



**University of Kentucky Presenters  
at 2026 ASA Conference**

**Friday, 8:00am-9:15am**

**PANEL: "The FLASH Curriculum: Co-  
Developing Middle-School Curriculum on  
Flood Propagation and Resilience in  
Appalachia"**

**Kenton Sena  
University of Kentucky**



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**WORKSHOP: "I Might Should Go to This  
Session: Appalachian English(es) Through a  
More Than Lens" ("Classroom Applications  
of a More-Than Lens for Appalachian  
English")**

**Willie Edward Taylor Carver, Jr.  
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**Friday, 4:30pm-5:45pm**

**SESSION: "Youth-to-Adulthood Mental  
Health among Sexual and Gender Minority  
Individuals in Appalachia: A Scoping  
Review"**

**Holden Dillman  
University of Kentucky**



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**Friday, 9:30am-10:45am**

**PANEL CONVENER: "Risk and Resilience in  
Appalachia: Culturally Sensitive  
Interventions"**

**Holden Dillman  
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**PANEL CONVENER: "‘We’re All in This Together’: Honoring the Life and Legacy of Dr. Stephen L. Fisher, Scholar-Activist and Teacher of Appalachia"**

**Grace Yi  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Kentucky Island, American  
Lake: Water and Power in an Interior  
Aquapelago"**

**Aaron Padgett  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "When the Mill Closed and the  
Waters Rose: Interlocking Disasters in  
Southern Appalachia"**

**Megan Hall  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "And the Creek Don't Rise:  
Disasters, Climate, and Resiliency in  
Appalachia"**

**Nicole Marks  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Woods and their Waterlands?  
Thinking with Forest History and  
Appalachian Aquapelagoes"**

**Kathy Newfont  
University of Kentucky**



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**Friday, 11:00am-12:15pm**

**PLENARY: "Appalachia's Powerful Literature  
of Place and Its People"**

**Willie Edward Taylor Carver, Jr. with  
Jacinda Townsend and Cat Pleska  
University of Kentucky**



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**Friday, 1:30pm-2:45pm**

**SESSION: "Character of Place: Appalachian  
Cultural Landscape & The Weather"**

**Kopana Terry  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "The Myth of Leave No Trace in  
the Red River Gorge"**

**Cat Lamb  
University of Kentucky**



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**Friday, 3:00pm-4:15pm**

**SESSION: "Law, Memory, and the  
Construction of Justice: A Legal Reading of  
the Corbin Expulsion of 1919"**

**Claire Gussler  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Racial Violence and Kentucky  
Mythmaking: Lessons from the Civil Rights  
and Restorative Justice-Kentucky Clinic"**

**Austin Zinkle  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Conversations on the Eastern  
Kentucky Remembrance Project"**

**Micah Lynn  
University of Kentucky**



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**POSTER: "Engaging Students in Global  
Classroom Collaborations: COIL  
(Connected Online International Learning)  
As A Free Resource"**

**Ann Kingsolver  
University of Kentucky**



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**POSTER: "Race & The Railroad: The 1871  
And 1920 Racial Expulsions of Estill  
County"**

**Kathryn Engle and Ren Kelley  
University of Kentucky**



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**POSTER: "Rings Of the Ridges: The  
Ecological History of Appalachia from a  
White Oak's Perspective"**

**Lorelei Wiggington  
University of Kentucky**



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**Friday, 4:30pm-5:45pm**

**SESSION: "A Tribute to Gurney Norman  
and his Influence on of UK Creative  
Writing: A Reading by Current Students"**

**Julia Johnson, University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Bodies, Memory, and Mothmen:  
The Haunting is You"**

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**SESSION: "NOWHERE BUT HERE"**

**Leo Coffey  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Appalachian Adolescence: A  
Creative Exploration of Home, Nature, and  
Social Progress"**

**Eleni Karelis  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "This is Our Gospel"**

**Ariadne Macquarie  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Fool's Gold"**

**Dane Ritter  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "A Reading from Original Work"**

**Samantha Ratcliffe  
University of Kentucky**



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**SESSION: "Big Gay Hillbilly: Writing the  
Marginalized Appalachian Self"**

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**SESSION: "Families in Context:  
Appalachian Parenting Across  
Generations"**

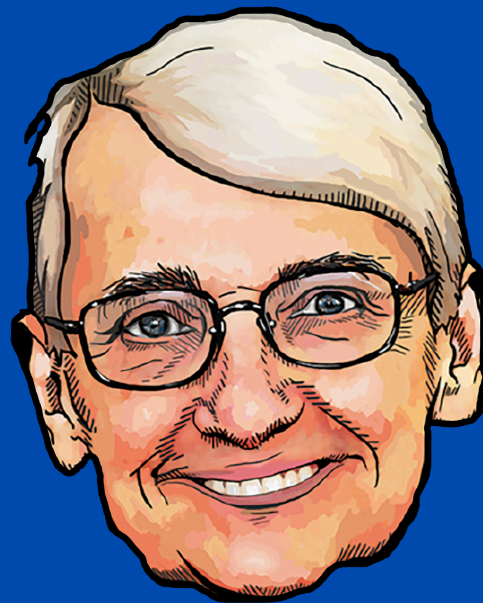
**Laken Campbell  
University of Kentucky**



**University of Kentucky Co-Sponsorship  
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**Saturday, 12:15pm-1:30pm**

**Join us for the Camp Happy  
Appalachee luncheon.**



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**Saturday, 2:30pm-3:45pm**

**ROUNDTABLE: "Encounters with Gurney  
Norman's Work – What Can You Add to the  
Big Picture? Who Else Has Heard Your  
Gurney Norman Stories?"  
(with convener Robert Gipe)**

**Frank X Walker  
University of Kentucky**



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**Saturday, 4:00pm-5:15pm**

**SESSION: "Julia Johnson Reads Her Work"**

**Julia Johnson  
University of Kentucky**