# Y'all Means All: Survivors & Advocates in (and from) Appalachia Laura Beth Weaver, M.A. lbweaver@vsdvalliance.org

# **Pronouncing Appalachia**

- Sharyn McCrumb's explanation
- The Birthplace of Country Music's take on it

### **Articles**

- The Demonization of Rural America
- The Lies We're Told About Appalachia

## **Tyler Childers Pushes Back**

(article + link to video statement + link to song)

## Maps

- Appalachian Regional Commission
- Virginia Poverty Map

# An incomplete list of recommended reading

- Appalachia: A History by John Alexander Williams
- · Anything by bell hooks
- Storming Heaven by Denise Giardina

"This is the story of the miners and the union they wanted, of the people who loved them and the people who wanted to kill their dreams." A novel about the tragic Battle of Blair Mountain.

- Bastard Out of Carolina by Dorothy Allison
- Anything by Wendell Berry
- The Poco Field: An American Story of Place by Rev. Dr. Talmage A. Stanley (one of my mentors)
- On my reading list: Another Appalachia: Coming Up Queer and Indian in a Mountain Place by Neema Avashia