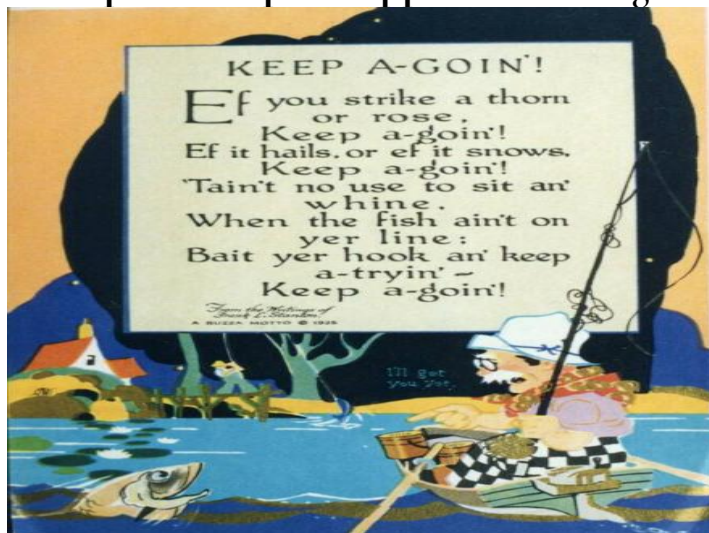


## 493A Special Topics: Appalachian Englishes



English 493A: CRN 18312; Colson 130; Tuesdays and Thursdays (11:30 AM to 12:45 PM)  
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This course directs students to study Appalachian Englishes, including their histories, sociolinguistic statuses, and current variations. We will also explore the stereotypes surrounding Appalachian Englishes, including their media representations. Through active research, we will describe the intersections of language and society in Appalachia and discuss how to best combat the prejudices against Appalachians and their dialects.

We will focus on gaining

- an understanding of the linguistic and social constraints on Appalachian Englishes.
- respect for human language, including vernacular variation.
- knowledge of Appalachia's diachronic and synchronic language variation.

Texts:

- Hazen, Kirk (ed.). 2020. *Appalachian Englishes in the Twenty-First Century*. Morgantown, WV: WVU Press.
- Elizabeth Catte, 2018, *What you are getting wrong about Appalachia*. Belt Publishing.

Task	Due Date	% of Final Grade
Discussions, HWs, Quizzes	Throughout the semester	30%
Transcript	Feb 21	10%
Feature compilation paper	March 23	15%