



THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
COLLEGE OF SOCIAL & BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES

Center for Regional Food Studies

CRFS 2021-2023 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 News

CRFS Spring 2022 - Schedule of Events

Thursday, February 24th at 5:30 pm - Dr. Shana Klein (Kent State University)
- "Hard to Swallow: The Racist Messages Behind American Images of Fruit"
Part of the *At the Table* Speaker Series, University of Arizona Museum of Art.
Click [here](#) for more information.

Friday, February 25th at 1-2:30 pm - Dr. Marie Schaefer (U.S. Geological Survey) - "Whose food systems matter? The Story of Manoomin (wild rice)."
Please register [here](#).

**Whose food systems matter? The Story of Manoomin
(wild rice)**
Featuring: Marie Schaefer, Ph. D.

Manoomin, the Anishinaabemowin word for wild rice, has long been an essential component to the survival and identity of the Anishinaabeg (the Indigenous peoples of the Great Lakes region). Yet Anishinaabeg capacities to subsist from manoomin have diminished greatly. In this talk, Dr. Schaefer will examine the impacts of settler colonialism and commodification on manoomin, tracing how it went from being grown only in the Great Lakes region to being grown primarily on farms in California. She will discuss how Native food sovereignty and the rights of nature movements fight against settler colonialism's takeover of indigenous food systems.

Friday, February 25th 1-2:30PM
Via Zoom
Please register using the QR code or follow the link:
https://arizona.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZcvduqppjivG9OwMtx_i00TPeRRKpTQSmR4



Dr. Marie Schaefer is a transdisciplinary scientist whose work focuses on how collaborations between Indigenous and scientific knowledges can contribute to sustainable futures. She is of Anishinaabe (Odawa) and European settler descent and has over a decade of experience working with Tribal nations. As the Tribal Climate Strategies Research Scholar at the U.S. Geological Survey's Southeast Climate Adaptation Science Center (SE CASC), Marie develops and conducts climate change research with Tribal nations across the Southeast CASC region. Marie is also an Advisory Council member of the Northeast Indigenous Climate Resilience Network. Marie holds a Ph.D. in Community Sustainability from Michigan State University and an M.A. in Applied Anthropology from Northern Arizona University.

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Friday, April 8, 2022 - 3:30-5:00 pm - Dr. Gail Myers (Farms to Grow, Inc., Oakland, CA)

Wednesday, May 4th - Time TBD - Launch of Food, Climate and Migration Network. Joint Event w/ Migration Policy Centre (Florence, Italy)

CRFS Research Focus Groups - 2021 Call for Applications

Deadline: January 28th

The Center for Regional Food Studies Research Focus Groups (RFG) program brings together faculty and graduate students with shared research interests from different colleges, fields, departments, and programs to foster the development of interdisciplinary research agendas. Convened by individuals from at least two departments/programs, the RFGs meet regularly (at least three times a semester) during the academic year to present works-in-progress, read and discuss texts and current scholarship, and/or plan, develop and implement common research projects. We also encourage agendas that include outreach and/or relationship-building with community-based partners.

Eligibility

Applications must be made by two individuals from two different departments; at least one convener must be a faculty member in the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences (SBS). Priority will be given to interdisciplinary projects that open new avenues of research.

Format

A central component of the RFG program is a commitment to fostering dialogue and collaboration among UA faculty members and graduate students around common research goals and trajectories. At least half of the RFG's meetings should be devoted to research-related events such as works-in-progress presentations by UA faculty and graduate students and discussions of new works in the field.

Budgets and allowable expenses

The maximum allowable request under this program is \$2,000. The program will permit the following types of funding when adequately justified: reimbursement for travel costs associated with bringing collaborators and speakers to UA, expenses related to the costs of meeting, and honoraria for guest speakers or community-based participants. RFG funds should not be used for cosponsoring departmental speakers and events unless these events are central to the RFG's work.

Support

The CRFS will offer some administrative and clerical work needed to advertise group events and to keep the groups running smoothly.

Evaluation and review

A subcommittee of the CRFS Community Advisory Board will review proposals for their quality, their interdisciplinary nature, and their promise of significant results.

To apply, submit a detailed description of proposed activities (up to 2 pages single-spaced), including:

- The research interests of the group.
- The names of the conveners of the group, as well as the names of faculty and graduate students who have agreed to participate in the group and/or strategies for identifying and recruiting members.
- The activities planned for the year, specifying themes, topics, and materials that are likely to be covered. At least half of the RFG's meetings should be devoted to research-related events such as works-in-progress presentations by local faculty and graduate students and discussions of new works in the field.
- Names of outside speakers (if any) who will be or have been invited.
- A proposed budget for activities during the Spring 2022 or Fall 2022 semesters.

Applications should be sent as a single PDF document by email to the Center's Director, Megan Carney (mcarney@arizona.edu) and Assistant Director Laurel Bellante (bellante@arizona.edu) by **January 28, 2022**. Applicants will be notified of the status of their proposal by the end of January and funds will be available for groups immediately.

Local Opinion: The time for migrant solidarity is now

Center for Regional Food Studies Director, Megan Carney wrote an opinion piece for the Arizona Daily Star to bring awareness to International Migrants Day that took place on December 18th.

Read the full article [here](#).

Nutrire CoLab Episode 3

In this bonus episode, we feature a recent talk by Dr. Pascale Joassart-Marcelli in which she discusses her new book "The \$16 Taco: Contested Geographies of Food, Ethnicity, and Gentrification."

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.

Episode 3 is now available on [Spotify](#).



2020-21 State of the Tucson Food System Report

If you missed the launch event of the 2020-21 State of the Tucson Food System report, you can now watch the recording of the event [here](#), or by clicking on the below *STFS Video* button.

This year's report assesses the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Southern Arizona. Click [here](#) or below, on the *System Report* button, to read the full report. The Executive Summary of the State of the Tucson Food System Report can be viewed [here](#), or by clicking on the below *Executive Summary* button.

[STFS Video](#)

[System Report](#)

[Executive Summary](#)

CRFS Events

Good Food Film Series 2021

The Center for Regional Food Studies is co-sponsoring Local First Arizona's yearlong Good Film Series. A new, independent short film showcasing Arizona's food system will be released the second Tuesday of each month through February 2022.

From seed to plate, and the many stops in between, the [Good Food Film Series](#) brings the societal challenges facing the farming and food community across Arizona and food access stories to your preferred viewing screen. These are stories of the often unseen heroes, doing the good work of not only growing and providing healthy, fresh food to our communities but also taking bold environmental and food sovereignty action to create a more sustainable and just local food system.

February's film: Addressing Inequity in Arizona's Local Food System will premiere on February 8, 2022.

The biggest hurdle in Arizona's local food and farming movement is engaging more people to support the cause and eat locally grown food. What is the course of action we need to take to address the following questions:

- How do we make people care about where their food comes from?
- How can we better support our farming community, especially our BIPOC farmers?
- How do we extend accessibility?
- What kind of language are we using?
- How unified are we, and how can we build a stronger local food system?

Meet the Speakers:

Gabriel Cruz Luna is a fourth-generation farmer at Cruz Farm. He shares his journey and experience of farming in Arizona and how the landscape has changed over the years.

The Stewart family of Southwest BlackRanchers is entering its second year as a new farm. Learn about their challenges and successes as they strive to make a difference in their community by bringing much-needed diversity into the farming and ranching industry.

Explore the [upcoming film premieres and on-demand screens](#) available through February 2022. [Tickets and passes](#) available for screening.

CRFS Past Events

UC Basic Needs Initiative workshop was presented by Tim Galarneau and Suzanna Martinez from UC's Basic Needs Initiative and was held on Friday, September 24, 2021. This session will introduce attendees to the research, policy, and practices that are advancing ways to respond to the growing reality of students living in crisis in order to resource them and their vision of success through their higher education pursuits. Participants will engage in interactive breakouts and discussions to explore what next steps are possible in advancing student basic needs within the University of Arizona. From participatory action research and findings, regional food and housing partnerships, to technical procurement and contract developments attendees will gain insights drawn from administration and student to staff perspectives as well as academic inquiry and analysis in order to to apply to your regional efforts. Watch the full workshop [here](#).

Book Talk with Dr. Pascale Joassart-Marcelli to discuss her Book, *The \$16 Taco: Contested Geographies of Food, Ethnicity, and Gentrification* took place on Friday, November 12, 2021. Watch the full talk [here](#).

Other News/Events

University of Arizona Museum of Art - At the Table: The Gastronomic Avant Garde

Thursday, January 20, 5PM
Online

From feasts, fairs, and Futurism, to Pop, festivals, and food activism, Dr. Ivey's talk will provide gastronomic food for thought, highlighting the relationships between food, art, and culture. Concentrating on, but not limited to, works from the modern and contemporary era, he will cherry pick and chew the fat on a number of topics concerning the visual art of food and the aesthetics of cuisine. He will provide a smorgasbord of artworks that will leave every gourmand museum-goer hungry for more!

Dr. Ivey teaches Modern and Contemporary Art. He researches the built environments and compounds of alternative and esoteric American religions and communal groups. He is author of *Radiance from Halcyon, A Utopian*

Experiment in Religion and Science, concerning a turn of the twentieth century theosophical intentional community on California's Central Coast, and *Prayers in Stone: Christian Science Architecture in the United States, 1894 – 1930*.

To register [click here](#).

Building Beyond Nice Racism: Catalyzing Institutional Change in the Food System

This virtual learning series in 2022 is open to student, faculty, organizational, agency, and community leaders who are seeking a deeper understanding of structural and institutional racism in our food system. The series is designed to provide a pathway to action to help dismantle the attitudes, practices, and structures that hold racism in place as a step towards creating a more equitable food system that works for everyone.

More information on the flyer below or visit the Virginia Tech Center for Food Systems [website](#).



**THE RACIAL EQUITY IN
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PRESENTS**

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This five-part series runs January-May 2022 and will include two-hour sessions from 10:00-12:00 ET on the following dates:

- January 25
- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24

Please visit our website for more information about registration and cost. Registration is requested by January 20, 2022.

<https://tinyurl.com/REAL2>

Virginia Tech is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution. If you are a person with a disability and desire an accommodation, please contact the Katie Trozzo at ketrozzo@vt.edu or 540-231-4582 at least 10 days prior to the event.



CENTER FOR FOOD SYSTEMS
AND COMMUNITY TRANSFORMATION

Making the Case for Regional Food Systems

Wednesday, January 26, 1-2:30PM
Online

This webinar will share highlights from a new Northeast Sustainable Agriculture Working Group (NESAWG) report by Kathy Ruhf and Kate Clancy. [Register here!](#)

Although the term “regional food system” is used more frequently these days, regional food systems are inadequately understood and valued. ***A Regional Imperative: Making the Case for Regional Food Systems*** takes a comprehensive look at regional food systems and makes a compelling case for their importance in food systems change work. Ruhf and Clancy will present the key concepts of the report, along with examples from the field. They will distill the report material into digestible “take-aways” for food system practitioners, educators, policymakers, funders, researchers and advocates.

2022 Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Health Virtual Symposium

Wednesday, February 16th & Thursday, February 17th

This conference will orient researchers and public health practitioners to Indigenous food sovereignty, its value in facilitating health in Indigenous communities, and ways to connect food sovereignty initiatives with health data in your communities.

Click [here](#) for a full program agenda. Click [here](#) to register for day 1 and click [here](#) to register for day 2.

Opportunities for Undergraduates

AZ Health Zone is looking for a Student Worker

The AZ Health Zone CENS campus team supports the development, implementation, and evaluation of policies and environments that promote nutrition and physical activity among the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program’s (SNAP) eligible youth and adults in Pima County. The campus team conducts partnership development, community engagement, implementation of Policy, Systems, and Environmental change interventions, and facilitation of nutrition and physical activity education.

Duties

- Assist in the coordination and facilitation of direct education efforts with K-12 schools.
- Develop outreach materials (i.e. handouts, flyers, reports) to be shared with

K-12 schools and communities.

- Maintain inventory of educational reinforcement items at various storage locations.
- Assemble pre-packaged toolkits for Special Projects funding opportunities for K-12 schools and communities.
- Assist with the pick-up and delivery of materials to various K-12 schools and partnering sites.
- Develop social media content for Facebook page.
- Attend and host information booths (tabling activities) for school-wide and community events (must have some early evening availability to support these events, ideally between 5:00-7:00pm).
- Assemble materials needed for adult and youth nutrition lessons.
- Assist with making and/or ordering copies of printed materials to prepare for nutrition lessons.
- Assist other team members as needed.

Minimum or preferred qualifications as appropriate

- Valid driver's license and reliable transportation to travel to community-based outreach sites.
- Must be able to lift 30 pounds and work smartly and effectively to reduce risk of injury during lifting, packing, and transporting program materials.
- Strong computer skills including Microsoft Office.
- A willingness to work non-standard hours, when necessary.
- Must be able to pass a fingerprint clearance & background check.
- Preferred: English/ Spanish bilingual.
- Outstanding interpersonal skills, including the ability to work effectively with others and to consistently display a high level of professionalism.
- Preferred: Background in Public Health, Nutrition, and/or Family and Consumer Sciences.

To apply, submit your resume and cover letter to: BrendaPicasso@arizona.edu and include at least two references (name, relationship to you, and contact information).

FOOD 393 Spring Internship Opportunities



Are you looking to earn academic credit this spring while also acquiring new life experiences and job skills? Consider applying for one of these internship opportunities (FOOD393)

- **Local First Arizona** - Local First Arizona Foundation (LFA) is a non-profit organization that is building opportunities in Arizona. LFA is an award-winning organization focused on community and economic development throughout the state in order to build self-sufficient, healthy, and prosperous communities.
- **UA Garden Kitchen** - The Garden Kitchen, located in the heart of South Tucson, is a seed-to-table nutrition education program of the University of Arizona's Pima County Cooperative Extension.
- **Mission Gardens** - Mission Garden is an ancient agricultural site, farmed continuously for more than 4,000 years. Today it is an agricultural heritage museum interpreting and celebrating the multicultural history of Tucson through a series of Timeline Gardens.
- **Pivot Produce** - Pivot is a produce distribution/warehousing company which sources produce from southern Arizona small scale farms to restaurants and consumers in the Tucson area.
- **Iskashitaa Refugee Network** - Iskashitaa Refugee Network creates opportunities to integrate UN refugees into the Southern Arizona community while educating the public, strengthening the local food system, reducing local food waste, and increasing food security. The network focuses on harvesting and gleaning food from local sources and backyard gardens that would otherwise go to waste.

FMI and to apply, please visit: <https://foodstudies.arizona.edu/internships>

Opportunities for Graduate Students

2-year Food Systems Master's Fellowships at the University of Michigan

Two-Year Fellowship

The [TFS Fellowship](#) is a two-year opportunity for master's students who are traditionally underrepresented in food systems studies and careers. Supporting two cohorts of master's students who enroll in the Fall of 2022 and Fall 2023, the TFS Fellowship offers a stipend, international summer travel award, and tuition scholarships -- with a total estimated value of \$85,000.

3 Degree Options

TFS Fellows will participate in several interdisciplinary food systems classes and complete a field experience project while earning a master's degree in either:

- Nutritional Sciences (School of Public Health)
- School for Environment and Sustainability (SEAS)
- Urban and Regional Planning (Taubman College)

APPLY TODAY

[Applications](#) for the first class of Fellows in 2022 are due by January 31, 2022. Separate admission applications are required for the TFS Fellowship and also the SPH, SEAS or URP Master's degree programs. [Learn more here](#)

Graduate Assistantship in Food Systems at the University of New Hampshire

The **University of New Hampshire** is looking for a highly motivated graduate student to join my [food systems lab](#) at UNH for a fully funded graduate training opportunity. The student will play an important role in assisting with lab research projects to 1) advance the development of values-based food aggregation and marketing models that reduce barriers for farmers and consumers and prioritize resilience, environmental sustainability, food justice, and racial and LGBTQ+ equity, and 2) identify and address logistical, policy, and identity-based barriers and opportunities for wider public engagement with local and regional food systems. The ideal candidate for the position will thrive in a collaborative setting that brings together researchers from diverse fields, extension educators, nonprofit partners, farmers, and other food systems stakeholders.

To apply: Interested applicants should contact Dr. Analena Bruce (Analena.bruce@unh.edu) as soon as possible to discuss their interests in advance of applying for the graduate program (deadlines: January 15, 2022, for ANFS programs and May 15, 2022, for the NRES PhD program). Please include the following information in your message: 1) your interest in the position, 2) your goals for pursuing a graduate degree, 3) why you think this program may be a good fit for your professional goals and research interests, and 4) relevant experience and skills that qualify you for the position. Please attach a CV or resume to your message.

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 Center for Regional Food Studies Assistant Director, [Laurel Bellante](#).**

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 Center for Regional Food Studies 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

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