



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Center for Regional Food Studies

2020-2021 Annual Theme



Just Nourishment

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.

CRFS and Affiliate Events

Adequate Food Systems: Reflections from Cuba and South Los Angeles

Virtual Talk and Roundtable Discussion with Dr. Hanna Garth

March 5, 2021 from 1-2:30 PM MST

Click [here](#) to learn more

Click here to [register](#)

DR. HANNA GARTH

Drawing on long-term ethnographic research in Santiago de Cuba and South Los Angeles, in this talk I argue that understanding what makes a food system adequate is essential for achieving food security and/or food sovereignty. I detail how families in eastern Cuba engage in a stressful struggle to acquire food. I analyze their efforts to assemble a "decent meal," a morally laden local social category wherein families determine whether food quality and cultural-appropriateness meets their standards. I introduce the politics of adequacy as counterpoint to growing concerns within anthropology regarding precarity and the politics of distribution to detail the social and emotional dimensions of the practices of acquisition. I then connect the politics of adequacy to the ongoing food justice movement in Los Angeles.



Dr. Hanna Garth is a sociocultural and medical anthropologist who studies food access and the global food system. Dr. Garth studies these questions in Latin America and the Caribbean, and among Black and Latinx communities in the United States. She has conducted over ten years of research on food access in Cuba and published the book *Food in Cuba: The Pursuit of a Decent Meal*. She is the co-editor of *Black Food Matters: Food Justice in the Wake of Racial Justice*. She is assistant professor of Anthropology at UC San Diego and will join the department of Anthropology at Princeton University in Fall 2021.

ADEQUATE FOOD SYSTEMS: REFLECTIONS FROM CUBA AND SOUTH LOS ANGELES

VIRTUAL TALK AND ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION WITH DR. HANNA GARTH

Friday

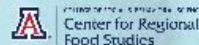
March 5, 2021

1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Scan QR Code below
to register with Zoom.

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COVID-19 and Food Systems Webinar

February 5, 2021 from 9 to 11 AM MST

Click [here](#) to learn more

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COVID-19 and Food Systems

February 5, 2021 from 9 to 11 AM MST

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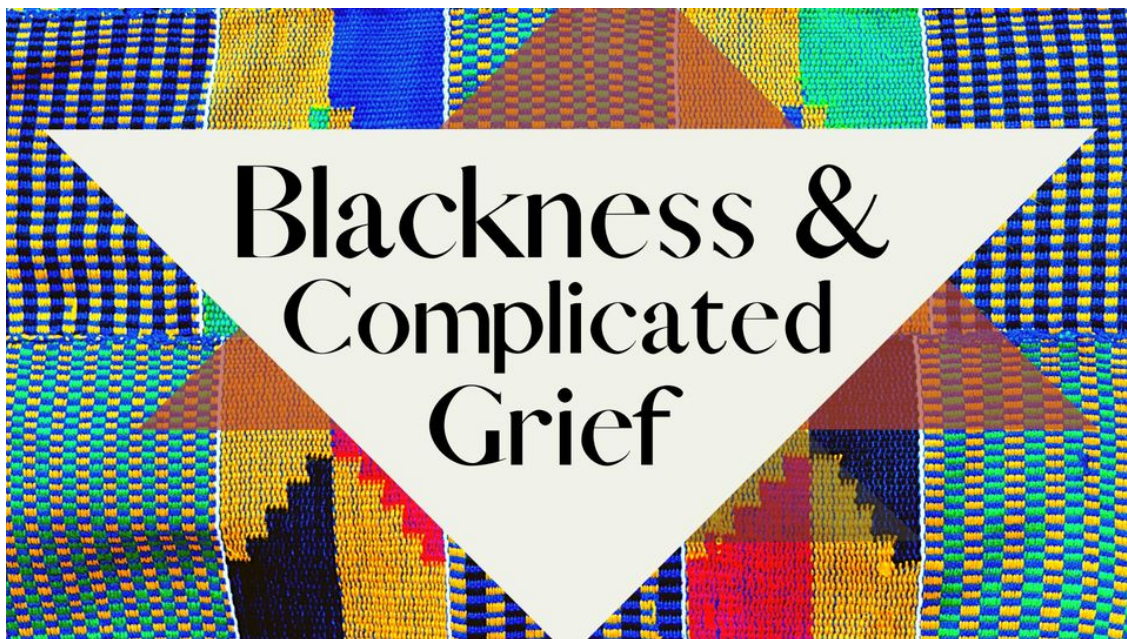
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THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
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**Arizona Institutes
for Resilience**

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 Dunbar Pavilion Presents:

Blackness and Complicated Grief

Online Event

Friday, February 5, 2021 6-7:30 PM MST

[Free Registration Required](#)

For more information, visit the [Facebook Event page](#)

CRFS News

CRFS Research Team Receives \$85,000 RISA Grant

CRFS assistant director, Laurel Bellante, and CLIMAS research scientist, Gigi Owen, were recently awarded a RISA Special Funding Opportunity: Business Disruption and Resilience in the Context of Complex Climate Events Grant to support the research project "Building Resilience in Southern Arizona's Local Food System." Since August 2020, their research team has been conducting interviews and surveys to understand the overlapping impacts of, and responses to, the COVID-19 pandemic and climate events on small businesses in southern Arizona's food system. The \$85,000 RISA grant will expand this research to: a) deepen analysis of how forms of economic, climatic, and societal risk interact within the local food system over time; b) strengthen partnerships between small local businesses, business development agencies, food policy organizations, and researchers; and c) develop a coordinated strategic plan for building local food system resilience in the

region. Initial results of this research will be circulated later this spring in the CRFS “2020-21 State of the Tucson Food System Report.” To learn more about this research, please visit: <https://crfs.arizona.edu/building-regional-food-system-resilience-southern-arizona-%E2%80%93-learning-covid-19>

CRFS Director Speaks on the “Changing Climate, Changing Migration” Podcast

CRFS director, Megan Carney, is featured in the latest podcast in the series “Changing Climate, Changing Migration” from the Migration Policy Institute. [Listen to “How Climate-Linked Food Insecurity Shapes Migration.”](#)

Other Events

Virtual Student Summit: Universities Fighting World Hunger

The University of California, Davis’ World Food Center will co-host the virtual student summit 2021 of Universities Fighting World Hunger (UFWH) alongside the University of California Global Food Initiative and the Nutrition Policy Institute, University of California Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources in partnership with the Hunger Solutions Institute at Auburn University. Interactive sessions feature speakers and panelists discussing health equity, food security, innovations for addressing climate change, the power of student activism and advocacy locally and globally, the benefits of food hubs, and the interconnectivity of health and planet just to name a few. The summit’s theme is One Health. One Planet., and it **will take place on March 25 and 26, 2021.**

Registration for the UFWH Summit 2021 opens Monday, January 11, 2021, and can be accessed [here](#). The event is free of charge.

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

[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](#).

Opportunities for Graduate Students

PhD Opportunity 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

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](#).

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](#).

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.

Nominations for individuals representing a broad spectrum of expertise are due March 5, 2021.

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](#).**

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](#).

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.
