

APPALACHIAN CENTER AND APPALACHIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

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Message from the Directors

Dear friends,

With the start of a new school year comes excitement and anxiousness. There are so many interesting activities to do and new people to meet. But there can also be uncertainty. Even having been at UK for as many years as we have, we still experience those back-to-school butterflies, and we know that many in our community do, too. We want you to remember that the Appalachian Center is a welcoming place where we can have fun together, learn together and even feel those feelings together. You'll find information below about our upcoming events. We really hope you'll join us, learn more about who we are and what we do and make the Appalachian Center a place you feel comfortable. See you soon!

Jennifer and Kathryn

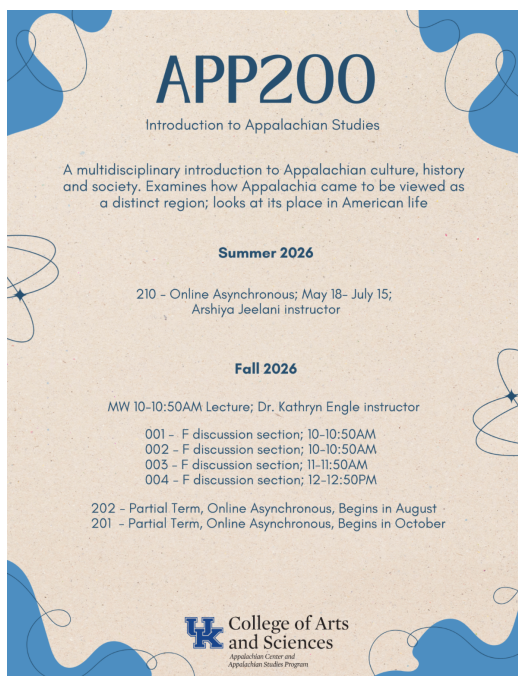
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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fall 2026 APP Courses

Interested in taking a course in Appalachian Studies? There are several sections of APP 200 for you to choose from this fall.



Fall 2026 APP 200 Sections include:

MW 10-10:50 AM Lecture (instructor: Dr. Kathryn Engle)

001 - F discussion section 10-10:50 AM

002 - F discussion section 10-10:50 AM

003 - F discussion section 11-11:50 AM

004 - F discussion section 12-12:50 PM

202 - partial term online asynchronous, begins in August

201 - partial term online asynchronous, begins in October

If you are interested in learning more about an undergraduate minor, certificate or graduate certificate in Appalachian Studies, go to the Appalachian Studies Program "Academics" webpage [linked here](#). A list of Fall 2026 courses that may be applied toward the minor/certificates may be found [linked here](#).



K Week - Pick Your Path Day

Friday, August 21 | 1-3 p.m.

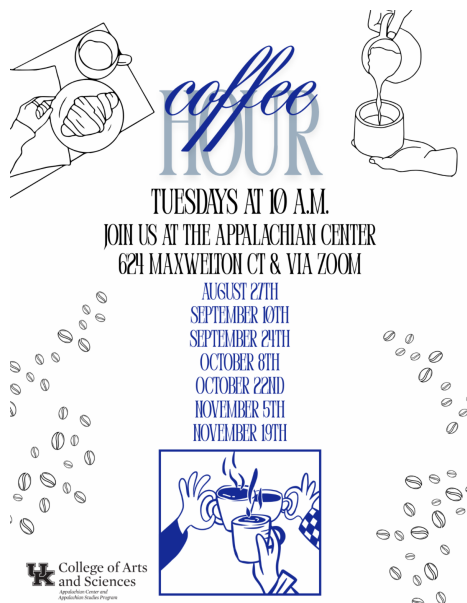
Hilltop/Woodland lawn, near W.T. Young Library

Experience Appalachia with the Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program!
Join us for free drinks, snacks and giveaways.

We hope to see you there!

[Click this link to check for updates and additional information](#)

Fall 2026 Coffee Hour at the Appalachian Center kicks off August 27



Thursday, August 27 | 10-11 a.m.
Appalachian Center, 624 Maxwellton Ct.

We welcome students, faculty, staff and community members for coffee and light refreshments. Come visit with others interested in the region and learn more about the work of the Appalachian Center and the Appalachian Studies Program.

Drop-in coffee hour is a space to exchange ideas for programs, initiatives and events, discuss regional issues and share research in a casual, collegial atmosphere.

[Click here for additional information.](#)

Welcome Back Open House and AppalachiaCorps Cohort Recognition

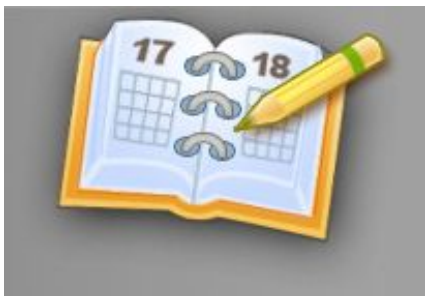
Thursday, September 10 | 4-5:30 p.m.
Appalachian Center, 624 Maxwellton Ct.

Kick off the fall 2026 semester with food and games. We will also be recognizing our summer 2026 AppalachiaCorps interns. We hope to see you there!

[Click here to check for updates and additional information about the Open House event.](#)



Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress - Upcoming October Presentations



Mark Your Calendars!

Join us for our SWAP (Sharing Work on Appalachia in Progress) presentations at the Appalachian Center or tune in virtually via Zoom. This year's SWAPs will showcase the research conducted by recipients of the 2026 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.

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 | 12:30-2:00 p.m.

Nicole Marks, Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts and Sciences:
“And the creek don’t rise: Disasters, Climate, and Resiliency in Appalachia.”

Emelia Harris, Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences in the College of Arts and Sciences: “Relationships Between Water Quality Indicators and Flooding in Southeastern Kentucky.”

Wednesday, October 28 | 12-1:30 p.m.

Holden Dillman, College of Social Work: “We Are Here: National and Appalachian Accounts of Youth-to-Adulthood Mental Health and Well-Being Among Sexual and Gender Minority Emerging and Early Adults.”

Ally Moseley, UK College of Social Work: “Rainbow Roads aren't just for video games: Visibility, Belonging, and Queer Voices in Kentucky's SAFE ROADS Debate.”

Hike the Pinnacles in Berea with the Appalachian Center

Sunday, October 18 | 12:30-5 p.m.

The Pinnacles, 2047 Big Hill Rd, Berea, Ky. 40403

Join the UK Appalachian Center and Appalachian Studies Program for a hiking trip to the Pinnacles in Berea. The trip will last approximately 12:30 to 5 p.m.

[Click here for additional information and the link to preregister.](#)

PINNACLES HIKE

OCTOBER 18TH 2026

12:30-5 PM

MEET AT APPALACHIAN CENTER

624 MAXWELTON CT.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST PREREGISTER



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APP Faculty Affiliates in the News

Kathryn Engle, Appalachian Center Director, was quoted in the article, "[Lend-A-Hand Grows Knox County Food Pantry with Solar Savings](#)". The article features some of the work Kathryn has been involved in with Lend-A-Hand and their solar initiative.

Chris Barton, Professor of Forest Hydrology and Watershed Management, talked about a restoration project he is a part of in the article, "[Threatened orchids were returning to southern Kentucky, then the 2025 tornado hit | WEKU](#)".

CHECK THIS OUT

[Environmental Health Seminar with Faculty Investigator, Yang Jiang, PhD - Thu, Aug. 27 2 PM](#)

[Monuments Workshop Presents: Beyond Statues at the UK Gatton Student Center - Sep. 11-12](#)

[Save the Date: 2026 Kentucky Water Resources Symposium - Sep. 18 \(registration closes Sep. 2\)](#)

[CLIMBS launches real-time network to forecast Kentucky landslides](#)

[Central Appalachia Leadership Lab - Apply by Jan. 3](#)

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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