

STUDENT ACTIVIST SERIES



Lunch is served!

12-1 PM | October 12

bell hooks center | Draper 106

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.