



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA  
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

## Center for Regional Food Studies

### 2020-2021 Annual Theme

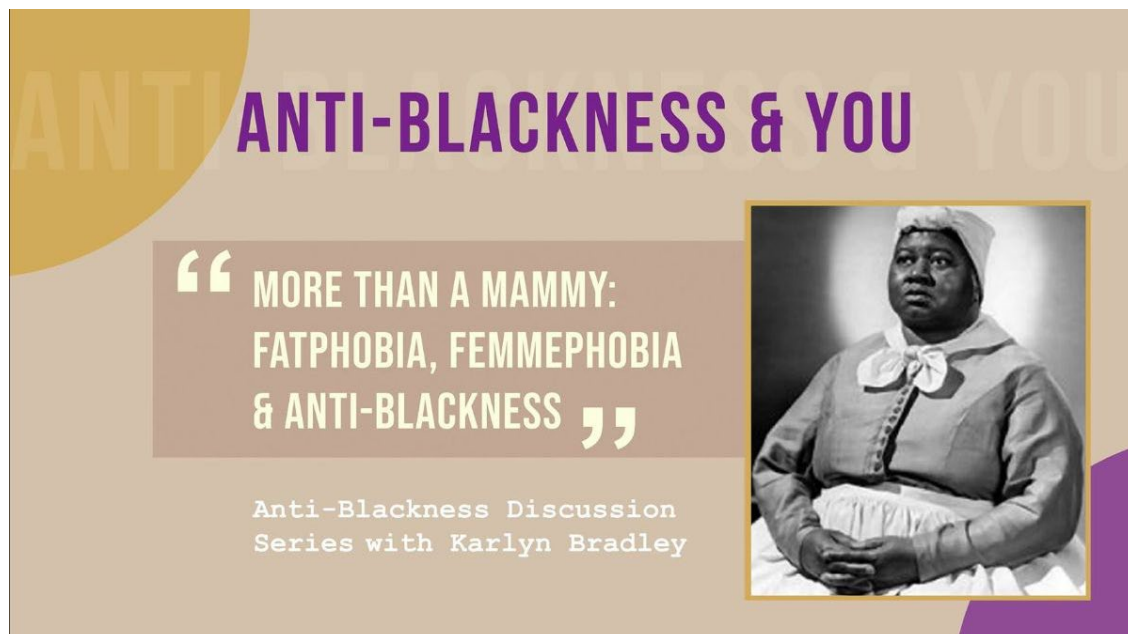


*This marks our second year of continuing with the theme of "Just Nourishment" to examine the ways that anti-Blackness pervades our food system at various scales – rendering uneven health outcomes and life chances – and to center an anti-racist praxis in identifying (nourishing) modes of collective healing.*

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### Events

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## Anti-Blackness & You: Discussion with Karyln Bradley

Presented by: Dunbar Pavilion

Click [here](#) for more information regarding the discussion.

Register for Zoom event [here](#).

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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](#)



COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURE  
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CENTER FOR FOOD SYSTEMS  
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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## **The Diasporic Plate Conference: Food in the Contemporary Diasporic World in Times of Crisis**

Presented by: The Institute of Modern Languages Research, School of Advanced  
Study University of London

**Click [here](#) for further details.**

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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**

#### **[Panel Event: COVID-19 and Impacts on Our Local Food System](#)**

This month's blog, by Sean Maccabe, reflects on the CRFS virtual panel event.

**Watch the Panel Event video [here](#).**

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# Opportunities for Graduate Students

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## Program in Agrarian Studies, Yale Postdoctoral Associate 2021-2022

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

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## MS Opportunity in Agroecology / Sustainable Food Systems at Montana State University

**Apply by January 15, 2020**

**Start date Summer 2021**

Project summary. A lack of separation and collection of organic waste at the municipal scale impedes the recycling of food scraps in many US cities. Simultaneously, a growing number of households is interested in processing their food waste, and the present COVID-19 pandemic has caused a growing awareness about food security, including self-supply of food in home gardens. The present project aims to address these developments by anaerobic digestion of food scraps at the household level to produce biofertilizer. In a pilot study in twelve households in Bozeman, MT, we (1) will analyze the food waste generated by these households; (2) develop mixes of food waste that can be anaerobically digested to nutritive fertilizers; (3) assess low-cost anaerobic digesters for their effectiveness and usability in the twelve households; (4) test the obtained biofertilizers in a greenhouse experiment; and (5) produce outreach material to facilitate the upscaling of anaerobic digestion of food scraps in households.

Position. The project is funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Sustainable Materials Management 2020 Anaerobic Digestion Grant and involves an 18-month Graduate Research Assistant position for a MS student. In this context, we are searching for an enthusiastic, open-minded, and hands-on graduate student to fill the position. The appointment is scheduled to begin in Summer 2021. The exact starting date is negotiable. The position involves a 19 hours per week research commitment for a full-time student. The compensation consists of 6 tuition credits waived per semester plus a competitive stipend.

Successful candidates will be members of a vibrant, interdisciplinary team of



researchers in agroecology (MSU Department of Land Resources and Environmental Sciences) and food systems (MSU Department of Health and Human Development). Therefore, the position is open to students of both, the Land Resources and Environmental Sciences (LRES) the Sustainable Food Systems (SFS) MS programs at MSU. Our project team involves Dr. Selena Ahmed, Dr. Fabian Menalled, and Dr. Jed Eberly, who, depending on the student's research emphasis and MS program preference, can serve as thesis or project directors.

Responsibilities. Among other duties, the Graduate Research Assistant will participate in:

- visual and chemical waste analysis of household food scraps;
- analysis of biofertilizers resulting from anaerobic digestion of food waste;
- greenhouse trials on biofertilizers;
- interviews with participating households;
- qualitative analysis of interview data;
- and quantitative data analysis of chemical waste and biofertilizer analysis.

Requirements. Candidates must hold a BS degree in agroecology, food systems, waste management, biological engineering, or a related field. We will hire a full-time MSU graduate student. Excellent work ethic and proficiency in English language (written and oral) are required. Apart from excellent academic and team skills, the position also requires a valid driving license and the disposition to collaborate in physical work. Lifting of up to 30 lbs may be part of the work.

Application process. Please submit

1. Letter of application describing educational background, research experience, career goals, and professional interests (1-2 pages),
2. Your CV,
3. Transcripts, and
4. Names, addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of three references.

These are the documents required for the Graduate Research Assistant position only, not for the admission to an MSU graduate program.

Only electronic applications are accepted.

Please send your applications using the subject line "MS position" by January 15, 2021, to:

Dr. Roland Ebel, MSU Department of Health and Human Development: [roland.ebel@montana.edu](mailto:roland.ebel@montana.edu)

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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](#)).

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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.



## 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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### **You are Here: The Journal of Creative Geography 2021 Issue: “Bodies & Politics” Call for Submission**

**Submissions are due January 12, 2021**

You Are Here encourages submissions from geographers, historians, anthropologists, architects, scientists, writers, artists, and anyone else interested in exploring creative geography.

Click [here](#) for further information.

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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://studentlife fees.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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## Job Opportunities

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### Part-time AmeriCorps Position

Mission Garden is working with Arizona Serve to recruit a part-time AmeriCorps

member to work at the garden from January to June, 2021. Please see the job description [here](#). The application is through Arizona Serve and is located [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.