

bell hooks center

October 2022 Newsletter



Come visit the bell hooks center in Draper 106, where you will find comfortable, accessible seating such as rockers and beanbag chairs. Come hang out with friends, to study, or to simply relax!

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

We offer pronoun pins, contraceptives, menstrual supplies, and resource guides at the front door of the bell hooks center.



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

MEET BHC PROGRAM ASSOCIATES!

My name is Rocky (they/them). I am an International Student from Costa Rica. WGS major. I love playing instruments, write poetry and songs.



My name is Autumn (she/her) and I am a Business Administration major with a concentration in Marketing. This is my second year working at the bell hooks center, and I will be assisting in symposia and programming planning as well as booking for the Spring Colloquium.



I am Malaya Wright (she/her), a junior majoring in WGS and minoring in Asian Studies and History. Basically, I am a huge nerd. If you can't find me hustling around campus, I'll be searching for bugs, creating art, or playing video games.

Colloquium



Women's, Gender, & Sexuality Studies Colloquium Series

Dayzaughn Graves graduated from Berea College's Women and Gender Studies department in 2019. Her work in community development for **Kentuckians for the Commonwealth** and passion for housing justice exemplifies how creative cultural work can foster collective care. Come learn from Dayzaughn as they speak more about how we can care for each other in politically potent ways.



Draper 106
October 5, 2022 @ 12 pm
Lunch served

ALT TEXT: Colloquium series poster with a picture of two people

The Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies Department second colloquium will take place on Wednesday, October 5, at 12 pm with **Dayzaughn Graves!**

COMMUNITY CLOSET

Free gently-used clothing & accessories!

COMMUNITY CLOSET EVENT

1st Fridays
in Sept.-Nov.
11 AM-1 PM
bell hooks center
Draper 106

We ARE accepting donations!
Please bring reusable shopping bags.
Can't make it to the event?

Stop by Draper 106 to check out our community closet!



ALT TEXT: Community Closet poster featuring animated characters.

We welcome everyone to join us for our Community Closet event on the first Friday in October and November. You can also stop by Draper 106 anytime to peruse our selection and rummage through our permanent closet!

Pride Week!

BEREA COLLEGE PRIDE WEEK

- 10/11 @ 12 Coming Out Day Party in the Quad featuring *Thelma & the Sleaze*, pizza, rainbow cupcakes, & swag!
- 10/11 @ 6 Movie night in the bhc showing 'Moonlight'; snacks provided!
- 10/12 @ 12 Student Activist presentation feat. A'Nya 'Thena' Badger in the bhc; lunch from Happy Jack's provided!
- 10/13 @ 6 Movie night in the bhc showing 'Prom'; snacks provided!
- 10/14 @ 12 Mindfulness Hour in the bhc
- 10/15 @ 7 Drag Show in Musser Theatre; bring your dollars to tip!



ALT TEXT: Pride Week poster with scheduled activities

We are excited to introduce **PRIDE WEEK** full of activities during October, LGBTQ+ history month! Join us for our **Coming Out Day**, **Student Activist** presentation, **movie nights**, a **Drag Show** and more!



Coming Out Day



ALT TEXT: Coming out poster showing people and pride stickers

bell hooks center presents Coming Out Day festivities on October 11th featuring live music from Thelma & the Sleaze, an independent all-female, queer southern rock band from Nashville.

Join us to celebrate the vibrancy of LGBTQPIA+ Life on the Quad! Pizza & cupcakes will be served.

Pride Week Student Activist Feature!

STUDENT ACTIVIST SERIES



Lunch is served!

12-1 PM | October 12

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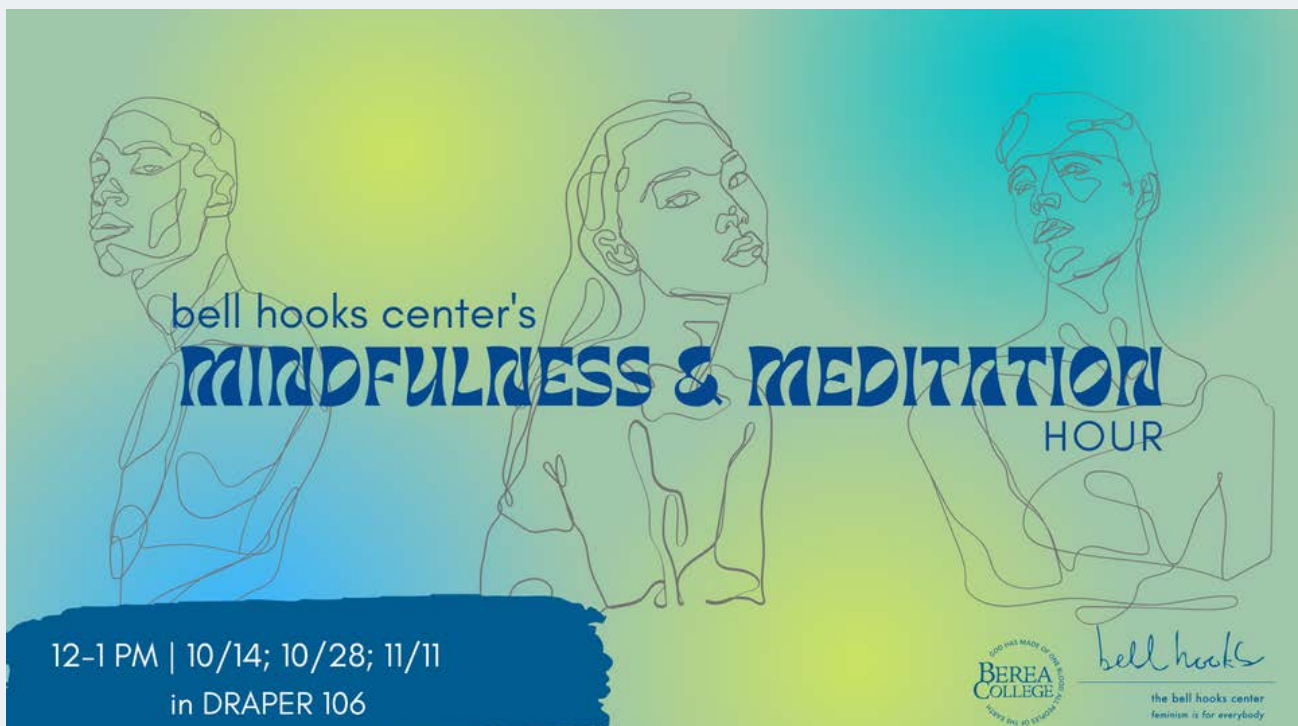
Thena Badger

Growing up as a young queer black woman in West Virginia, it was hard to accept and confront all of Thena's convictions and identities. Spaces that were majority white and exclusive toward young people felt disheartening. She began to transform this idea for herself and those in her community by helping create space for those who have intersectional identities that, on the surface, seem to be at odds with one another. Beginning with organizing in West Virginia around discriminatory school policy, making a community for the disenfranchised became her life's work. She began to organize with The Stay Together Appalachian Youth Project and Black Appalachian Young and Rising to empower young people to make a change in their communities while lifting each other up. Most recently, she has been organizing with the Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice to help bring together faith and passion for reproductive health. This collaboration gave birth to Spiritual Youth for Reproductive Freedom. SYRF's goal is to unite young people passionate about reproductive choice and those with religious convictions. Join us for a conversation framed by servant leadership about how to embrace sitting at the crossroads.

ALT TEXT: Student Activist Series poster with a person sitting in front of treetops

Join us for a Pride Week Student Activist Feature showcasing **Thena Badger** and her work to create spaces that provide a sense of belonging for those with a variety of intersecting identity markers. Join us for lunch on a conversation on sitting at the crossroads framed by servant leadership!

MINDFULNESS & MEDITATION




ALT TEXT: Mindfulness and Meditation poster showing linear characters

Come and **relax** on our open space with low lights, sounds, and guided meditations from **12-1 pm** every other Friday as scheduled.

You are more than welcome to pray, meditate, nap, or quietly practice what helps you to unwind.

GENDER TALK



Kadji Amin
Associate Professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University

Trans Empiricism, *A Manifesto*

Oct. 26
11:50-1pm
Draper 106
Includes lunch.

Trans and nonbinary people practice empiricism every day. Whereas scientists reduce empiricism to objectivity, empiricism's original meanings are *experience*, *experimentation*, and *sensory knowledge*. Well, sensory knowledge and experiments with gender presentation are how trans people know that we are trans in the first place. While transphobes claim that trans people are at war with our bodies, our sexes, and our biology, this manifesto proposes that trans empiricism is a way of honoring trans body-knowledges, even and especially when they call for transition in the flesh. By putting empiricism, not identity, at the center of our politics, our spirituality, and our theory, and by using the Black feminist intersectional praxis of coalition as our compass, we can envision and create a world that materially supports trans flourishing.

Respondent: Amrita Mishra, Assistant Professor of English

Gender Talk

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ALT TEXT: Gender talk poster featuring, title, and summary of the presentation's topic

Mark your calendars for the upcoming Gender Talk on October 26th, featuring Kadji Amin! An associate professor of Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Emory University, Amin will explain how trans empiricism supports trans flourishing.

Pride

ARE YOU LGBTQIA+ OR AN ALLY?

THE BELL HOOKS CENTER IS AN INCLUSIVE SPACE FOR ALL STUDENTS!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE NOTIFICATIONS OF LGBTQIA-SPECIFIC PROGRAMMING & RESOURCES, PLEASE EMAIL **KAT** AT MOSESK2@BEREA.EDU!

STOP BY DRAPER 106 FOR CONTRACEPTIVES, PRONOUN PINS, ZINES, GENDER-INCLUSIVE COLORING SHEETS, TEA, & A NAP!

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ALT TEXT: Are you LGBTQIA+ or an ally poster with pride stickers

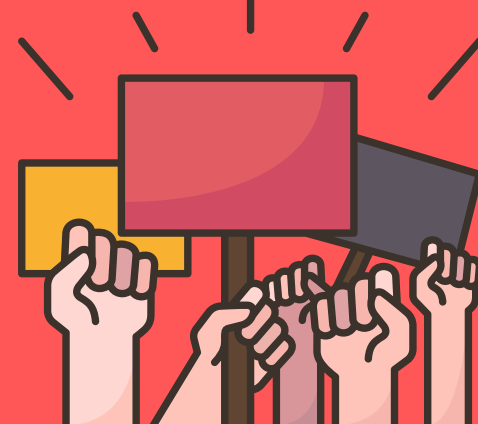


THURSDAY IRAN PROTEST



A collage-style poster for an Iran vigil. The background is a grid of newspaper text. Overlaid elements include: a blue megaphone icon on the left; a map of Iran in the center, filled with intricate black and white mandala patterns; a pink square with the word 'IRAN' in large, bold, blue letters; a pink fist icon on the right; and several text boxes with white text on black backgrounds. The text includes: 'equal rights for everyone', 'THURSDAY, OCT. 6th (7-9pm) Draper quad', 'Join us for a vigil to learn more about and support the women of Iran and those who rally with them.', and 'hosted by the bell hooks center and the women's, gender, and sexuality studies department'. There are also some red scribbles and lines over the bottom part of the collage.

We invite you to join us for a vigil this week, October 6th, in support of the women and other human rights activist in Iran who have been terrorized by the state and continue to demand their freedom.



ALT TEXT: Iran vigil poster

Creative Works!

Do you want your feminist creative work featured in the next bell hooks center newsletter? Submit your piece(s) to mosesk@berea.edu



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BY:
**ILLY
DENNIS**

ALT TEXT: Art poster displaying a hand and circles behind it

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