

**As we move into the first full week of LGBTQ+ Pride Month, the Appalachian Studies Association celebrates and holds space with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, aromantic, pansexual, and folx of many additional identities who live within and beyond Appalachia. ASA encourages members to be active in the struggles for equity for all persons. In these times, we must continue to support individuals of trans experience, especially those who are also young, Native, disabled, Black, individuals of color, women, Appalachian, and/or part of additional minoritized or excluded identities. We must continue to support reproductive rights for all individuals who can give birth. We must continue to support each other.**

**As scholars, activists, educators, practitioners, students, individuals, groups, and institutions associated with Appalachia, we are familiar with holding pride for a place many set aside as other. So we come together not only to celebrate LGBTQ+ identities, but also to join together in our movements from margins to center.**

