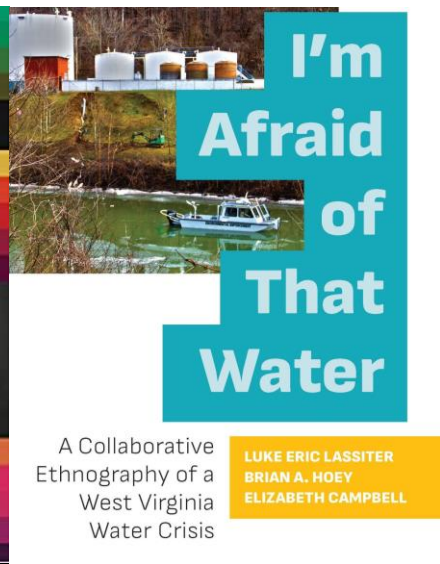
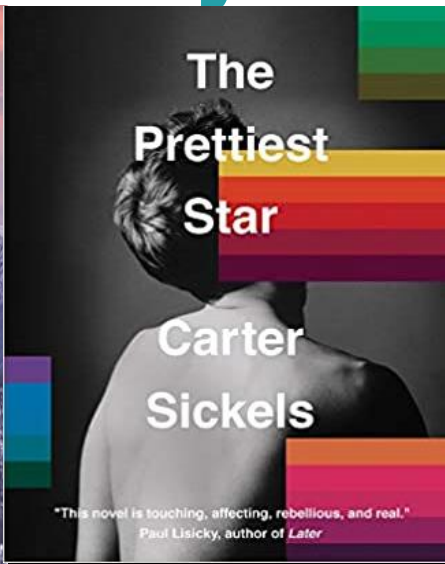
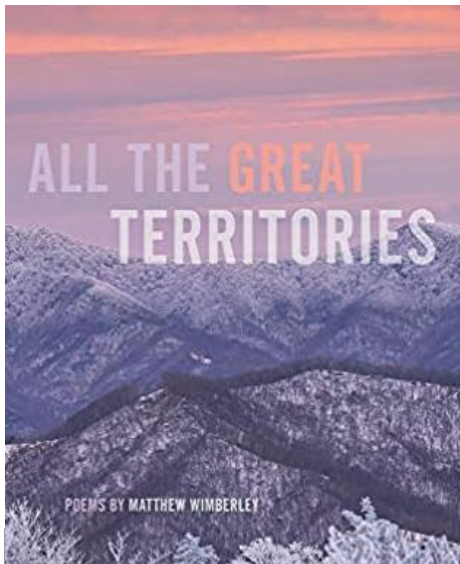


The Gravy Infusion



Weatherford Award Winners of 2020

Main Sharing

We are pleased to announce our dearest colleague **Bobby Starnes** is this year's recipient for the [Williams/Brown Service Award](#)! This honor is bestowed annually by the [Appalachian Studies Association](#) to individuals who made exemplary contributions to Appalachia.

For the last 45 years Bobby has used education to empower students and communities, including Appalachian teachers and students, immigrant communities in Boston, teacher support programs for community-focused teaching in Black Belt schools, and Native-American peoples in Montana.

Bobby spent her early childhood in Knott County, Ky., and grew up in Dayton, earned her teaching degree from Wayne State University, and opened a progressive k-8 school in southwest Ohio.

While working on her PhD (from Harvard University) in the 1980s, she did hands-on research about the experience of Appalachian children in Cincinnati schools, leading to changes in how they were understood.

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Congratulations to this year's Weatherford winners!

FICTION

The Prettiest Star by Carter Sickels

NONFICTION

I'm Afraid of That Water: A Collaborative Ethnography of a West Virginia Water Crisis Edited by Eric Luke Lassiter, Brian A. Hoey, and Elizabeth Campbell

POETRY

All the Great Territories by Matthew Wimberley

To learn more about the winners and how to order the books visit our [website](#)



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After decades teaching teachers and advocating for social justice, Bobby started at Berea College in 2006, where her current teaching commitment includes the Appalachian Male Initiative (AMI). Rick Childers, AMI advocate and mentor, says, “From the time Bobby welcomes students to campus before their first class until they graduate, the relationship between with them goes beyond just classroom content, students come to see her as someone they can trust in for guidance even in their personal lives.”

Bobby spreads light and hope everywhere she goes and we are honored to get to work alongside her.

Save the Date!

Kentucky Wildlands: Biodiversity, Climate Resilience & Just Transition

Greg Abernathy, Director of the Kentucky Natural Lands Trust

April 24, 12:00-1:00 <https://berea.zoom.us/j/95614882216>



Click [here](#) to view our last Dinner on the Grounds with Cassie Chambers.

