

## **Inquiry into Appalachian Memory and Tradition**

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“How do we remember Appalachia?” This will be the guiding question of our course as we practice a variety of research methods that will be helpful throughout your college career and beyond. We will explore Appalachian myths, traditions, and memories through a wide range of Appalachian texts - from Civil War letters, Cherokee myths, and old newspapers, to recent short stories, documentaries, and historical fiction. We will conduct interviews with Appalachians and examine local traditions to get an idea of how people have lived in this region and how their memories have been carried on to this day. Our investigations in this course will include diverse topics such as Appalachian farming, medicine, crafts, religion, cooking, moonshining, music, sports, superstitions, and more – you will be invited to explore your own topics of interest.