



***From Oppression to Love: Remembering bell hooks***  
***Zoom, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 3pm Eastern/noon Pacific, FREE***

memorial contributions to the bell hooks Center at Berea College can be made at  
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A year ago December 15th, the luminous, loving, fierce spirit that was bell hooks passed from the earth. But the many spirits she ignited blaze on. And so the Assembly for Expanded Perspectives on Learning of the National Council of Teachers of English (AEPL)—including colleagues at Berea and attendees at the 2006 “Writing and Reconciliation” conference she keynoted—is sponsoring a series of events to help them blaze together!

Those events begin on December 16th, with an afternoon Zoom memorial, "From Oppression to Love: Remembering bell hooks": featuring clips of her in speeches and interviews, live speeches from several of those close to her, and a chance to write and interact in small groups. The events will continue with a series of Zoom presentations by the many, many of those inspired by her:

"What I learned from bell." (call for proposals on reverse) We will conclude with an in-person 2024 conference also tentatively titled "From Oppression to Love: Remembering bell hooks."

December 16th, 3-4:30pm Eastern/12-1:30Pacific

## **From Oppression to Love: Remembering bell hooks**

**Dr. M. Shadee Makalou**, Founder and Inaugural Director, the bell hooks Center; Chair and Associate Professor, Women's, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, Berea College:

**"Loving (and gossiping) with bell"**

**Libby Jones**, Berea College colleague and friend of bell's; organizer of the 2006 AEPL/Berea conference "Writing for Reconciliation" that bell keynoted: **"The Rapturous Writer"**

**Paige Billman**, Berea graduate and bell's personal assistant: **"bell and Beloved Community"**

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The December 16th event is FREE, but memorial donations to the bell hooks Center at Berea College will be deeply welcomed. You may contribute amounts of \$25, \$50, and \$100 on the Conferences page at [aepl.org](http://aepl.org) or send a check of any amount to Treasurer Jonathan Marine: GTA, Department of English, George Mason University, Horizon Hall, Room 4200 Fairfax, VA 22030 [jonathanmmarine@gmail.com](mailto:jonathanmmarine@gmail.com)

AEPL membership is required for the "What I learned from bell" series. Join at [aepl.org](http://aepl.org). (\$45/1 yr; \$112.50/3 yrs \$150/5 yrs, with 50% off for retired, adjuncts, students, K-12 teachers, (and Zoom full scholarships granted with a statement of need sent to [aeplconf2023@gmail.com](mailto:aeplconf2023@gmail.com))

AEPL invites proposals for workshops on the theme of *"What I learned from bell"* (after the song "What I Learned from Love," from *a Chorus Line*). Most workshops will be held on Fridays 3-4:30 pm, and we hope the series will reach from January 2023 through the summer 2024 conference—counting on so many of you whose lives, whose teaching, and whose students have been indelibly transformed by bell's luminous spirit, deep intellect, and fierce passion for transgressively transforming our world!

Send a 250 word abstract describing your connection to the theme and any writing/interactive activities you will include. Activities should comprise at least half of your 90-minute session. Please also include a 100 word bio and indicate preferred dates and any dates that won't work for you. Proposals due by Sunday, January 8, 2023 to [aeplconf2023@gmail.com](mailto:aeplconf2023@gmail.com) to be considered for the first round of Zoom presentations. Proposals received after that date will be considered for later rounds of sessions.

Send an approximately 250 word abstract and 100-word bio for a 90-minute Zoom session by Friday, January 6, 2023 to [aeplconf2020@gmail.com](mailto:aeplconf2020@gmail.com).

Be sure to include descriptions of writing and interactive activities you will include, which should comprise at least half of your session.

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