



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Center for Regional Food Studies

2020-2021 Annual Theme



This marks our second year of continuing with the theme of "Just Nourishment" to examine the ways that anti-Blackness pervades our food system at various scales – rendering uneven health outcomes and life chances – and to center an anti-racist praxis in identifying (nourishing) modes of collective healing.

Local Events

COVID-19 and Food Systems Webinar

February 5, 2021 from 9 to 11 AM MST

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Join the virtual webinar, *COVID-19 and Food Systems*, addressing the impacts of COVID-19 on food systems and food supply chains, with a panel discussion on impacts in Arizona.

Keynote address, *Food Supply Chains and COVID*, will be given by **Megan Konar**, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Civil and Environmental Engineering.

Panelists for *Food Systems and COVID-19 in Arizona*:

Francesco Acciai, Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions;

Laurel Bellante, University of Arizona, Center for Regional Food Studies;

Anna Josephson, University of Arizona, Agricultural and Resource Economics;

Punam Ohri-Vachaspati, Arizona State University, College of Health Solutions;

Aggie Yellow Horse, Arizona State University, School of Social Transformation

The webinar will be moderated by **Tom Evans**, Professor in the UArizona School of Geography, Development & Environment.

There will be substantial time allocated for audience participation once the panel members have concluded their discussion. The event is open to the public.

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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
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**Arizona Institutes
for Resilience**

Co-sponsored by
the Center for Climate Adaptation Science and Solutions
and the School of Geography, Development & Environment

This event is supported by National Science Foundation grant BCS-2032065, "RAPID: Spatial Resilience of Food Production, Supply Chains, and Security to COVID-19".

The Center for Regional Food Studies Blog

CRFS Blog Submissions

The CRFS blog aims to highlight the diversity of teaching, research, and service

happening around food within our community. We invite submissions of 500-700 words by faculty, staff, and students, as well as community members. We are also open to proposals for photo essays, video compilations, and/or interviews. Submit your ideas or questions to CRFS Assistant Director, [Laurel Bellante](#).

Events

Building Relationships Across Higher Education Institutions to Address Racism in the Food System Webinar

[Registration](#) is now open for a new webinar sponsored by the Racial Equity in the Food System Workgroup and the MSU Center for Regional Food Systems.

February 11, 2021

3:00 - 4:30 PM EST

Webinar description

The land grant system includes the 1862 (white-led), 1890 (historically Black) and 1994 (Tribal/Indigenous) colleges and universities. These land grants, as well as Hispanic Serving Agricultural Colleges and Universities and other public/private higher education institutions all contribute to the advancement of a more sustainable and equitable food system.

This webinar will use a racial equity lens to provide an overview of the history and policy that developed these institutions and using that same lens, reimagine an asset-based pluralistic model of collaborative research and outreach across these institutions to advance food system sustainability and resiliency.

Panelists from the land grant system and a Hispanic Serving Ag Institution will provide brief remarks followed by a facilitated discussion across panelists and with the webinar audience about how to create a more sustainable and equitable food system future.

Featuring:

- Alex Racelis – University of Texas – Rio Grande Valley

- Mekko Tyner – College of Muscogee Nation
- Lindsey Lunsford – Tuskegee University
- Rich Pirog – MSU Center for Regional Food Systems
- Renee Wallace – Doers Consulting

Registration is required to attend this webinar. There is no registration fee.

Please register for webinar [here](#).

Agrarian Conversations

***A webinar in critical agrarian studies & scholar-activism
What can we learn from the world of pastoralism for wider agrarian
struggles?***

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM UTC+01

Register for Zoom webinar [here](#).

A collective initiative of:

[CASAS](#), [TNI](#), [PLAAS](#), [ICAS](#), [YARA](#), [ERPI](#), [PASTRES](#), [RRUSHES-5](#) and [Journal of Peasant Studies](#), the Agrarian Conversations series aims to address strategic and urgent issues in and in relation to the rural world today. The format is conversational: 15 minutes input from the main speaker, 15 minutes from a panel of discussants, and 50 minutes open plenary (Q&A) discussion. A background paper is provided below to help facilitate a conversational format.

Speakers:

-[Ian Scoones](#), PASTRES Programme, Institute of Development Studies (IDS), Sussex, U.K.

Panel of discussants:

-[Maryam Rahmanian](#) (IPES)

-[Rahma Hassan](#), PhD Fellow, University of Copenhagen and University of Nairobi

The *Journal of Peasant Studies* background paper for this webinar is available [here](#).

Opportunities for Graduate Students

PhD Student Socio-Environmental Implications of Agrivoltaics University of Arizona, School of Geography, Development and Environment

We are recruiting for 1 PhD student position to start in the Fall of 2021 to work on exploring the socio-environmental implications of a sustainable solution for our food and energy systems. For the last seven years, we have been studying the potential for co-locating agriculture and photovoltaics "agrivoltaics " as an untapped opportunity to simultaneously increase food and energy production while reducing water use. **The position includes funding for four years through a combination of research and teaching assistantships.**

You can learn more about our work at: <http://www.TheSolarFarm.org/>

You can also check out a short video about our research across Arizona and Colorado at: <https://tinyurl.com/agrivoltaics>

Reach out to us asap to learn more:

Andrea K. Gerlak: agerlak@arizona.edu

Greg Barron-Gafford: gregbg@arizona.edu

Apply! The deadline for fall admission is January 19th for both domestic and international applicants.

PhD Students UK Food Systems Centre for Doctoral Training

The [UK Food Systems Centre for Doctoral Training \(UKFS-CDT\)](#) will create cohorts

of future food systems leaders and innovators who can lead the UK towards a resilient, healthy and inclusive food future. The UKFS-CDT will train over 65 doctoral students from 2021-2027. **Applications open on 7 January 2021** to join the doctoral programme in October 2021. **The closing date is Monday 15 February 2021.**

More information on the UKFS-CDT Program can be found [here](#).

Post-Doc Opportunities

Call for Nominations 2021 Daniel Carasso Fellowship for Research Committed to Sustainable Food Systems and Diets

The Fundación Daniel y Nina Carasso awards the Daniel Carasso Fellowship to outstanding postdoctoral researchers engaged in the promotion of sustainable food systems. The Fellowship consists of a research career development grant to carry out a research project at a Spanish university or research centre for a two-year period. Deadline 5 March 2021 14 h UTC+1

For more information please visit the [Foundation's website](#).

Post-Doctoral Associate Position in Food Security and Systems University of Vermont

The University of Vermont is currently seeking two-post-doctoral associate to work on multiple projects related to COVID-19 impacts on food systems, health and agricultural communities.

Review of materials will begin February 1, 2021 and continue until the position is filled.

Please see application instructions in the full [job announcement](#).

Opportunity for UA Faculty and Students

The University of Arizona Green Fund

The University of Arizona Green Fund is now accepting mini grant applications! The Green Fund supports sustainability-related projects proposed by any member of the UA community, and encourages collaborations between students, faculty, and staff.

Green Fund is accepting applications from now until 1/28/20 at 3pm

You can apply for a sustainability-related project aiming to benefit the University of Arizona community through [this application](#).

If you have any questions please refer to [Green Fund's FAQ](#) page, or email [Stella Heflin](#).



MINI GRANT APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

Projects funded on a rolling basis, Apply Now!

In order to sustain our environment we must also sustain every aspect of our lives: physical health, financial stability, and emotional wellbeing. If you are interested in promoting sustainability on campus or in the Tucson community, apply for a mini grant today!

To apply for mini grants and to learn more visit:
<https://studentlifefees.arizona.edu/ua-green-fund/apply-for-funding/mini-grants>

For any questions, please contact Julia Rudnick at
rudnick1@email.arizona.edu



Job Opportunities

Iskashitaa Refugee Network Food Preservation Specialist

Iskashitaa Refugee Network (IRN) is an intergenerational network of Tucson

volunteers and UN refugees from Africa, Asia and the Middle East, who locate, harvest, and re-distribute locally grown fruits and vegetables which would otherwise go to waste. The Food Preservation Specialist will help IRN reach these goals by managing preservation of incoming produce, overseeing the Iskashitaa Store through the Shopify program, and providing meaningful volunteer experiences for a diverse group of volunteers from various cultural, linguistic, and age backgrounds.

**The full job description can be found [here](#).
Click [here](#) for complete application instructions.**

Executive Director Position Restaurant Workers' Community Foundation

RWCF is seeking a dynamic, entrepreneurial leader to help refine and drive the organization's strategy, further develop its core communications and programming, build out critical systems and operations, and lead its fundraising and development efforts across all current and potential sources.

Please see application instructions in the full [job announcement](#).

Assistant Professor of Food Studies Department of Nutrition and Food Studies, Syracuse University

The Department of Nutrition and Food Studies is seeking to hire an Assistant Professor of Food Studies to begin in the Fall of 2021. This position is part of an ambitious Invest Syracuse Cluster Hire Initiative in the broad area of Energy and Environment. As an integral part of this investment, Syracuse University is seeking to enhance research, collaboration, and strengthen competitive grant applications in the focus area of socioeconomic policy, and/or ecological implications of changes to food and agricultural systems from anthropogenic global warming.

**Please click [here](#) for full job description and application instructions.
Priority consideration deadline: February 1, 2021.**

Call for Abstracts

Just Food: Because it is Never Just Food

This year's conference is virtual and will take place from June 9-15, 2021. Abstracts due on February 15th, 2021.

We are excited to share the call for abstracts for the 2021 Joint Annual Conference of ASFS, AFHVS, CAFS, & SAFN!

In this most unusual time, four academic organizations engaged in food studies are hosting a virtual conference centered on the theme of Food Justice. The title, **Just Food: *because it is never just food***, highlights how food is ensconced in systems of exclusion, oppression, and power. We seek presentations* that reveal cultural and historical entanglements of food with social justice. We encourage scholars to examine the production, distribution, and consumption of food while keeping in mind power differentials in local and global systems. We invite submissions that reveal and/or seek to challenge the systemic injustices of the industrial and alternative food systems that marginalize the food histories, practices, and experiences of diverse communities including Indigenous, Black, and People of Color. We also seek papers that highlight the ways people use food for pleasure and autonomy. The conference hopes to make connections between diverse perspectives, to center historically marginalized voices, and to work towards building a greater understanding of how to achieve food justice on Turtle Island (North America) and globally.

Broad areas of inquiry may include:

- Food socialization practices in public, private, and institutional settings
- Culinary appropriation
- The interconnectedness between the Global South and Global North
- Agroecology and food sovereignty
- Global and local food movements and the quest for justice and sustainability
- The role of racism, colonialism, and imperialism in cuisines of the world
- Indigenous food sovereignty and Black food sovereignty
- Repair, resistance, and reparations in food systems
- Health implications of unequal access to food
- Migration, exile, and food access/security
- The exploitation of food workers within Capitalism

- Eating and ethics
- Agriculture, economics, labor
- Lived experiences of climate catastrophe
- Food systems governance
- Pedagogy of food justice in and out of the classroom
- Policy and advocacy
- Intersectionality (race, class, gender, ableism, creed, etc.)
- Media representation of cuisines and food justice

*Presentation may include 20-minute papers, complete session/panel, roundtables, 7-minute lightning talk, workshop, or other creative events. Please submit a maximum of two submissions per person.

Abstracts of no more than 250 words are due on February 15th, 2021.

[Submit here.](#)

Questions? E-mail us at foodconference2021@nyu.edu

Call for Papers: 2021 RGS-IBG Annual International Conference

Tuesday, August 31 to Friday, September 3, 2021 (Virtual)

[RGS-IBG Annual International Conference](#)

Session: The Role of Radical Food Geography Praxis in Food Studies

Organizers: Colleen Hammelman, Charles Z. Levkoe, Kristin Reynolds

The multiple, interrelated crises of 2020-21 have laid bare the systemic injustices across food systems. Throughout the many facets of food systems, the precarity of human and non-human actors as well as the ways in which they are essential for planetary survival, have become ever more visible. Underlying all of these chronic, yet heightened injustices are racist, patriarchal and settler colonial structures endemic to capitalism, creating conditions that strip people and communities of their ability to build equitable and sustainable food systems. Social movements fighting against systemic oppression and racist policing further demonstrate this through calling out the ways that food and systems of power intersect to make many Black,

Indigenous and People of Color more vulnerable to health inequities and economic crises.

This session builds on a 2020 special issue on [Radical Food Geography Praxis in Human Geography \(Issue 13, Volume 3\)](#) to delve into theoretically grounded and action-oriented approaches to addressing systemic food system challenges from a geographic perspective. We conceptualize radical food geography praxis at the intersections of food systems scholarship and radical geographies and explicitly dealing with questions of space, place, and spatiality and making theoretical and action-oriented contributions to resisting oppressive food systems while building viable and equitable food futures. These approaches are grounded in a critical analysis of power, oppression, and capitalist exploitation across time and space. But they go beyond those theorizations to use such knowledge for creating change in food systems through scholarship and activism. Importantly, such praxis is rooted in heterogeneous understandings of the systems of history, culture, philosophy, epistemology, and geography that impact how change is pursued and by whom.

We invite papers and creative presentations from geographers and food studies scholars that explore the diverse engagements with radical food geography praxis. These should address but are not limited to the following themes within the conceptualization of radical food geography and geographies more broadly, that is, analyses and conceptualizations of space, place, and spatiality:

- Intersections between space/place and the underlying injustices in food systems (e.g., capitalism, patriarchy, white supremacy, settler colonialism, etc.);
- Connections between co-producing knowledge and practicing activism as scholar-activists and activist-scholars; and,
- The actions of social movements and/or grassroots community groups for creating change and the everyday remaking of power relationships in food systems.

Such intersections between food studies and radical geography can bring light to the role of space, place and time in producing knowledge and practising activism in pursuit of more equitable and sustainable food systems.

To participate in this session, please send an abstract (250 words maximum) including title, author(s), institutional affiliation (if any), contact details (including an email address), and a clear description of how the contributions relates to concepts of "radical", "food systems", and "geography" as described above (50 words max.)

to clevkoe@lakeheadu.ca by March 1, 2021.

Service Opportunity

Members for Advisory Committee on Urban Agriculture USDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) is seeking members for a new advisory committee on urban agriculture, part of a broader effort to focus on the needs of urban farmers. The 12-person committee will advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the development of policies and outreach relating to urban, indoor, and other emerging agricultural production practices as well as identify any barriers to urban agriculture.

For more information, please click [here](#).

UA Campus Pantry

Please Remember to Support our Campus Pantry

The mission of the UA Campus Pantry is to alleviate hunger in the UA Wildcat community by providing food assistance to those in need.

On average, 1 in 3 college students experience food insecurity at some point in their academic career. The Campus Pantry helps to reduce this statistic by providing supplemental groceries to students in need. In addition, food insecurity looks different for all students. Sometimes it can be a lack of access to transportation, lack of financial resources or simply not having enough or nutritious foods.

For more information, including how to donate, please visit the [Campus Pantry](#) website.

CRFS Newsletter

Send Us Your News!

Do you have a piece of news you would like to circulate on the CRFS newsletter? Do you have a new book out? Won an award? Recently wrote a public-facing essay, an op-ed, or appeared in an interview? We'd love to share your news and keep our network informed of each other's successes, recent work, and/or initiatives. **Please send your news items for inclusion in our newsletters to our Assistant Director, [Laurel Bellante](#).**

Please visit the [Food Studies Website](#) for more information about the Bachelor of Arts in Food Studies.

Please visit the [Nutrition and Food Systems Website](#) for more information about the Bachelor of Science in Nutrition and Food Systems.

