose Street in Lexington. For easiest parking use the Rose St. Parking Garage, which is located next to the Don and Cathy Jacobs Science Building on 301 Hilltop Ave. Below is a campus map with "Parking Garage No. 2" highlighted in blue, to the right of Jacobs Science. Once inside, take the main stairwell up to Room 321, where registration, breakfast, and poster set up will take place. The Jacobs Science Building's single toilet lockable bathroom is on the first floor, Rm 160.



Things To Do Around Lexington

Come a day early or stay a day late! Kentucky has amazing art, cultural, historical, and environmental recreation opportunities! Here are just a few in Lexington and surrounding areas:

- Did you know that 95% of the world's bourbon is made in Kentucky? Make a stop at a distillery on the **Kentucky Bourbon Trail**! The **Barrel House Distillery** is also conveniently located in Lexington.
- There are over 450 champion horse farms in Kentucky. Visit over 1,000 horses at the **Kentucky Horse Park**, a 20-minute drive from UK's campus.
- As Kentucky's oldest garden cemetery and home to Henry Clay's mausoleum, the **Lexington Cemetery** is an excellent place to walk, jog, reflect, and watch nature. The cemetery also hosts the second-largest basswood tree in North America!
- Visit the **African American Cemetery No.2**, located at 419 E Seventh Street in Lexington. All important locations are marked in red.



African Cemetery No. 2, Lexington, KY

Dining

- Breakfast & lunch will be provided at the symposium
- Dinner will **NOT** be provided.
- Please consult our local restaurant guide or ask a local attendee for restaurant recommendations!



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Land & Labor Acknowledgement and Commitment

The University of Kentucky Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program acknowledge that we are on the lands inhabited for millennia by the ancestors of the Shawnee, Cherokee, Chickasaw, and other Nations, and that these traditional territories were taken by force through settler colonial and white-centered institutions. In Appalachian Studies, we have a particular responsibility in our scholarship to counter historical narratives that marginalize or erase indigenous and minoritized voices in the region's past and present.

As a land-grant institution, the University of Kentucky must actively attend to the historical narratives and well-being of the descendants of those who were displaced from these lands, which enabled this institution to grow in this place for the past 150 years. We commit to this acknowledgement being more than a token statement, and to center indigenous and minoritized perspectives and experiences going forward. We join with others across this university community in actively pursuing those conversations and collaborations, including advocating for increasing the presence of, and support for, those who identify as minoritized in student, staff, faculty, and administrative positions.

We also acknowledge the reliance on the labor of those who have been enslaved, displaced, and minoritized in the building of the spaces and institutions which constitute the University of Kentucky and we join in the efforts to recognize, and value with a living wage, the work of all of those who make everyday life on and beyond the campus of the University of Kentucky possible.

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