



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?

CRFS Opportunities

Opportunities for Undergraduates



Call for Interns

Are you passionate about issues of food and social justice? Would you like to gain experience in audio, visual, or written forms of storytelling? Are you interested in organizing with other youth to make positive change in the world, and having fun in the process?

The Center for Regional Food Studies (CRFS) at the University of Arizona invites applicants for a one-year paid internship with “The Future of Food and Social Justice: A Youth Storytelling Project” supported by a Hispanic Serving

Institution Seed Grant. CRFS will select a cohort of 10-12 interns to participate in this unique opportunity which includes training in multiple aspects of storytelling, organizing around local and regional issues of food and social justice, and collecting and documenting stories for disseminating to scholars, practitioners, and students' communities through blogs, podcasts, and printed publications. The internship will combine mentoring from the project steering committee with peer-to-peer engagement.

Compensation:

- \$1500 for participation during the Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters, as well as independent research during the summer of 2023 for a total of 135 hours of work (~3 hours per week)
- Students may opt to receive 3 units of credit by enrolling in FOOD 393 Internship course

Expectations:

- Attend Fall 2022 semester retreat (to be scheduled for one Friday afternoon in late October)
- Attend and participate in storytelling workshop series (**two** half day workshops in Fall 2022 – dates TBD – and **three** half day workshops in Spring 2023)
- Attend 2 meetings each semester (Fall 2022-Summer 2023) with student cohort and project supervisors
- Carry out independent research for a storytelling project during the summer of 2023
- Write and edit at least one story for publication by September 2023

Eligibility:

- Currently enrolled undergraduates at UA main campus (must be enrolled through Spring 2023)
- QT BIPOC (queer, trans, Black, Indigenous, and people of color) and/or students from southern Arizona are especially encouraged to apply

How to Apply:

Complete online application available through the [Google form](#) by **Friday, September 30th**. Interns will be selected and notified by Oct. 15th.

CRFS News

Nutrire CoLab Season 2 Episode 1: Weighing the Future

In this episode, Hanna Garth chats with Natali Valdez about her book “Weighing the Future: Race, Science, and Pregnancy Trials in the Postgenomic Era” published by University of California Press.

Nutrire CoLab is comprised of a group of women scholars who identify as feminist and are mostly anthropologists. The podcast explores eating, feeding, caring, and healing from a critical medical and feminist, primarily anthropological lens.

Season 2, Episode 1 is now available on [Spotify](#).



New CRFS Blog Post

"A Vision to Support Thriving Desert Economies"

By: Evan Storey and Zulema Valdez Hamed

Evan and Zulema (partners) both have roots in the Sonoran desert, and currently live in Ensenada, Baja California. Zulema was born and raised in Mexicali, studied psychology, and now teaches at a local university. Evan was born and raised in southern Arizona, studied international relations, and now works in sustainable farming and land management. Both aspire to maintain livelihoods along both sides of the border, and eventually move back to the Tucson region. A project like the one described here for "Envisioning the future of food and farming in southern Arizona" may just very well be their calling.

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

Local/Regional Events

Volunteer at Tucson Meet Yourself

The 49th edition of TMY celebrates cultures and the land!

Volunteer shifts can be found on our website here:

<https://tucsonmeetyourself.org/volunteer-registration/>

Tucson Meet Yourself (TMY) is one of the largest multicultural festivals in Arizona, bringing people together to share the many different cultures in southern Arizona. The three-day event (**October 7, 8, and 9**) draws 150,000 people every year to enjoy food, performance, folk arts, and community! Learn more at TucsonMeetYourself.org.

If you're interested in volunteering as a group, please contact Volunteer

Director - Nelda Ruiz at nruiz33@arizona.edu to coordinate. Thank you!



Other Events

North American Food Systems Network Presents:

Finding Your Future In Food Systems

Registration is now open for NAFSN's popular networking series on Oct 4, Oct 19, and Nov 8.

[REGISTER TODAY](#) for all three events to meet and learn from job creators in the food systems profession.

Finding Your Future in Food Systems



In this webinar series, the North American Food System Network (NAFSN) provides participants with connections and insights to help them identify next steps for their careers. The three-part series (Oct. 4 & 19, and Nov. 8, 2022) highlights job creators across the food systems profession.

NAFSN is a professional development association connecting people to opportunities and resources to promote resilient local and regional food systems in the advancement of equity and healthful food access for all.

Sign up here: tinyurl.com/NAFSN

Webinar 1 on **Tue, Oct 4,**
6-7 pm ET, features:



Maggie Smith
Sustainable Agriculture and
Food Systems Funders



Lisa Fernandez
Food Solutions New England



Pam Berg and Bryan Sobel
Johns Hopkins Center for a
Liveable Future

Webinar 2 on **Wed, Oct 19,**
6-7 pm ET, features:



Dan Blaustein-Rejto
The Breakthrough Institute



David Gibson Jr.
Amy's Kitchen



Betsy Rakola
USDA - AMS

Webinar 3 on **Tue, Nov 8,**
6-7 pm ET, features:



Natalie Cruz
Freelance Writer + Culinary Educator



Joy Davis
Revel Meat Co.



Ryan Stasolla
Glynwood Center for
Regional Food and
Farming

With Your Hosts



Nika Colley
Cornell University



Adrian Evans
NC State University

Find more information about our speakers on our website at: tinyurl.com/NAFSN

Job Opportunities

The American Heart Association Senior Program Manager for the Good Food U

Click [here](#) to apply for the position.

This is a remote position.

This individual will be responsible for developing and executing the operational plan for Good Food U in developing, launching, and offering global e-learning courses at the graduate-degree level in the food, agriculture, nutrition, and health sciences. The Program Manager will actively collaborate with the multi-functional team of the (PTFI) and PTFI Centers of Excellence as well as engage other academic institutions around the world.

The Program Manager will: (1) lead a global landscape and curriculum needs assessment; (2) oversee the creation, distribution, and evaluation of curriculum offerings including curriculum maps; (3) lead annual planning, tracking of deliverables and budget, and preparing progress; (4) develop communication, marketing, and promotion material and; (5) identify opportunities for fundraising and revenue.

For questions, please reach out to Selena Ahmed, Global Director of the Periodic Table of Food Initiative at selena.ahmed@heart.org

Other Opportunities

Call for Papers

**Social Science Conference on:
"Novel Foods and Novel Food Production: A Contribution to
Sustainability and Food Security?"**

Conference Date: March 20, 2023
The American University of Rome

Deadline for submissions: **November 30, 2022**

The Conference focus is on the wave of the so-called disruptive technologies developed by mission-oriented entrepreneurs in the name of sustainability and food security: novel foods. These range from cellular meat, plant-based meat alternatives, microorganism-based and insect-based proteins. Similarly, innovations in controlled environment agriculture (CEA), encompassing a variety of indoor farming systems and vertical farming, aim to free fresh produce production from the risks and rhythms of the natural environment, integrating it into urban life.

More information on the Conference can be found
at <https://aur.edu/novelfoods2023>

Send submissions to foodstudies@aur.edu

Notifications of acceptance status will be made by January 2023.

Contact: foodstudies@aur.edu;

Maria Grazia Quieti & Maria Fonte: m.quieti@aur.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.

