

University of Kentucky Appalachian Center



*Appalachian Center and
Appalachian Studies Program*

Summer 2020-Spring 2021

UK Class of May 2021 Graduating Seniors



Appalachian Studies Minor



STACIE FUGATE

Minor

Stacie Fugate is a Political Science major and Appalachian Studies minor. Stacie decided to minor in Appalachian studies because being from Eastern Kentucky really made her value the culture, scenery, and history of Appalachia. The minor program was a great way for her to pay homage to her home and learn more about her people. For 3 semesters Stacie co-hosted the Holler Back! Podcast through the Appalachian Center. Stacie recently was selected for a position with Mountain Association working in the business support department. Then she wants to obtain her master's degree in urban planning. Stacie's takeaway from the Appalachian Studies program is that just because you're from an area, doesn't mean you can't still learn about it!



BILLY DEVERICKS

Minor

Billy will be graduating from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's in Political Science and History and a minor in Appalachian Studies. He decided to minor in Appalachian studies because of his love for the region. Billy was born and raised in Knott County, Kentucky, where he was very active in his community. For 2 semesters Billy co-hosted the [Holler Back! Podcast](#) through the Appalachian Center. His passion for learning about the Appalachian region is rooted in his upbringing. Billy encourages everyone who is interested in Appalachian Studies to get involved, especially those who are from the region as he strongly believes you can never know too much about your own home. Billy will be attending the University of Kentucky's Rosenberg College of Law in the Fall.



SUZANNE DEATON
photography

TANNER THOMPSON

Minor

Tanner is a Neuroscience major with a minor in Appalachian Studies. Next year, he will be attending the University of Kentucky College of Medicine where he hopes to reach his dream of becoming a physician. Max decided to minor in Appalachian Studies after learning how medically underserved his home of eastern Kentucky is. This minor has allowed him to better understand why the region is unique and how its history has led us to where we are today. The curriculum has also taught him about other medically underserved groups and lessons that can be applied to Appalachia. With Tanner's personal experience of growing up in the region and this objective knowledge, he hopes to return to eastern Kentucky and simply do as much good as possible.

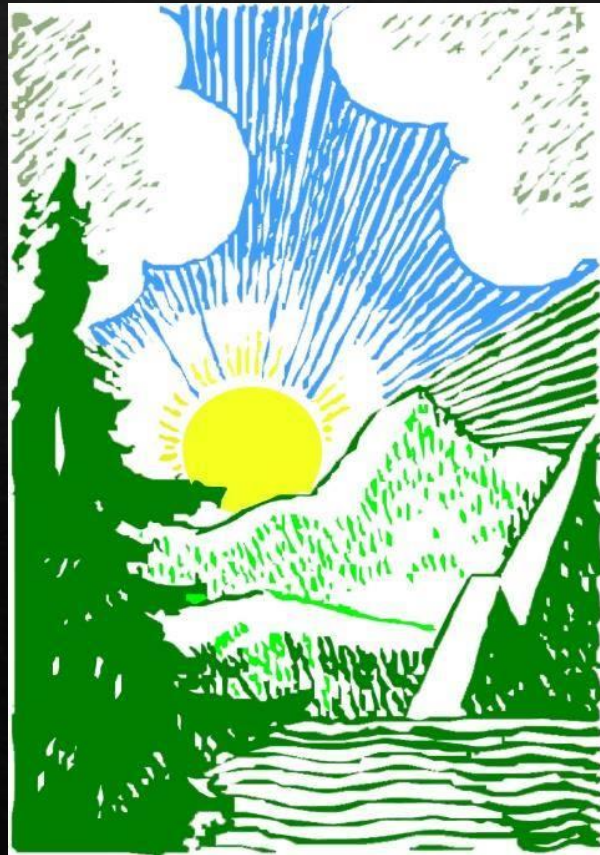


ANNIE SHEEHY

Minor

Annie is a Lexington native majoring in Theatre at UK. She was drawn to the Appalachian Studies program after creating theatre in Eastern Kentucky in the summer of 2019 that lead her to rediscover her familial ties to the region. Her post graduation plans are to move to New York City in the spring of 2022 to pursue a career in the Arts and to serve as an advocate for Appalachian voices in the theatre community as a whole.

UK Class of May 2021 Graduating Doctoral Students





DR. TAMMY CLEMONS

PhD- Anthropology

Dr. Tammy Clemons is graduating with a PhD in cultural anthropology. While at UK, she also earned a graduate certificate in gender & women's studies in 2014 and an MA in cultural anthropology in 2016. The UK Appalachian Center has been a second academic home and social community for Tammy since she began her doctoral program part-time in 2011. She worked as a TA for APP 200: Introduction to Appalachian Studies and has been awarded several Appalachian Center awards. She is grateful for the sustained support it has provided for her graduate coursework, research funding, and student leadership and advocacy through GARC. She will miss the many colleagues and friends she gained and looks forward to continued conversations and collaborations after graduation. Dr. Clemons plans to enjoy a summer sabbatical and is exploring postdoctoral positions and publication opportunities. She recently agreed to serve on the Editorial Board of the [Kentucky Folklife](#) digital magazine, and she continues working as an independent media artist through Partners for Education (PFE) at Berea College. She is one of the artist mentors for the PFE [Appalachian Teaching Artist Fellowship](#) program, which will include collaborating with and supporting arts residencies in eastern Kentucky schools in Fall 2021 and culminates in May 2022.



DR. CARSON BENN

PhD- History

Dr. Carson Benn is graduating with a degree of Doctor of Philosophy in the Department of History. He will fondly remember his years of learning, teaching, organizing, and otherwise being totally unproductive at the Appalachian Center. Carson has taught APP 200 and two sections of APP 300 as well as received awards from the Appalachian Center. The Center has supported Carson in countless ways, but most importantly, it has inspired him with the hope that a University really can connect students and researchers with the surrounding community, either through reconnecting students with the places they're from, or by connecting students with places they couldn't ever have previously imagined they'd encounter. After graduation, Carson is planning to lead tours at a local distillery, use his hammock more often, and teach a few history courses at a nearby college.

UK Class of December 2020 Graduating Students





GRACE MOSES

Student Intern

Grace Moses graduated in December 2020 with a degree in Agricultural and Medical Biotechnology. She is currently finishing up her first semester in the University of Kentucky's Physician Assistant program. Grace will graduate in 2023 and begin practicing medicine as Grace Moses, PA-C. Grace loved working and volunteering at the Appalachian Center during her undergraduate career. She was empowered to take on new leadership roles, and to pioneer the new AppalachiaCorps program. She served as a student intern with the Sunup Initiative working on racial justice organizing in her hometown of Corbin, Kentucky. Grace was pushed to grow as a person and as a professional, and she has continued to utilize skills she developed during this growth period in her graduate career. The friendships Grace formed with coworkers and mentors at the Appalachian Center will be ones that she cherishes forever. This experience remains one of the most special Grace has had in her young life.

James S. Brown Graduate Student Award for Research on Appalachia

- ◆ Madeline Dunfee, *Epidemiology Biostatistics*, "The Influence of Social Networks on Appalachian Adults' Type Two Diabetes Self-Management"
- ◆ Emma Kiser, *History*, "Protecting Old-Growth Forests in the Mountain South"
- ◆ K.C. Vick, *Sociology*, "Demarginalizing methods: Engaging community-based participatory methodology in a South Appalachian cancer cluster study"

UK Appalachian Center Eller & Billings Student Research Award

- ❖ Zachary Hackworth, *Forestry and Natural Resources*, "A Five-Year Evaluation of Mammalian Herbivory Impacts on Surface Mine Reforestation Plantings in Southeastern Kentucky"
- ❖ Courtney Martin, *Biology (Undergraduate)*, "Investigating Cancer in Appalachian Kentucky through Content Analysis of Oral History Interviews"
- ❖ Benjamin Rhodes, *Forestry and Natural Resources*, "An evaluation of red spruce reforestation on mined lands and old field sites in the West Virginia highlands"
- ❖ Briana Snyder, *Forestry and Natural Resources*, "Bat Foraging on West Virginia Mined Land Restored via the Forestry Reclamation Approach"
- ❖ Sarah Tomke, *Forestry and Natural Resources*, "Determining the Distribution of Eastern Hellbenders in Kentucky using Environmental DNA (eDNA) Methods"

Fall 2020



Virtual
COFFEE HOUR

EVERY OTHER THURSDAY THIS FALL FROM 10 AM - 11 AM

09/03 09/17 10/01 10/15 10/29 11/12



Lend-A-Hand Center Fall Creek Cleanup

Join us for a creek cleanup and water testing event on Saturday, October 17th!

Both adults and kids are encouraged to participate. Meet at the Lend-A-Hand Center. Participants will be given \$25 Walmart gift cards for their participation. All cleanup supplies will be provided. Bring your mask & waterproof shoes/boots.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17TH

10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MEET AT LEND-A-HAND CENTER

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CALL (606) 542 - 4212 TO PRE-REGISTER
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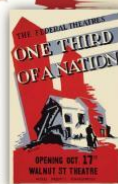


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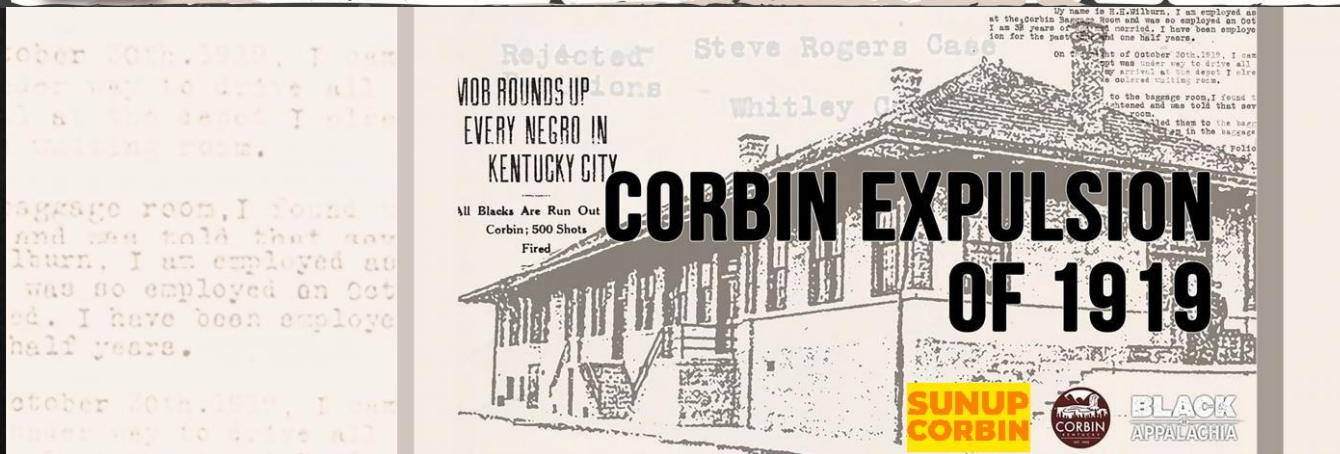
Mobilizing the Arts in a Crisis: THE WPA'S LESSONS FOR TODAY



OCTOBER 20, 2020 • 7 PM (EDT) • LIVE WEBINAR

The Cooperative for the Humanities and Social Sciences series "Crises and Creating Social Change" examines the Work Progress Administration "back to work" programs for artists during the Great Depression, notably, the Federal Theatre Project and Federal Music Project.

Co-sponsored by the UK Appalachian Center



COMING OUT IN APPALACHIA:
LGBTQ* Film Screening + Discussion

Spring 2021

Virtual

COFFEE HOUR

*Every Thursday This Spring
10 AM - 11 AM*

02/11 02/25 03/25 04/08

04/22 05/06



Sharing Work On Appalachia in Progress

02/23

03/02

03/30

04/13

04/28

12:00 PM - 1:30 PM via ZOOM

- ◆ Dane Ritter, English: “Maybe Mountain: The Devastating Poetry of Mountaintop Removal” (James Brown award recipient).
- ◆ Rachael Blandau, political science: “Substantive Political Representation in Rural Kentucky” (James Brown award recipient).
- ◆ Courtney Walker, epidemiology: “Environmental Risk Factors for Gestational Hypertension in Kentucky” (Eller/Billings award recipient).
- ◆ Kathleen Williams, forestry and natural resources: “Survival and Cause-Specific Mortality of Elk Calves in Kentucky” (Eller/Billings award recipient).
- ◆ Sia Beasley, anthropology; “Reproducing Marginalization: Cultural Politics of Obstetric Service Closures in the Rural United States” (James Brown award recipient).



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- ◆ Jade Hollan, educational, school, and counseling psychology: “Kentucky Appalachians’ Intentions to Use Telemental Health” (James Brown award recipient).
- ◆ Madeline Dunfee, epidemiology-biostatistics: “Conducting Social Network Analysis Among Adults with Cardiometabolic Disease in Appalachia” (James Brown award recipient).
- ◆ Carson Benn, history: “Broadcasting Region: The Midwest Program on Airborne Television Instruction and the Case for an Appalachian Network” (James Brown award recipient).
- ◆ Lauren Hudson, neuroscience and biology (undergraduate): “Enhancing Cancer Literacy Among Appalachian Kentucky Middle and High School Students” (Eller/Billings award recipient).
- ◆ Annie Koempel, anthropology, “Embodied Insecurities: Socio-Economic Status, Eating Patterns, and Metabolic Health”
- ◆ Rebecca Ellen Tucker, education policy studies and evaluation, “Berea College's Commitment to Appalachia Kentucky”



***Black History
Month
Appalshop
Double Feature***

**02/26/2021 6:00 PM
via Zoom**

**"MABEL PARKER HARDISON
SMITH"
&
"HIS EYE IS ON THE SPARROW"**



**BREAKING
THE SILENCE
LILLIAN SMITH**

A DOCUMENTARY FILM BY HAL & HENRY JACOBS

VIRTUAL SCREENING & DOCUMENTARY DISCUSSION



**VIEW THE FILM ONLINE
THE WEEK OF
MARCH 17TH - 24TH, 2021**

**JOIN US FOR A Q&A WITH
FILMMAKER HAL JACOBS &
ACTOR BRENDA BYNUM ON
MARCH 24TH
FROM 3 - 4:15 PM**



Appalachian Spirits:

THE HISTORY AND PLACE OF MOONSHINE IN
APPALACHIA'S CULTURE AND ECONOMY

Speaker Series

11 AM via Zoom

04/06/2021

Daniel Pierce
Professor of History,
UNC Asheville

04/13/2021

Seth DeBolt
Director, James B. Beam Institute
for Kentucky Spirits

04/27/2021

Laura Ann Freeman
The Moonshine Trail,
Laura's Homestead
Alternatives

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GRADUATE PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOPS

UK College of Arts
and Sciences

4.23

12:00 PM

PUBLICLY ENGAGED SCHOLARSHIP

Are you interested in publicly-engaged scholarship and working with local communities? Please join us for a panel featuring scholars from a variety of disciplines to learn more about their work and suggested best practices. The workshop will acquaint you with a broad array of resources and conversations on the topic of publicly-engaged scholarship and answer any questions you may have.

Co-sponsored by the Cooperative for the Humanities and Social Sciences, the Commonwealth Institute for Black Studies, the Appalachian Center, and the Center for Equality and Social Justice. Faculty Panelists include Christia Brown (Psychology), Ann Kingsolver (Anthropology), Francis Musoni (History), Natalie Nenadic (Philosophy), and Matthew Wilson (Geography). Please feel free to send questions in advance to petrone@uky.edu.

REGISTRATION REQUIRED TO ATTEND



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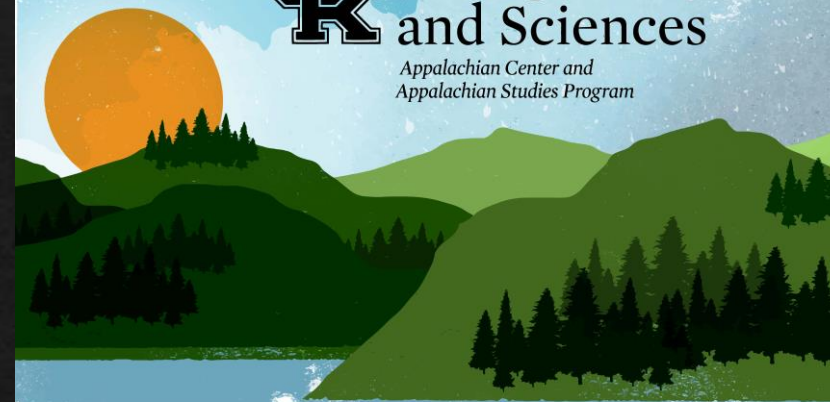
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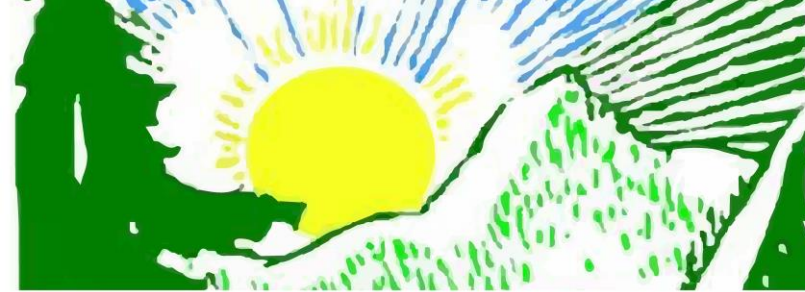
**Appalachian Studies at UK
offers the following
programs & opportunities:**

- Appalachian Studies Minor
- Undergraduate Certificate in Appalachian Studies
- Graduate Appalachian Research Community
- "Appalachian Forum" Speaker Series
- Internships and research opportunities
- Travel and research grants
- Appalachian concerts, exhibits, film screenings, and special events





Appalachian Research Community



Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC)

The University of Kentucky's Graduate Appalachian Research Community (GARC) is a student organization that promotes interdisciplinary dialogue on Appalachian research. We work to foster a supportive community in which students from various disciplines can collaborate, learn from each other's findings, and discuss research obstacles and successes.

GARC hosts meetings and events throughout the year, as well as the yearly Appalachian Research Symposium and Arts Showcase for student researchers and artists. This event is open to students of **all disciplines and academic levels.**





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