



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.*

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### Upcoming CRFS Events

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#### Lecture with Gerardo Otero

Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 9:30am

[Register on Zoom](#)

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# 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.



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## 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.](#)



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## Watch Our Panel Event

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Did you miss our Oct. 21st Panel Event: COVID-19 & our Local Food System?

Watch the recording [here](#)

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# **The Center for Regional Food Studies Blog**

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## **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](#).

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## **New CRFS Blog**

### **[A Reprise of Marrying Agriculture, Nutrition and Health after a 40-year Separation](#)**

This month's blog, by Douglas Taren, reflects on how agriculture, health and nutrition-based interventions can work together to create more sustainable community-based programs.

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## **Other Food Events**

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### **Soil, Conservation, & Place: A Conversation Series on Agroecology in Practice**

Presented by:

The [Virginia Tech Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation](#)

**December 2020**

**More information on the series is available below, in the attached flier, and on our [website](#)**



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AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

SOIL, CONSERVATION, AND PLACE

## *A Series of Conversations*

[HTTPS://FOODSYSTEMS.CENTERS.VT.EDU/  
EVENTS-AND-SPEAKERS.HTML](https://foodsystems.centers.vt.edu/events-and-speakers.html)



### **ECONOMICS, JUSTICE, AND SYSTEMS THINKING FROM THE SOIL UP**

**Tuesday, December 1, 2020, 11am-12:15 pm EST**

Speakers: Ira Wallace of Southern Exposure Seed Exchange, Robert Spiers of Spiers Farm, LLC., and Mike Phillips of Valley View Farms

Register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yxtulx3l>

### **MENTORS, MARKETS, AND EVOLVING ADAPTATION**

**Thursday, December 3, 2020, 11am-12:15 pm EST**

Speakers: Anne Geyer of AgriBerry Farm & CSA, Danny Boyer of Four Winds Farm, and Phil Witmer of Grazeland Dairy, Inc.

Register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/y6z2vva6>

### **EQUITY, DIGNITY, AND HEALTH IN FOOD AND AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, December 8, 2020, 11am-12:15 pm EST**

Speakers: Renard Turner of Vanguard Ranch LTD., Jonathan McRay of Silver Run Forest Farm, and Janet Aardema of Broadfork Farm

Register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yysatr45>

### **SOIL FARMING, POLLINATOR HABITAT, AND ENGAGING WITH COMMUNITY**

**Friday, December 11, 2020, 11am-12:15 pm EST**

Speakers: Amy Hicks of Amy's Organic Garden, and Gerald Garber of Cave View Farms

Register at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/yy8r73n3>

For more information or support contact Eric Bendfeldt at [ebendfe@vt.edu](mailto:ebendfe@vt.edu) or  
Katie Trozzo at [ktrozzo@vt.edu](mailto:ktrozzo@vt.edu)



## **The Berkeley Food Institute Public Food Systems Career Panel Webinars**

[Berkeley Food Institute 2020–21 Food Systems Career Panel Series](#)

Join the Berkeley Food Institute for a series of three career panel webinars that

highlight different food and agriculture sectors. Speakers will share stories of how they built their job paths and offer insights into current trends in the field.

**See speaker details for the full series [here](#)**

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## **Opportunities for Students**

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### **Whetstone Prison Project Internship Positions**

Whetstone Prison Project is currently looking for interns for the Spring 2021 semester.

**Application closes November 22, 2020**

**To learn more about the positions, please click [here](#).**

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## **Opportunities for Graduate Students**

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### **Dartmouth College Graduate Fellowship**

The Agroecology lab at Dartmouth College is offering a Ph.D. graduate fellowship to begin summer 2021 in Dartmouth's Graduate Program in Ecology, Evolution, Environment and Society ([EEES](#)).

**To learn more about the position, please click [here](#).**

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### **Dartmouth College EEES Scholars Program**

# Workshop

In this program, talented students (EEES Scholars) will be selected and invited to Dartmouth College for a 3-day period of virtual activities.

**The [EEES Scholars Program](#) will be held virtually December 2-4, 2020.  
EEES Scholars applications are due November 19, 2020.**

**Please see our [website](#) and the below flyer for more information on  
how to apply!**

## EEES Scholars Application Guide 2020

<b>Program overview</b>	Applying to graduate school can be intimidating and uncertain. EEES scholars will learn about the application process, meet with faculty, and hear from current graduate students about their experiences with research and life in the Upper Valley.
<b>Eligibility</b>	Current undergraduates, recent college graduates, current Masters students, recent Masters graduates, and those who were or are currently in the work force are all welcome to apply. Students from underrepresented groups are especially encouraged to apply. You need not be a U.S. citizen to apply.
<b>Application submission</b>	Please submit the documents below by <b>November 19 11:59 EST</b> to the EEES Scholars team via email at <a href="mailto:eeescholars@groups.dartmouth.edu">eeescholars@groups.dartmouth.edu</a> with your name and "Documents for EEES Scholars Application" as the subject. In addition, please fill out the online application.
<b>Areas of Interest</b>	In the online application, please list one to several areas of interest so that we may match you with faculty and grad students who share your interest(s).
<b>Transcript &amp; Resume</b>	Unofficial transcripts are accepted for submission. Applicants who have finished a course of study are recommended to submit an official transcript if easily available and at no cost to the applicant.
<b>*Letter of Recommendation</b>	In your application submission email text, please list one reference and their email so that we can contact them to ask for a letter of recommendation if your application moves to the finalist round. You should contact them upon submitting this application to let them know they may be asked for a letter from our committee.
<b>Personal Statement</b>	What inspires you? The personal statement is how you communicate your experiences, aspirations, and how this program will benefit you. We understand that there will be varying research experience among applicants. <b>A lack of previous opportunities will not affect your acceptance negatively.</b> We just want to know why you are excited about research.



## University of Iowa Funded MA/PhD Positions

[Carly Nichols](#) is currently recruiting graduate students (PhD or Masters) for the 2021-22 academic year. [Her research agenda](#) uses political ecology and feminist methods to examine the intersections between agri-food system change and embodied perceptions of health in South Asia and the Upper Midwest. She has ongoing projects examining mental health concerns among female identifying farmers in Iowa, COVID-19's impacts on Iowa's local food system, and gendered

impacts of COVID in agrarian India. People with research interests that broadly align with her work are encouraged to contact her with a brief statement of their interests and a current CV. You can email these materials directly to [Carly Nichols](#).

[The University of Iowa Department of Geographical and Sustainability Sciences](#) (GSS) offers competitive fully funded positions to qualified candidates for the 2020-21 academic year. Candidate will have the opportunity to TA for a variety of human geography courses as well as be eligible for several RA opportunities in future years. GSS has strengths in Geographic Information Systems, Urban Ecology, Environmental Hazards, and Land-Use Change and adjacent University of Iowa departments have strengths in indigenous studies, gender and sexuality studies, and rhetoric. If you have questions about the application process please direct them to [Angela Bellow](#).

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## **Emory University Postdoctoral Research Associate**

The Department of Environmental Sciences at Emory University seeks applications for a Postdoctoral Research Associate focused on agricultural diversification ([full post and submission here](#)).

**To apply, please submit the following [here](#).**

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## **Dartmouth College PhD Study**

The Ecology, Evolution, Environment & Society (EEES) graduate program at Dartmouth College 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](#).

**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](#).**

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# Opportunity for UA Faculty and Students

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## 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](mailto:rudnick1@email.arizona.edu)



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## Call for Abstracts

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## Call for Abstracts!

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 16<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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](#) or [Dr. Conny Guell](#).**

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?

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## **Job Opportunities**

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### **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](#).

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### **California Climate and Agriculture Network Field Organizer**

This full-time salaried position educates and builds relationships with farmers and ranchers, agriculture experts, and community organizations and mobilizes them to inform and advocate for CalCAN's policy campaigns, collaborating on tactics such as farm tours, meetings with state elected representatives, advisor strategy sessions, and calls to action.

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

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### **University of British Columbia Tenure-track Positions**

The University of British Columbia seeks applicants for five tenure-track positions at the level of Assistant Professor in the thematic area of restoring and protecting

global biodiversity.

To learn more about the positions, please click [here](#).

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## UA Campus Pantry

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### 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.**

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## CRFS Newsletter

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### 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 [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.