



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Center for Regional Food Studies

2022-2023 Annual Theme



Right to Farm: How do we think about and support the right to farm as we face ongoing global environmental change and dispossession of farmers from their land, seeds, resources such as water, and ability to achieve a living wage and just livelihood?

Right to Food: How do we transform food into a public good like universal k-12 education so that people – rather than transnational corporations and market forces – control food and food systems? How do we hold governments – not individuals – accountable for the wellbeing of the people?

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Call for Applications

Call for Applications: CRFS Student Research Awards

UA Center for Regional Food Studies
Applications due **Friday, May 5th, 2023**

Description

The UA Center for Regional Food Studies (CRFS) is offering up to 5 awards of \$500 to any UA graduate or undergraduate student in support of food-related research or educational activities over the summer 2023. Funds can be used to cover tuition costs or other expenses related to the successful completion of planned academic work related to food during summer 2023.

If awarded funding, recipients will be expected to:

- File a 1-2 page blog post for the CRFS website and media. The blog post should summarize your work and briefly describe your activities during summer 2023 and how the funds helped to support your academic goals and/or research.
- Share a 10-15-minute oral presentation at a CRFS event in the 2023-24 academic year.

Eligibility

UA students from all departments, disciplines and backgrounds are encouraged to apply.

How to apply

Please submit the following as one PDF to assistant director, Dr. Laurel Bellante, by email at: bellante@arizona.edu by May 5th, 2023.

- Basic information, including full name; mailing address; phone number; email address; UA Net ID and student ID number
- A current resume or CV
- A one-page essay briefly describing how funding will support your educational goals and/or research. Please describe what research, projects, and/or coursework is planned and how financial support will be used to enable those activities. In your essay, please articulate how your current research or program of study aligns with the mission and goals of CRFS (see our website: <https://crfs.arizona.edu/>)
 - **Note:** Financial need will be taken into consideration in the review of applications.

Notification process

Candidates will be notified by June 1st and funds will be disbursed within 6

weeks of award notification.

Please direct any questions to CRFS Assistant Director, Dr. Laurel Bellante, at bellante@email.arizona.edu.

CRFS Upcoming Events

Savoring Story: A Food Memory Workshop



CENTER FOR REGIONAL
FOOD STUDIES

SAVORING STORY: A FOOD MEMORY WORKSHOP

Wednesday, April 12th, 12–1:30 PM
GWS Building (925 N. Tyndall Ave)

Lunch Provided
RSVP REQUIRED

In this creative writing workshop, reflection on food memories will lead participants into storytelling that engages the senses. Introducing some tools of the craft used by food writers, this generative workshop will help us share personal stories to savor.



Melani "Mele" Martinez is a Senior Lecturer in UA's Foundation Writing Program and a former HSI Fellow. Her research interests include culturally responsive pedagogies, Mestiz@ studies, and Southern Arizona history & folklore. Her memoir (forthcoming 2024) tells the story of her family's tamaleria in Tucson's historic Presidio District. Melani teaches Borderlands and Food Writing.

Click either [here](#) or the photo to RSVP.

Lightening Talks: 2021-22 CRFS Student

Research Awardees

UA CENTER FOR REGIONAL FOOD STUDIES

Lightening Talks: 2021-22 CRFS Students Research Awardees

Join us for a series of lightening talk presentation by our 2021-22 awardees of the CRFS Student Research Award Wednesday, April 19, 2023 from 11:00am-12:15pm via Zoom.

Please RSVP to receive Zoom link.

Re-Learning Food, Community, and Care on Windward O'ahu
Skylar Jeppesen Benedict, Ph.D. Student, School of Anthropology

Healing Soil, Growing Food, and Developing Community Through Agriculture in Nogales, Arizona
Ash Avila, Graduating Senior, Sustainable built Environments Program

Permaculture, Persistence, and Resistance: How Permaculture Practices Are Promoting Resistance and Resilience Among Indigenous Guatemalan Farmers
Chris Destiche, M.A. Student, Master of Development Practice, School of Geography, Development and Environment

Las Recetas de mi Amá
Mar E. Ruiz Barraza, M.A. Student, Bilingual Journalism Program, School of Journalism

Is Gastrodevelopment Sustainable?
Eden Kinkaid, Ph.D. candidate, School of Geography, Development and Environment

Click either [here](#) or the photo to RSVP.

CRFS News



New CRFS Blog Post

Las Recetas de mi Amá: A Cross-Border Research Project on Mexican Cuisine
By: Mar Erisnelida Ruiz Barraza

Food encompasses entire cultures, regions, traditions, and histories. In January of 2022, I began to research the recipes of my family and others close to me. Most of my research focused on the people living in the border cities of San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora, Mexico and San Luis, Arizona, United States. My initial goal was to document the culinary practices of these two border communities by interviewing men and women of different ages who have a connection to San Luis Rio Colorado, Sonora. However, as my research progressed, I realized that the most important aspect of this work was to document my family recipes to connect with them, to keep them throughout my life and to use them as reference for future generations. With that in mind, I set out to understand my

family through their favorite language, food. The result of this work is a digital family recipe book titled, *Las recetas de mi Amá*.

Please click [here](#) to view the entire blog.

Nutrire CoLab Season 2 Episode 7

Racializing the Right to Food w/ Rebecca de Souza and Adam Pine

Megan Carney (associate professor of anthropology, University of Arizona) and PhD student Deyanira Ibarra interview Rebecca de Souza and Adam Pine about their work "Hunger, Survivance, and Imaginative Futures: A Racial Analysis of the 'Right to Food'". This conversation followed a recent workshop led by Rebecca and Adam on racialized right to food and storytelling as part of the "Future of Food and Social Justice: A Youth Storytelling Project" at the UA Center for Regional Food Studies.

Rebecca T. de Souza (Ph.D., Purdue University) is an associate professor in the School of Communication at San Diego State University. Her research is concerned with how communication, race, and political-economic systems impact access to food, health, and social wellbeing. Dr. de Souza's critically acclaimed book *Feeding the Other: Whiteness, Privilege, and Neoliberal Stigma in Food Pantries* (2019), explores the role of stigma in the lives of food insecure individuals.

Adam Pine is a human geographer (Ph.D. Rutgers) with teaching and research interests in urban policy, race, and the global food system. His principal research projects examine the relationship between white supremacy and US urban planning, the interconnections between housing precarity and food insecurity, and how anti-racist food activists are fighting to institute the right to food in the US.

Nutrire CoLab is produced in partnership with the American Anthropological

Association and the UA Center for Regional Food Studies.

Original music provided by Lazaro Gálvez.

Season 2, Episode 7 is now available on [Spotify](#).



Local/Regional Events

Volunteer at Boyce Thompson Arboretum's Flavor of Arizona Festival

Join Us!



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Volunteer at Boyce Thompson Arboretum's
Flavor of Arizona Festival.

Discover new and local flavors, connect with vendors
and consumers like yourself, learn about local food,
drinks and more!

It's all happening on **April 15, 2023**

Learn more!



Volunteer Benefits Include:

- Free admission to the festival
- Volunteer t-shirt
- Pre-event training
- And more!

Questions? Email FlavorofAZ@btarboretum.org

Other Events

Finding Your Future in Food Systems Webinar

Our popular **Finding Your Future in Food Systems** webinar series is back for Spring 2023. The series provides participants with connections and insights to help them identify next steps for their careers. The three-part series will be held on March 14, March 29 and April 18, each at 6pm ET, featuring job creators across the food systems profession. Hosted by Nika Colley. This is a no-cost event, designed for early career professionals, and open to all.

The episode on Wed March 29 event will feature:

Radhika Sharma of [Studio ATAO](#)

Sarah Wentzel-Fisher of [Quivira Coalition](#)

McKenna Hayes of [Food Connects](#)

Sign up here: <https://www.foodsystemsnetwork.org/events.php>

NAFSN is an association food systems professionals working to strengthen local and regional food systems.

Learn about [the benefits of membership here!](#)

Please reach out to kim@foodsystemsnetwork.org with any questions or suggestions!

9th Annual 21-Day Racial Equity Habit Building Challenge

Food Solutions New England will host the 9th version of its food system-oriented 21-Day Racial Equity Habit-Building Challenge from **April 3, 2023 to April 23, 2023**.

[Click here to register](#)

Each year, thousands of individuals and hundreds of officially participating organizations join in a shared journey of learning and charting a course of action to dismantle racism in our food system and our world.



Local Job Opportunity

Friends of Tucson's Birthplace/Mission

Garden Is Hiring for Executive Director

Job description:

Mission Garden, a living agricultural museum of Sonoran Desert-adapted heritage fruit trees, traditional local heirloom crops and edible native plants, is seeking an Executive Director.

Reporting to the Board of Directors, the Executive Director will have overall strategic and operational responsibility for Friends of Tucson's Birthplace staff, programs, expansion, and execution of its mission. The Executive Director will develop knowledge of Mission Garden's core interpretive & educational programs, operations, and business plans and will be responsible for strategies and implementation for fundraising including grant writing.

To see the application, click [here](#).

Position open until filled.

Please send cover letter, resume and three references to:

search@missiongarden.org or ED Search Committee Friends of Tucson's Birthplace P.O. Box 1228 Tucson, AZ 85702

The Executive Director is an exempt position

Salary: Commensurate with experience and qualifications

Job Opportunities

ASU School of Sustainability is Hiring

Hiring for an Assistant Teaching Professor in Sustainable Food Systems

The School of Sustainability (SOS) in the College of Global Futures (CGF) at Arizona State University invites applications for a full-time, academic year (9-month), benefits-eligible Assistant Teaching Professor in Sustainable Food

Systems position with an anticipated start in August 2023. The workload is 80% teaching (with a standard teaching load of 4-4) and 20% service (serving on two school/university committees). Salary will be competitive and commensurate with education and experience. This position is non-tenure eligible.

Applicants should have a broad grasp of sustainable food systems and experience in college or university level teaching and student mentoring. Ideally, applicants will also have had some professional experience, broadly defined, in the field of food and agriculture.

Application Instructions:

To apply for this position, submit the following required application materials. (1) a cover letter that specifies focal area of expertise and addresses the above qualification criteria, (2) Curriculum Vitae, (3) a teaching statement that provides examples of the ways you aspire to teaching excellence and innovation, (4) a syllabus sample for an undergraduate or graduate level course related to sustainable food systems, (5) a statement addressing how your past and/or potential contributions to diversity and inclusion will advance ASU's charter and commitment to inclusive excellence, and (6) names and contact info (including email address) for three references who may be contacted at a later stage of consideration.

Review of applications will commence on **April 15, 2023**. If not filled, reviews will continue every two weeks until the search is closed.

For a full position description and information to apply, please click [here](#).

Virginia Tech Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation Is Hiring

Hiring for a Research Assistant Professor

The [Department of Agricultural, Leadership, and Community Education \(ALCE\)](#), in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences (CALS) at Virginia Tech, invites applications for a Research Assistant Professor with a focus on interdisciplinary and community-based food systems research. This is a 12-month, non-tenure

track position with full benefits and the opportunity for promotion. The position will support the Virginia Tech (VT) [Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation](#), which is housed in CALS as an Extension and outreach center with community-based programming, research, and teaching aims and activity.

The Center was established in 2019 to address food system issues and complexities at the nexus of food, agriculture, and society from a critical praxis perspective. Through its community-based and participatory work, the Center asserts the importance of epistemic justice and inclusion by valuing and uplifting diverse forms of knowledge and ways of knowing. As such, we encourage those committed to the promotion of justice and equity as core values in their scholarship to apply.

For a full position description and information to apply, please visit:
www.research-assistant-professor-the-center-for-food-systems-and-community-transformation

Opportunities for Undergraduate Students

Call for Papers - Student Journal on Food Systems

Open Call for Submissions to the Journal *Food-Fueled*

The new food issues journal on campus, Food-Fueled, is now accepting student submissions for the 2023 Spring Edition. Food-Fueled is a part of the RECIPES project and covers topics related to food such as agricultural policy, environmental politics, community gardens, food sovereignty, etc. We encourage submissions from a variety of perspectives; if you are unsure if your work fits Food-Fueled's mission (which we expect to include both work from research groups and work from individual or groups of students), please reach out to inquiries_ff@american.edu.

The deadline to submit is **March 31, 2023**, at 11:59 PM. Manuscripts should be submitted via email to: submissions_ff@american.edu. All submissions

must follow the Chicago Notes and Bibliography 16th Edition citation style with a hyperlink to the reference's doi.

Our four major categories are as follows:

Sciences

Suggested topics under this category include nutrition, agriculture, food sciences, data modeling, health effects, etc.

These submissions should be at least 1,200 words long and include a reference list.

International Politics and Policy

Suggested topics under this category include international food security initiatives, international sustainability and food policies, climate change summits and food sustainability, global health, etc.

These submissions should be at least 1,200 words long and include a reference list.

Domestic Politics, Policy, and Law

Suggested topics under this category include food security and waste laws in the U.S., domestic food sustainability policies, sustainability efforts in the U.S., etc.

These submissions should be at least 1,200 words long and include a reference list.

Personal Prose and Local Journalism

Suggested topics under this category include poetry, prose, or journalistic pieces that are related to food.

Journalistic submissions should be at least 800 words long

We look forward to reading all submissions and hope to build a strong spring edition. Please direct any questions to inquiries_ff@american.edu.

Opportunities for Graduate Students

Two Fully Funded PhD Studentships at the University of Hertfordshire in the Domain of "Food"

Applications are invited by the Centre for Future Societies for two fully funded PhD studentships at the University of Hertfordshire in the domain of 'food':

Growing communities? Learning, belonging and diversity in allotments

Supervisors: [Dr Frances Harris](#), [Prof Rebecca O'Connell](#)

Enquiries: Dr Frances Harris - f.harris@herts.ac.uk

Exploring the potential of school kitchens as community resources

Supervisors: [Prof Rebecca O'Connell](#), [Dr Laura Hamilton](#)

Enquiries: Prof Rebecca O'Connell - r.oconnell2@herts.ac.uk

The research studentships will be part of the University Alliance (UA) Doctoral Training Alliance in Future Societies. The studentships are offered on a full-time basis for three years from September 2023 (subject to satisfactory progress) and provide a bursary of a minimum of £17,668 per annum, with a full tuition fee waiver for three years. Awards increase every year in line with UKRI recommendations. Please note that the studentships are available and therefore applicable to UK nationals/UK resident applicants only, as a result of the available source of funding. The University particularly welcomes applications from British Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic applicants.

Further details about the proposed project titles and application process:

<https://www.herts.ac.uk/research/centres/centre-for-future-societies-research/phd-studentships-2023>

The studentships will be awarded through a highly competitive application process. We strongly encourage suitably qualified candidates to contact the primary supervisors, listed above, to organise a preliminary discussion of your suitability and application. Your email should outline the relevance of your experience to the proposed project.

Closing date for applications: **19 May 2023**. Interviews will start soon after the closing date.

Studentships start date: **September 2023**.

<https://www.jobs.ac.uk/job/CXN980/three-fully-funded-phd-research-studentships-in-future-societies>

Food Systems and Society Graduate Program at Oregon Health and Science University

Urgent problems in social equity and sustainability require knowledgeable and committed change agents. We are excited to let you know about our online M.S. program in Food Systems and Society (FSS) that addresses causes, consequences, and cures for these problems.

Our fully online curriculum enables students to share experiences and perspectives from different locations while maintaining their current commitments.

The FSS [website](#) describes our program in depth, including the application process. We invite you to explore it and share with students who may be interested in pursuing online graduate study in social justice and food systems.

We hope you, members of your department, and students will consider joining us for an online information session to learn more about the program and ask questions. We have weekly sessions on **Wednesdays from 12-12:30pm PST until March 29th, Information for joining is [here](#).**

- Priority review of applications begins **May 1, 2023** and these applicants can be considered for OHSU scholarship funding
- Applications accepted until **August 15, 2023** if space is available
- Fall term courses begin **September 25, 2023**

Questions about the program or applying can be directed to fss@ohsu.edu.

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.

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. **Send your news items for inclusion in our newsletters to CRFS Assistant Director, [Laurel Bellante](#).**

CRFS Blog Submissions

Call for Submissions

Call for submissions opens April 1, 2022 with rolling deadline

Final submission deadline: November 1, 2023

Share your visions for the future of food and farming in southern Arizona!

Description:

The UA Center for Regional Food Studies (CRFS) is curating a multimedia storytelling project to explore visions for a more sustainable, just, and vibrant food system in southern Arizona. We invite you to submit your stories and vision.

Questions we are exploring for this project include: What are your visions for the future of food and farming in southern Arizona? How do food traditions, heritage, and family stories shape your ideas for the future of food in this region? In the context of global climate change, urban development, and struggles for food sovereignty, how do food stories and practices provide hope and direction for the future? How can we build community and coalitions for change to work together towards more just futures? What role should food play in the economic development of our region?

Submissions will be collected and curated into a public storytelling project that explores visions for the future of food and farming in southern Arizona. Accepted submissions will be shared first online through the CRFS blog, then later in print and in the form of a podcast.

This storytelling project will also inform our approach to a teach-in (combining workshops, skill-sharing, and community conversations) and participatory action research about these topics in 2022-23.

Topics of engagement and storytelling might include (but are not limited to):

- Food heritage and how to keep it alive
- Climate change and climate adaptation
- Food and economic development
- Food justice and food sovereignty
- Just livelihoods for food system workers
- Youth and food
- Building community through food and farming
- Visions for technology, development, research, and/or collaboration
- The right to food and/or the right to farm

Who can submit a story or vision?

- Anyone can submit a story or vision regardless of their gender, age, profession, citizenship status, etc.
- Submissions can be from individuals or groups

Submission Format:

We invite you to share your visions about any of these topics as they relate to your community and/or the food-related work you do in southern Arizona. Submissions can be in any of the following formats:

- a short story, essay or statement describing your vision (maximum 500 words)
- audio recordings describing your vision (maximum 3.5 minutes)
- brief interviews (these can be completed upon request by CRFS staff)
- visual art (photography, drawings, paintings, etc.)

Please include your full name(s), contact information, and brief biography (50-100 words) with your submission.

Note: CRFS staff can assist with the recording of your submission if needed. We are also happy to collect your contribution through an interview. Please reach out to us to discuss how we can help.

Those with accepted submissions will be provided a modest honorarium and invited to participate in a community celebration of the complete project in December 2023.

Submissions will be accepted on a rolling deadline.

Final submission deadline: November 1, 2023

Email expressions of interest or submissions to CRFS assistant director, Laurel Bellante: bellante@arizona.edu

For questions, concerns, or to learn more about the project, please contact CRFS director, Megan Carney, at mcarney@arizona.edu

Apertura de Convocatoria

Apertura de convocatoria: 1 de abril, 2022

Fecha límite definitiva: 1 de noviembre, 2023

*¡Comparte tu visión del futuro de los alimentos
y la agricultura en el sur de Arizona!*

Descripción:

El Centro de Estudios Alimentarios Regionales de la Universidad de Arizona está organizando una colección de narrativas multimedia para explorar distintas visiones de sistemas alimentarios más sustentables, justos y dinámicos en el sur de Arizona. Te invitamos a presentar tu visión e historias.

Las preguntas por explorar en este proyecto incluyen: ¿Cuáles son tus visiones para el futuro de los alimentos y la agricultura en el sur de Arizona? ¿Cómo es que las tradiciones culinarias, tu patrimonio e historias familiares definen tu visión del futuro de los alimentos en esta región? En el contexto del cambio climático global, el desarrollo urbano y la lucha por la soberanía alimentaria ¿de qué manera te dan esperanza y una dirección a futuro las prácticas alimentarias e historias alrededor de ellas? ¿Cómo podemos construir comunidades y alianzas de cambio para trabajar por futuros más justos? ¿Qué papel deberían jugar los alimentos en el desarrollo económico de nuestra región?

Los materiales seleccionados serán recopilados y presentados en una colección de narrativas comunitarias que explora las visiones del futuro de los alimentos y la agricultura en el sur de Arizona. Las propuestas que sean aceptadas se compartirán primero en línea a través del blog del Centro, luego en formato impreso y en un podcast.

Este proyecto de narrativas también orientará nuestro enfoque educativo y de investigación-acción participativa (una combinación de talleres, intercambio de habilidades, y conversaciones comunitarias) alrededor de estos temas en 2022-23.

Los temas de participación y narrativa incluyen (pero no están limitados a):

- Patrimonio alimentario y cómo mantenerlo vivo
- Cambio climático y adaptación climática
- Desarrollo alimentario y económico
- Justicia y soberanía alimentarias

- Vivienda justa para trabajadores del sistema alimentario
- Juventud y alimentos
- Construcción comunitaria desde la alimentación y la agricultura
- Visiones de tecnología, desarrollo, investigación y/o colaboración
- El derecho a la alimentación y/o el derecho de cultivar

¿Quien puede enviar una propuesta?:

- Cualquier persona puede mandar su propuesta sin importar género, edad, profesión, estatus migratorio, etc.
- Propuestas pueden ser de parte de individuos o grupos

Formato de presentaciones:

Te invitamos a compartir tu visión sobre cualquiera de estos temas en la medida en que se relacionan con tu comunidad y/o con tu trabajo con los alimentos en el sur de Arizona. Las presentaciones pueden ser en cualquiera de los siguientes formatos:

- Historia corta, ensayo o una declaración que describa tu visión (máximo 500 palabras)
- Grabaciones de audio describiendo tu visión (máximo 3.5 minutos)
- Entrevistas cortas (pueden ser completadas a solicitud del personal de CRFS)
- Arte visual (fotografía, dibujos, pintura, etc.)

Favor de enviar junto con su presentación: nombre(s), información de contacto, biografía corta (50-100 palabras).

Nota: El personal de CRFS puede asistir en la grabación de presentaciones si es necesario. También estamos dispuestos incluir su participación a través de una entrevista. Por favor contáctenos para discutir cómo podemos ayudar.

Aquellas personas cuyas presentaciones sean aceptadas recibirán un honorario modesto y podrán participar en una celebración comunitaria al concluir el proyecto en diciembre 2023.

Las presentaciones serán recibidas y evaluadas hasta llenarse el cupo.

Fecha límite definitiva: 1 de Noviembre, 2023

Puede expresar su interés o mandar su presentación a la subdirectora del CRFS, Laurel Bellante: bellante@arizona.edu

Para preguntas, inquietudes o para aprender más del proyecto, por favor contacte a la directora del CRFS, Megan Carney, at mcarney@arizona.edu

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](#).**

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.



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