



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

Virtual Panel 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](#)

Lecture with Gerardo Otero

Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 9:30am

[Register on Zoom](#)

GERARDO OTERO

Prof., School for International Studies, Simon Fraser University, Author, *The Neoliberal Diet: Health Profits, Unhealthy People* and V.P. and President-elect, Latin American Studies Association



Obesity and the Covid-19 Pandemic: The Neoliberal Diet as Root Cause

Click [here](#) or scan the QR code to register.



**Lecture will be held on Zoom
November 5, 2020, 9:30-10:45 am**

The COVID-19 pandemic of 2020 is making it clear that the most vulnerable to dying from this pandemic in North America are those people with “co-morbidities” such as diabetes, heart disease, hypertension, and other maladies exacerbated by being overweight or obese (Stokes, et al. 2020). Otero argues that the root cause of this co-morbidity is what he terms “the neoliberal diet” (Otero 2018). This energy-dense, industrial, ultra-processed and cheap diet, popularly known as junk food, is directly or indirectly implicated in making working class humans vulnerable. After providing an overview of the neoliberal diet, he will offer a cross-national comparison of how income inequality accounts for the working classes’ greater risk of exposure to the neoliberal diet in Mexico and the United States to show that eating energy-dense food is much less about individual choice than about having more or less economic access to healthy and nutritious food. Otero will conclude by emphasizing the causal relation between the neoliberal diet and COVID-19 vulnerabilities, and point to state action to overcome this.



Public Talk and Panel with Ashanté Reese

Friday, November 6, 2020 at 3:30pm

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

[RSVP with Eventbrite](#)

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

Agricultural Workers and the Pandemic: A Policy-Induced Crisis

The Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic will be hosting an online panel on agricultural workers and the pandemic on October 21st. The panel will feature organizers, lawyers, and journalists, and will be open to the public (although registration is required).

Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 7:00-8:30pm ET

You can register here: <https://bit.ly/3lnxUwT>

AGRICULTURAL WORKERS AND THE PANDEMIC: A POLICY-INDUCED CRISIS



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Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Agricultural workers in the United States are facing the worst of Covid-19. Meat-packing plants and labor-intensive farms have become coronavirus hotspots, with workers at these sites experiencing extraordinarily high rates of infection.

MODERATOR: Tom Philpott, *Mother Jones*

PANELISTS:

Leah Douglas

Staff Writer and Associate Editor, Food & Environment Reporting Network

Micky Devitt

Legal and Policy Coordinator, Heartland Workers Center

Iris Figueroa

Senior Staff Attorney, Farmworker Justice

Edgar Franks

Political & Campaign Director, Familias Unidas por la Justicia

Our panel of lawyers, journalists, and organizers will examine the causes of this crisis, which has its roots in law and policy. They will also discuss efforts to ensure that agricultural workers are not only protected from Covid-19 and future pandemics, but enjoy collective bargaining rights, robust labor protections, and fair wages.



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"Diversiform Storytelling: An Indigenous

Pedagogical Model That Invites Diverse Voices into Learning"

The Teaching Food Systems Community of Practice is hosting the next talk in their Sandbox Webinar Series! This discussion will be led by Dr. Wren Walker Robbins of Salish Kootenai College.

Thursday, October 22, 2020, 2:00pm MST

See the flyer below for more information. Please visit [our website](#) to join the webinar, webinars will be posted under 'Education Resources'.

TEACHING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN OUR TIMES

Diversiform Storytelling: An Indigenous Pedagogical Model That Invites Diverse Voices Into Learning

Speaker: Dr. Wren Walker
Robbins, *Director, Secondary
Science Education Program,
Salish Kootenai College*



**SALISH KOOTENAI
COLLEGE**

October 22nd 2020: 10am HST / 1pm PST / 2pm MST / 4pm EST / 9pm GMT

Indigenous knowledge is grounded in the landforms and ecologies of the places that give it substance and in the relationships that people develop with those places. Diversiform storytelling is an Indigenous pedagogy that sustains and perpetuates that knowledge by ensuring the inclusivity of the diverse voices that transmit it. In this interactive webinar, you will have an opportunity to participate in a storytelling session and then use the experience to build awareness of Diversiform storytelling and its application to sustain and perpetuate diverse voices and identities in your work as an educator.

Sandbox Webinar Series

TEACHING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS IN OUR TIMES

This sandbox webinar series for *all* Sustainable Food Systems educators provides professional development opportunities to gain, enhance, and share knowledge and skills regarding two pedagogical issues of this time:

(1) Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) and,

(2) Online teaching

Field experts will lead each webinar with the sharing of equity-minded pedagogical innovations. Sandbox sessions will facilitate space for reflection, brainstorming, ideation, and sharing of practices.

Teaching Food Systems
Community of Practice

Join our Teaching Food Systems Community of Practice List Serve for Registration Info and More:
teachfoodsystems@gmail.com

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Associate Professor of Sustainable Food Systems, Montana State University
Website: <https://waferx.montana.edu>
(Webinars will be posted under 'Education Resources' tab)



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Songs of Hope

Reveille connects with their neighbors, The Florence Project and The Dunbar Pavilion. Come & see what all the fuss is about. Witness love in action as we break down walls.

Friday, October 23, 2020, 7:00pm - Sunday, October 25, 2020, 11:45pm

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

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](#)

“A Theory and Action Training for Farming and Food Justice Leaders to Uproot Systemic Racism in Our Organizations and Society.”

**Uprooting Racism in the Food System
2020 Virtual Workshop by [Soul Fire Farm](#)**

Hosted by Cultivate Charlottesville

Registration will close on October 21st.

Registration is open to the public and is on a sliding scale. Funding should not be a barrier to engagement. To learn more and to register, please visit:

<https://cultivatecharlottesville.org/uprooting-racism/>

Thursday, November 19th, 2020, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Some details on the workshop from Soul Fire Farm:

- **Pre-Work:** Please allocate 2-3 hours to complete the preparatory work for this course, which includes an exploration of the “4 I’s of Oppression” and a reflection on their applicability to your organization and community.
- **Workshop:** The interactive virtual workshop consists of two sections of 1h25m with a break in the middle. Topics and activities include –
 - A history of racial oppression and resistance in the food system
 - A personal reflection on privilege, bias, and decision-points
 - Completion of an equity rubric to assess your organization’s role in ending racism
 - Review of 100+ actions you can take in your organization toward racial equity
 - Beginning an action plan toward uprooting racism in your organization and community
- **Post-Work:** Your change team will convene after the workshop to complete the action plan and share with your assigned accountability partner. We are anticipating that registrants will build a change team with coworkers in their organization to work on the post work together. If you are signing up as an individual, you can be your own change team

Opportunities for Graduate Students

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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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**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](#).

Call for Abstracts

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Global Food Systems in Local Contexts – Understanding Contemporary Food Systems Through Time

Deadline for abstracts (max 300 words): Monday, November 16, 2020

Virtual Symposium: Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th February 2021

University of Exeter [European Centre for Environment and Human Health](#) and the [Wellcome Centre for Cultures and Environments of Health](#) with the University of the West Indies [Caribbean Institute for Health Research](#)

The field of food systems research must be dynamic, inter-disciplinary and innovative to meet today's food systems challenges, which include issues of food sovereignty and security, structural determinants of malnutrition, inequalities in land access, trade, climate change and its effects.

This virtual symposium aims to bring together researchers from across disciplinary,

social and cultural contexts to discuss the importance of temporal perspectives and historical approaches in meeting the contemporary challenge of making food systems healthy and equitable. We invite scholars who investigate the complexity of food systems through time and consider local contexts within the long history of global processes. We are particularly interested in place-based research which interrogates the context of settler-colonial politics, post-colonial dynamics and global power disparities. We also invite researchers who are finding creative and practical ways of making research collaborative, accessible and engaged as part of meeting global food systems challenges.

There will be a number of keynote speakers addressing historical approaches to food systems research, transdisciplinary work and collaborative methods, including Professor Matthew J. Smith, leading scholar in Caribbean History and the new Director of the Centre for the Study of the Legacies of British Slave-Ownership at the University College London, UK, who will speak about Caribbean Foodscapes.

We have several panel themes with guiding questions for submissions (see below) but welcome further suggestions for panels, or practical workshops and encourage creative research outputs.

The symposium is hosted by academics at the University of Exeter, the University of West Indies (Mona), the University of York and the University of Cambridge and funded by the UK Global Challenges Research Fund.

Please submit your abstracts using this [Google Form](#) (including title, co-author names and institutions, and a contact email address on your abstract submission).

For any other questions, please email Dr Olivia Barnett-Naghshineh o.barnett-naghshineh@exeter.ac.uk or Dr Conny Guell c.guell@exeter.ac.uk.

Suggested Panel Themes:

1. Transdisciplinary Research and Historical Contexts of Contemporary Food Systems

What insights can food systems research gain from historical perspectives and approaches? Why does food systems research not more readily use longer-term historical perspectives? What can we learn from understanding how food systems have operated in the past? What role can oral histories play in understanding food systems? How can qualitative and quantitative data be brought together? How is

'time' conceptualised, understood and traced through food systems research? What are some of the challenges to engaging historical approaches in interdisciplinary work on food systems? How can different data sources be brought together, gaps in knowledge filled through transdisciplinary work and relationships between different data sets established? How are relationships between researchers established and maintained, across disciplinary boundaries and conceptual languages?

2. Localised Food Knowledge Systems

What role does indigenous/localised food knowledge have in addressing problems of access to healthy, nutritious food and health? What forms can this knowledge take? What are the different practices of maintaining food systems knowledge? What ways can these be incorporated with "western" knowledge systems? What are the politics of combining these different kinds of knowledge practices?

3. Applied Research: Informing Policy and Practice

In what ways has historical research contributed to applied policies and practices? E.g. Urban food gardens, backyard gardens, maintaining indigenous knowledge, food sovereignty projects. How can cross-sectoral data be used to contribute to historical perspectives? How does data generated from NGOs, government agencies and regional agencies get used for historical research? What is the capacity for cross-sectoral data sharing? How can non-governmental agencies use historical data for their policy and practices? How does data from NGOs translate into historical research contexts?

4. Colonial Histories and Present Moments

How have colonial economies shaped the present? How do ongoing colonial processes exclude and obstruct healthy food systems in the present moment? How have colonial space and time changed food systems? How does the colonial past impact the present in relation to food regimes and food systems?

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.**

National Family Farm Coalition Part Time Policy Associate

NFFC is currently looking for someone to join our team to support our policy advocacy work in Washington DC. The position is part-time.

The job description can be found on our website [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](#).**

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