

bell hooks center

March 2022 Newsletter



ALT-TEXT: Students conversing in the bell hooks center
[Photograph by Crystal Wylie]

Visit us in the bell hooks center Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. until 5 P.M. Our space offers comfortable seating options, such as bean bag chairs, where students can come to study or simply meet with friends.

We offer a number of supplies for students by the front door. We consistently have menstruation supplies and safe sex supplies stocked. We have also added rainbow masks to the pile! Stop by and pick one up today!



ALT-TEXT: Students relaxing in the bell hooks center
[Photograph by Crystal Wylie]

COLLOQUIUM

LOCATION: ZOOM

TUESDAY, 3/1 12:00 PM



Angela Anderson

FEMINIST
ENTREPRENEURSHIP
AS LIBERATION

How Building Your Own Conscious
Business Creates Personal,
Professional, and Spiritual Freedom

In this transformational workshop, local feminist entrepreneur Angela Faith Anderson (she/her/hers) will help our community reframe entrepreneurship not as competition, but as collaboration. Instead of scarcity, feminist entrepreneurship focuses on abundance. Instead of inequality, it focuses on equity; all while creating economic self-sufficiency, social change, and a healthier planet. This workshop will teach you three key tools: how to ignite your entrepreneurial spirit; how to discover what uniquely qualifies you to be in feminist service and to create feminist impact; and how to unapologetically claim your own power as an agent of change.

ALT-TEXT: Colloquium poster featuring Angela Anderson

Join us for our [Colloquium](#) on Tuesday, March 1 at 12:00 P.M. for our Colloquium event featuring [Angela Anderson](#). In her talk, she will focus on how we can [reframe entrepreneurship](#) as collaboration, abundance, and equity. Angela will also teach us three key tools: how to ignite your entrepreneurial spirit, how to discover what uniquely qualifies you to be in feminist service and create an impact, and how to unapologetically claim your own power as an agent of change.



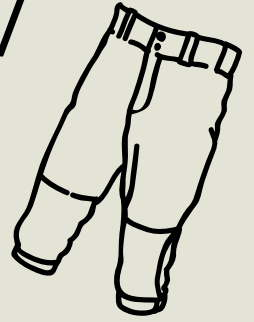
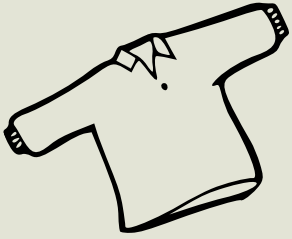
Remembering bell hooks



ALT-TEXT: Remembering bell hooks poster featuring bell hooks

As we continue to mourn Berea's beloved **bell hooks**, we will be hosting an event in remembrance of bell hooks on **March 2 from 5 PM - 7 PM** in the bell hooks center (Draper 106). Join us as we remember her through a memory and story circle. We invite the campus community to join us and share a memory or story of bell and how she helped shape your life and learning.

COMMUNITY CLOSET

A poster for the Community Closet. The background is white with colorful geometric shapes in shades of blue, green, and orange. On the right, there is a circular inset image showing a rack of clothes on wooden hangers, including a grey sweater, a green sweater, and an orange shirt. The text is arranged as follows:

Save the environment while saving money!

COMMUNITY CLOSET

**on first Fridays at
the bell hooks center**

**OPEN FROM 11-1
THE FIRST FRIDAY OF
EVERY MONTH**

We aim to provide a safe space for students, faculty and staff to get stylish, size-inclusive and gender affirming clothing and accessories, as well as information about other resources on and off campus.

To encourage social distancing, we will limit the number of students in the community closet to 10 at a time.

The Community Closet is free and open to all Bereans.

ALT-TEXT: Community Closet poster featuring a rack of clothes

We will begin accepting donations for our [Community Closet](#) once again on March 4! We will be limiting donations to two bags per donor. Additionally, we welcome the campus community to visit our Community Closet the first Friday of each month. Traditionally, we have a five-item-only limit. We offer a variety of clothes, from jeans, shirts, suits, and shoes!

CONVOCATION

with Alok

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ALOK VAID-MENON
(Feb. 17th at 3PM)



An Afternoon with Alok

Alok (they/them) is an internationally acclaimed gender non-conforming writer, performer, and public speaker. They are the author of *Femme in Public* (2017) and *Beyond the Gender Binary* (2020). They are also the creator of #DeGenderFashion: a movement to de-gender fashion and beauty industries. As a mixed-media artist Alok uses poetry, comedy, lecture, performance, fashion design, and visual art to explore themes of gender, race, trauma, belonging, and the human condition. In their talk, Alok will address making bell hooks' work relevant today in a way that moves feminism and gender equity forward, beyond a binary.

We had a wonderful time learning from Alok at the February 17th Convocation. There, Alok spoke using poetry and an on-the-spot presentation of how we can learn from bell hooks and make her work relevant in way in which promotes moving feminism and gender equity forward, beyond the gender norms set forth by our patriarchal society. In doing this, we allow people to be free to express themselves as they are, without fear of being who they are.



Gender Talk



ALT-TEXT: Gender Talk poster featuring a dance troupe.

We enjoyed having [Katy Pyle](#) join us for our [Gender Talk](#) on February 23. At the Gender Talk, Katy discussed their work to radically reimagine the ballet canon to include non-binary, trans, and gender non-conforming queer dancers. Ballez continues to challenge ballet's cis-hetero patriarchal, racist and body shaming legacy through conversations and classes.

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