



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.

Announcing the CRFS Blog

**The Center for Regional Food Studies Blog has
launched!**

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](#).

["Making Space" as Strategy for Advancing a New Vision of Health for Black People"](#)

Announcing New CRFS Research

Building Regional Food System Resilience in Southern Arizona – Learning from COVID-19

Are you a food producer based in or near Arizona? Do you sell some portion of your products to consumers in Pima County? If you answered yes to both questions, we would like to hear from you!!

This survey is designed for food producers who manage or operate any type of agricultural operation (such as farms, orchards, ranches, dairy farms, backyard gardens) based in or near Arizona, and who sell any portion of their food products to distributors, processors, or directly to consumers in Pima County. The main objective of this research is to assess the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our regional food system in southern Arizona. Initial results of this research will be shared in the 2020-21 State of the Tucson Food System Report to be co-written by CRFS and CLIMAS researchers later this year.

The survey should take between 20-30 minutes to complete and we are offering \$15 compensation for the first 100 eligible respondents who complete the survey.

Please complete the survey by October 28, 2020.

Click here to go to the survey: [Southern Arizona Food Systems Survey for Agricultural Producers](#)

Or you may cut and paste this URL into your browser: https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_etXv9WDmZAmFU0Z

Thank you for your participation. Understanding the types of changes people are making amid crisis can help us learn about building a more resilient food system.

Please feel free to **forward this survey invitation** to other agricultural producers who are eligible to participate.

For more information, visit <https://crfs.arizona.edu/building-regional-food-system-resilience-southern-arizona-%E2%80%93-learning-covid-19>

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Upcoming CRFS Events

COVID-19 and Our Local Food System: How Do We Respond?

Join our panelists for a virtual discussion on how COVID-19 has impacted our local food system. How have local food producers responded and inspired change, and do we have reasons for hope?

(Facilitator) Megan A. Carney, PhD, *Assistant Professor, School of Anthropology; Director, Center for Regional Food Studies*

Gigi Owen, *Assistant Research Scientist, Climate Assessment for the Southwest*

Laurel Bellante, *Assistant Director, Center for Regional Food Studies*

Doug Levy, *Executive Chef, Feast*

Bridgette Nobbe, *Coordinator, UA Food Pantry*

Max Li, *Member, Flowers and Bullets Collective*

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 4:00pm

[Visit the event page for additional information](#)

[RSVP with Zoom](#)

Public Talk and Panel with Ashanté Reese

DR. ASHANTE REESE

Ashanté Reese, Ph.D., is assistant professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. Her work examines how anti-Blackness shapes the food system and how urban residents navigate these constraints. Her second book, "Black Food Matters: Racial Justice in the Wake of Food Justice", is co-edited with Hanna Garth and will be published by the University of Minnesota Press in fall 2020.



This talk draws from previous ethnographic research conducted in Washington, D.C., new research on prison agriculture, and lessons learned from community-based organizations to offer insights into how we might imagine equitable food systems. Specifically, the talk explores connections between urban food systems and the prison industrial complex and offers some thoughts for what an abolitionist framework offers food justice efforts.

Scan QR Code or
click on link below to
register for event.



PUBLIC TALK: "NOURISHING AND SUSTAINING BLACK LIVES: PROVOCATIONS TOWARD JUST AND EQUITABLE FOOD SYSTEMS"

Friday

November 6, 2020

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

[Click here to](#)

register for event.



Other Food Events

Tucson Small Scale Development Workshop

This one-day Workshop hosted by Dunbar Pavilion focuses on how small scale real

estate development is all about project formation. We take a big picture view of neighborhood-based development to help attendees analyze what makes a good project, how a building makes money, and how small developers interact with the broader ecosystem of professionals in the built environment. By the end of the Workshop, aspiring developers will feel more prepared to take the first steps on their own project. Due to ongoing COVID-19 precautions, this event will be shifted to an online model. All logistical details and information will be sent to all registrants prior to the Workshop start date.

Tuesday, October 6, 2020, from 7:30am-5:00pm

[Visit the event page for additional information](#)

[Purchase Tickets](#)

TMY Foodways Wednesdays: Gardening in Community at The Dunbar Pavilion

The Tucson City of Gastronomy hosts this introduction to the work of the Dunbar Pavilion and its educational Community Garden. Learn how the Garden is a new programming centerpiece of the historic Dunbar School, a center for celebrating the rich history and culture of Tucson's African-American community and a hub for collaborative local efforts toward racial justice. Event will be Online with Facebook Live.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 4:00pm-5:30pm

[Visit the event page for additional information](#)



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“Raspando coco:” A Short Documentary About Afro-Ecuadorian Food Traditions

with Pilar Egüez Guevara



Pilar Egüez Guevara, PhD is an Ecuadorian cultural anthropologist, writer and filmmaker who specializes in food, culture, conflict and health.

Raspando coco is an award-winning film about the culinary and medicinal traditions of Afro-Ecuadorians. The film documents the health impacts and culinary traditions surrounding coconut as remembered and experienced by Afro-Ecuadorians in the coast of Ecuador. The movie positions communities of color as important knowledge bearers about health and food and shows the tensions that can arise when development and public health authorities label staple foods, like coconuts, unhealthy. Join us for a screening of the film followed by a Q&A session with the director/producer, Pilar Egüez Guevara.

Pilar Egüez Guevara holds a PhD in cultural anthropology from the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign. She has worked directly with communities for over 15 years on research and community-based projects in Argentina, Cuba, Ecuador, and the United States. Her most recent work has focused on amplifying the voices of older women and men who are the bearers of traditional knowledge about food and medicine in the coast of Ecuador.

Friday, October 9th, 1-2:30PM

Join in via zoom

<https://arizona.zoom.us/j/97671662300>

Fall 2020 charlas con café

Job Opportunities

**California Monarch Butterfly Conservation Planner,
NRCS Partner Biologist**

The California Monarch Butterfly Conservation Planner will provide conservation

planning, technical support and training to farmers, ranchers, NRCS field office planners and partners with a focus on California's Central Coast and Coastal Foothill regions. Conservation work will focus on the planting or management of breeding habitat for monarch butterflies, as well as other pollinators and beneficial insects that help control agricultural pests. Click [here](#) for additional details regarding the position.

**All applications must be submitted via our [application website](#) by
Saturday, October 24, 2020.**

Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

National

First Nations' Native Agriculture & Food Systems College Scholarships

Attention Native college students: First Nations Development Institute ([First Nations](#)) is now accepting applications for its Native Agriculture & Food Systems Scholarship Program.

First Nations will award 20 to 25 scholarships of \$1,000 to \$1,500 each for the 2020-2021 academic school year to Native college students.

Complete information and a link to the online application can be found [here](#).

**All applications due at 5:00 pm (MST) on
Thursday, October 15, 2020**

Opportunities for Graduate Students

National

PhD Opportunity in Food, Agriculture and Sustainability

The Ecology, Evolution, Environment & Society (EEES) graduate program at Dartmouth College (New Hampshire, United States) seeks applicants for fully-funded PhD study in the area of sustainability and agri-food supply chains, beginning in September 2021.

Applications are due Tuesday, December 1, 2020

To initiate an application please email a brief statement of interest and a CV to Professor Susanne Freidberg (freidberg@dartmouth.edu).

To learn more about the program please visit the [EEES Home Page](#) and to submit an application, please see the [Dartmouth School of Graduate and Advanced Studies site](#).

Climate Assessment for the Southwest (CLIMAS) 2021 Environment & Society Graduate Fellows Program

[Climate Assessment for the Southwest](#) (CLIMAS) is currently accepting applications for the 2021 Environment & Society Graduate Fellows Program. The fellowship provides support for currently enrolled University of Arizona graduate students from any degree-granting program whose work is focused collaborative environmental research.

Deadline Monday, October 26, 2020

Please review the flier below and visit the [website](#) for additional information and application details.

2021 ENVIRONMENT & SOCIETY FELLOWSHIP

Four \$4,750 graduate student fellowships are available for collaborative environmental research projects

Fellowship projects:

- *are open to any field of study*
- *connect environmental & societal issues*
- *are collaborative*
- *occur anywhere in the world*
- *take place from January - December 2021*

**APPLICATIONS DUE
OCTOBER 26, 2020**

INFORMATION AND APPLICATION:

URL: climas.arizona.edu/education/fellowship-program

Email: Gigi Owen / gigi@arizona.edu

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International

Coventry University

Moving Beyond Food Waste-Based Solidarity Kitchens in Time of Crisis: the Role of Agroecology-Based Community Kitchens in Building Community Resourcefulness

Coventry University (CU) is inviting applications from suitably-qualified graduates for a fully-funded PhD studentship opportunity, working on the topic of community kitchens.

This project focuses on how to turn the energy, sensitivity and organizational capacity of grassroots communities currently engaged in community kitchens into building blocks of new community-based food systems, where the production of food is rooted in broader networks of soil carers and agroecological food producers in urban and peri-urban contexts.

Deadline Thursday, October 15, 2020

Please visit the [website](#) to review detailed information regarding the project.

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.