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# The 8th annual Research Symposium and Arts Showcase



Appalachian Inheritance:
Legacies and Futures

Saturday, February 18, 2017

University of Kentucky Law School Courtroom

## **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

8:00-9:00 Registration, Coffee & Light Breakfast, Poster Setup Law School Courtroom Lobby

#### 9:00-9:15 Welcome

Melissa Wiser, GARC President Law School Courtroom

#### 9:15-10:00 Agriculture and Forestry Panel

"Evaluating the Role of Farm Safety Curriculum Intervention in Changed Behaviors Among Appalachia Youth," Tori Summey

"Impact of Youth-Adult Partnerships on Rural Appalachian Tractor Safety Curriculum," Ashley C. Leer

"Quercus alba Diversity Study," Rachel G. Landham

#### 10:05-10:50 Arts and Performances Panel

"What If There Was a Fire?' Storytelling, Youth, and Community Theater in Appalachia," Tammy Clemons

"How We Live Together: Exploring Appalachian Futures," Shannon Ruhl

## 10:50-11:10 Morning Break and Networking Session

## 11:15-11:25 Poetry Performance

"My Land is Burning," Kathryn Engle

## 11:30-12:00 History Panel

"Keep it the Same'—Exploring a Mountain Community's Ideals through Sound," Emma Kiser

"Miners and the New Left: The Experience and Legacy of the Miners' Right to Strike Committee, 1972-1979," Judson Abraham

#### 12:00-12:45 Lunch

Law School Courtroom Lobby

## 12:45-1:20 Poster Session (details on page 4)

Law School Courtroom Lobby

### 1:30-3:00 Keynote Panel

Introductions: Olivia Spradlin, Symposium Co-Chair

Moderator: Kathryn Engle

Panelists: Dwight Billings, Ivy Brashear, Robert Gipe,

Crystal Wilkinson

## 3:00-3:15 Afternoon Break and Networking Session

#### 3:20-4:20 Health Panel

"Paradoxical Treatment: Drug-Using Women's Navigations of Impossible Identities in Rural Appalachia," Lesly-Marie Buer

"Pyrrhic Resilience and Precarious Employment in Upstate South Carolina," Henry Bundy

"Public Health and the Life Cycle of Coal within a 'Just Transition,'"
Jared Flanery

"The Haldeman Center: Changing a Legacy," Anna Nichols and Faith McNabb

### 4:25-5:00 Development Panel

"What is the Value in the Kentucky Trail Town Program? A Case Study," Monica Powell

"Appalachian Trails, Routes, Migration Patterns: Implications for Youth in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century," Brandon Pollack, Aaron Clark, and Pedro A. Herrera-Castro

## 5:00-5:10 Closing Remarks

Leah Vance, Symposium Co-Chair

#### **Poster Session**

- "'I Guess I'll Come into the City': Health and Social Support Among Aging Lesbian and Gay Individuals," Marc Aaron Guest, Solly Van Meter, Hollie Sands
- "Access to Transit: Analysis of LKLP in Perry County," Ranell Mueller, Catherine Schneider
- "Gathering the Stories of Appalachian Foodways: An Oral History Project," Julie Nelms
- "Tracking a Tree-Killer: Detecting Phytophthora cinnamomic in Eastern Kentucky," Kenton Sena
- "Household Goods, Hegemony, and Social Justice at Kentucky Company Coal Mining Towns," Zada Komara
- "Effect of Grading on Productivity of High-Value Tree Species in Appalachian Surface Mines," Wesley Dement

#### **Our Presenters**

Judson Abraham, Virginia Tech

Lesly-Marie Buer, University of Kentucky

Henry Bundy, University of Kentucky

Aaron Clark, Berea College

Tammy Clemons, University of Kentucky

Wesley Dement, University of Kentucky

Kathryn Engle, University of Kentucky

Jared Flanery, recent graduate of Columbia University and LSE

Marc Aaron Guest, University of Kentucky

Pedro A. Herrera-Castro, Berea College

Emma Kiser, University of Kentucky

Zada Komara, University of Kentucky

Rachel G. Landham, University of Kentucky

Ashley C. Leer, University of Kentucky

Faith McNabb, Morehead State University

Ranell Mueller, University of Kentucky

Julie Nelms, Berea College

Anna Nichols, Morehead State University

Brandon Pollack, Berea College

Monica Powell, Berea College

Shannon Ruhl, University of Virginia

Hollie Sands, University of Kentucky

Catherine Schneider, University of Kentucky

Kenton Sena, University of Kentucky

Tori Summey, University of Kentucky

Solly Van Meter, University of Kentucky

#### **Our Keynote Panelists**

Dwight B. Billings, professor of sociology and distinguished professor of arts and sciences at the University of Kentucky, is a past president of the Appalachian Studies Association and a past editor of the Journal of Appalachian Studies. His most recent book is The Road to Poverty: The Making of Wealth and Hardship in Appalachia with Kathleen Blee. He is currently at work on a book about past and current struggles for economic and political justice in Appalachia.

Ivy Brashear is the Appalachian Transition and Communications Associate at the Mountain Association for Community Economic Development in Berea, Ky. Before joining MACED in 2013, she worked as a reporter for the Hazard Herald in Hazard, Ky., and as chief blogger at The Rural Blog, a product of the Institute for Rural Journalism and Community Issues at the University of Kentucky. She holds a Journalism and Appalachian Studies Bachelor's Degree from Eastern Kentucky University, and a Master's Degree from the University of Kentucky in Community and Leadership Development. Her Master's thesis focuses on the impact reality television portrayals of Appalachia have on Appalachian peoples' perceptions of their culture. She is a native of Viper, Ky., a fifth-generation Perry Countian, and a tenth-generation Appalachian.

Robert Gipe has been the director of the Appalachian Program at Southeast Community and Technical College in Cumberland, Kentucky, since 1997. He is the author of *Trampoline: An Illustrated Novel*, winner of the 2015 Weatherford Award in Fiction, and a producer of *Higher Ground*, a series of community musical dramas based on oral histories and grounded in discussion of local issues. Robert was raised in Kingsport, Tennessee, and currently resides in Harlan, Kentucky.

Crystal Wilkinson, a Casey County, Kentucky, native, is a writer, teacher, and business owner. A founding member of the Affrilachian Poets, she most recently published her first novel, *Birds of Opulence*, and is the recipient of the 2016 Ernest J. Gaines Award in Literary Excellence. Crystal is currently the writer-in-residence at Berea College and has taught creative writing classes at several Kentucky colleges and universities. Along with her partner, she owns Wild Fig Books and Coffee on North Limestone in Lexington.

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