

# *bell hooks center*

## *— March 2023 Newsletter —*



ALT TEXT: By Rosy Petri, a colorful quilted person's face and geometric designs

We offer pronoun pins, contraceptives, menstrual supplies, and resource guides at the front door of the bell hooks center. We also have a variety of zines available!



ALT TEXT: Students hanging out together in the bell hooks center

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, study, simply relax, or add/take an affirmation from our positivity-tree!



# GENDER TALK

## Black and Indigenous SOLIDARITY

Gender  
*Talk*

Wednesday  
March 15  
12-1pm  
Draper 106

Lunch will  
be served

Indigenous women have been fighting patriarchal violence since the beginnings of settler colonialism. Because they and gender non-conforming persons often held positions of leadership in Indigenous societies, colonialism strategically imposed patriarchal violence to undermine Indigenous governance. For this reason, Indigenous feminists have long linked the status of women to the sovereignty of Native Nations more generally, proclaiming that Native women represent political alternatives to the settler state. In this talk,

Jennifer Marley discusses the origins of Indigenous feminist resistance, focusing on how Indigenous feminists in North America share their traditions of resistance with Black feminists. Together, they create generative possibilities for decolonization to address police violence, bordertown violence, land back movements and environmental justice, missing and murdered Indigenous women, and international solidarity.

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SPEAKER: *Jennifer Marley*

RESPONDENT: Gwendolyn Ferreti



ALT TEXT: Gender talk poster featuring a person and description of the presentation

Join us on Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
at 12 pm for our bell hooks center  
Gender Talk featuring Jennifer  
Marley.





# WGS COLLOQUIUM

WOMEN'S, GENDER, & SEXUALITY STUDIES PRESENTS

## COLLOQUIUM REFLECTIONS OF BLACKHOOD

Dr. DaMaris B. Hill's most recent book, *Breath Better Spent: Living Black Girlhood*, is deemed "urgent" and "luminous" in a starred Publisher's Weekly review. Her first book, *A Bound Woman Is a Dangerous Thing*, is a searing and powerful narrative-in-verse that bears witness to American women of color burdened by incarceration. It was an Amazon #1 Best Seller in African American Poetry and a Publishers Weekly Top 10 History Title for the season. Her digital work includes "Shut Up In My Bones", a poem that uses "remix/pastiche, intertextuality, and irony as strategies of identity formation to remember and honor a specific cultural past, while at the same time working to construct visions of a better future".



THURSDAY, MARCH 23RD AT 11 AM IN THE BHC IN DRAPER 106

DR. DAMARIS B. HILL



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ALT TEXT: Colloquium poster with a picture of the reflection of a person and an abstract of the speaker's presentation

On Thursday, March 23 at 11 am, Dr. DaMaris B. Hill will open with a reading from her most recent book, *Breath Better Spent*. It's a meditation on the technology of the breath, inclusive of laughing, speaking and voice, praying in the lives of Black girls/women/ womyn. She will then transition into a discussion about writing from a space of rediscovery and celebrating Black girlhood.

# STUDENT ACTIVIST SERIES



## *Student Activist Series* **ANYA KASIANOVA** *Ukrainian diaspora & the war with Russia*

Anya will be showcasing evidence of Ukrainian diaspora and the efforts of Ukrainians to assist in the war against Russia through two documentaries she made last year with the New York Film Academy. She will also introduce the organization she volunteered with and the ways in which Ukrainians around the world are making a difference.

**March 29 | 12-1 PM | Draper 106**  
**Lunch is served!**



**ALT-TEXT: Student Activist Series poster featuring a person and event description**

Join us for lunch on March 29 with Anya Kasianova as she shows two documentaries about Ukrainian diaspora she made last year with the New York Film Academy and discusses the many ways in which Ukrainians have assisted in war efforts against the Russian aggression.





# ***Call for Student Activists***



**ALT-TEXT:**  
Call for Student Activist poster showing three fists and cartoon characters.

The bell hooks center is seeking student activists for 2023-2024. We host the Student Activist Series on select Wednesday's during the noon hour to celebrate social justice activism on/off campus. The center provides a platform for students to share their expertise with our campus community. Lunch is served. Interested students should contact Kat Moses at [mosesk2@berea.edu](mailto:mosesk2@berea.edu).





# Community Closet



***We invite the campus community to peruse our Community Closet for shirts, pants, professional clothing, shoes, accessories, and more! The Community Closet is open Monday-Friday from 9AM-12PM and 1PM-5PM.***





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