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Center for Regional Food Studies

2019-2020 Annual Theme



In honor of our recent partnership with the Dunbar Pavilion on the Dunbar Wellness Project, we selected the theme of *Just* Nourishment to guide our annual programming.

CRFS Events

2019-2020 State of the Tucson Food System Report

The 2019-2020 State of the Tucson Food System report is now available. This year we focused our research efforts with communities in Southern Arizona. Please access both English and Spanish versions of the report below. Both versions, including PowerPoint presentations, can be found on the [CRFS website](#).

On Wednesday, April 29th, CRFS Director Megan Carney will be leading a virtual discussion through the Udall Center on the process of doing this year's report and findings. Please stay tuned for Zoom link.

[2019-2020 Food System Report \(English\)](#)

[2019-2020 Food System Report \(Spanish\)](#)



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for Studies in Public Policy

The Udall Center Fellows Program presents:

Reconceptualizing the State of the Tucson Food System

Report: Using Community-based Collaborative Research to Reclaim Community Food Systems in the Arizona-Sonora Borderlands

Megan Carney, 2019-20 Udall Center Fellow

Assistant Professor, School of Anthropology

Director, Center for Regional Food Studies

Wednesday, April 29, 2020 - 12:00 p.m.

Zoom link to follow

The biennial State of the Tucson Food System (STFS) report seeks to support the efforts of diverse social actors and institutions working across various sectors of the Sonora-Arizona borderlands food system by collecting and synthesizing the most recent data available to underscore successes, problems, and barriers. To create a document that reflects diverse voices of engaged community members in southern Arizona, from 2019 to 2020 the Center for Regional Food Studies reconceptualized the State of the Tucson Food System report to foreground the voices of community-based collaborators. Six community members from the towns of Nogales, Cochise, and Ajo were recruited and trained to partner with the center, and implement a series of structured community dialogues. The community dialogue guides were informed by the **Whole Measures for Community Food Systems** (2009) toolkit that uses a values-based approach to examine nuances of the many indicators that contribute to the overall health and success of a community and its food system. This toolkit offers one means to documenting change in the Sonora-Arizona regional food system and through a process that can be revised and replicated over time by assembling data around six values-based fields: **Vibrant Farms, Healthy People, Justice and Fairness, Thriving Local Economies, Sustainable Ecosystems, and Strong Communities**. This presentation highlights the process of forming a regional network of community-based collaborators and offers some preliminary results that will inform the 2020-2021 State of the Tucson Food System Report.

[Click here to learn more about the Udall Center Fellowship Program!](#)

News

CRFS Director Named a Fulbright Scholar for 2020-21

CRFS Director and Assistant Professor of Anthropology Megan Carney was selected for the [Fulbright-Schuman](#) European Union Affairs Program. Beginning in February 2021, Dr. Carney will spend five months in Florence, Italy, establishing a partnership between the Center for Regional Food Studies and the Migration Policy Centre (MPC), located at the European University Institute. This partnership will consist of scholarly exchanges, conferences, student mentoring, collaborative research, and publications as well as sharing best practices in research and outreach with policymakers and the general public.

LFA's Small Business Relief Fund

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Local First Arizona and its community partners are launching a fund to provide mini-grants to Arizona's smallest, locally owned, independent enterprises. We are calling upon the community, from corporate partners to individuals just like you, to help our entrepreneurs by donating to the fund. Each donation is tax deductible and supports a family owned business by providing a mini-grant that offers much needed financial support through the duration of this crisis.

For more information or to make a contribution, please visit our [website](#).

Call for Urban Native and Indigenous Families that need assistance

Wish list priority will be given to:

- * Elders, disabled and those with limited mobility
- * Those that have a health condition that puts them at risk, such as respiratory issues/asthma, diabetes, cancer, etc.
- * Caregivers providing in-home healthcare to a family member that is in the vulnerable health category



To send in your wish list please fill out the following form:

<https://forms.gle/o2XkyKjT-Jh9dXhTv7>

About us:

We are a collective of native organizations that have come together to meet the needs of urban Native and Indigenous peoples in Southern Arizona during COVID-19

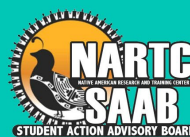
Call for Donations **GIVE TODAY**

With funds raised we will be placing online orders to fulfill these wishes to the best of our ability based on available store supplies. The stores will deliver all groceries and supplies to recipients. This is to protect the health of those receiving the items as well as volunteers.

Thank you for helping out urban American Indians in Southern Arizona at this unprecedented time of need! Stay safe and healthy

Donate to our **GoFundMe** at [gf.me/u/xtuz8t!](https://gofundme.com/u/xtuz8t)

For more information, please contact us
Felina@arizona.edu or Erikpeaches@email.arizona.edu



Alianza Indígena Sin Fronteras
Indigenous Alliance Without Borders

A Green Stimulus to Rebuild Our Economy An Open Letter and Call to Action to Members of Congress

You can read the whole call (and sign on if you agree) [here](#).

As a nation we face three converging crises: the COVID19 pandemic and the resulting economic

recession; the climate emergency; and extreme inequality.

Unemployment is rising at the fastest rate since the 2008 crash, and could eventually reach 20% — twice as high as the Great Recession. We need immediate and sustained intervention to protect people's health and economic well-being, with a special focus on the most vulnerable. We must also begin planning our economic recovery in a way that protects us from the impact of climate change and lifts up workers and frontline communities...click [here](#) to read further

Call for Essays



*Journal of Agriculture,
Food Systems, and
Community Development*

CALL FOR PAPERS
Please Post and Share

Call for submissions for a special issue on
COVID-19 and the Food System

Submission Deadline: Anytime before September 30, 2020

When ready to submit, complete the query form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/jafscd-query>

Learn more about JAFSCD: <https://FoodSystemsJournal.org>



As the COVID-19 pandemic sweeps across the planet, community safety nets are being stretched to the breaking point and even snapping. Resilient food systems play a critical role in feeding some of our most vulnerable citizens—children, the working poor, and seniors—many of whom are now isolated and struggling to cope. With the onset of spring, gardeners, growers, and farmers markets struggle to find a way to open while maintaining social distancing. Even the mainstream food supply is threatened, as farmers who have been dealing with distortions in the global food system due to trade wars and climate change now scramble to find and protect laborers who are the backbone of the food supply. We would like to share how the good food movement is responding to these issues.

JAFSCD is calling for TWO TYPES OF SUBMISSIONS related to COVID-19 and the Food System:

1. **Voices from the Grassroots** essays (up to 1,000 words) from front-line food and farm organizations. This is an opportunity for CBOs and NGOs to share their challenges, suggestions, needs, and innovations in the face of the pandemic.
2. **Research papers** (4,500 to 7,500 words) covering a wide range of topics as described below. Collaborations that include nonprofit and academic co-authors are required.
NOTE: In the interest of fast-tracking particularly timely information, some may be copy-edited and published as working papers, and then resubmitted for peer review.

Applied research papers (case studies, surveys, and the like) should examine the impacts on the food system as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic or considering future crises, revealing weaknesses of and opportunities for the system and informing strategic food system planning and public policy going forward.

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Examples of topics include, but are not limited to, the effects and implications of COVID-19 on:

- Emergency food assistance programs' challenges and creative responses
- Food security of vulnerable populations
- Food system planning
- Direct marketing
- Food system governance
- Agriculture of the middle
- Supply chain vulnerability and/or opportunities
- Supporting self-provisioning efforts (home gardens, community gardens, etc.)
- Cooperative Extension and other NGO responses
- Agroecological responses

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with comments or questions.**

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Fostering Resilience in Times of Crisis

A collection of JAFSCD articles on food systems resilience

Dear JAFSCD Community,

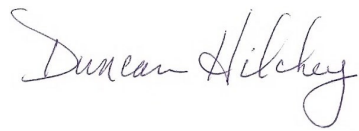
We send our **best wishes for your health and well-being** during these trying times. We value your hard work as authors and reviewers, and your support as partners, shareholders, and readers.

We feel fortunate to say that the **JAFSCD offices are fully functional** and we expect only short delays in our publishing process. This is due in large part to our intrepid reviewers, who are continuing to share their time and expertise despite the maelstrom we're all caught up in.

Feel free to write essays from a personal or community point of view on food system resilience in a time of crisis. We will fast-track these for copy-editing and publishing. Email editor in chief [Duncan Hilchey](#) for details.

Be kind and generous, and above all, be safe.

Kind regards,



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.

