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Sunday

11:45-5:00: Field Trips

5:30-7:30: Welcome Reception

Monday

7:00-8:30: Breakfast

7:15-8:15: AFHVS Business Meeting

8:30-10:00: Session 1

10:30-12:00: Session 2

12:00-1:15: Lunch and mentor lunch

1:15-2:45: Session 3

3:15-4:45: Session 4

5:00-7:00: Keynote

Tuesday

7:00-8:30: Breakfast

7:15-8:15: AFHVS Committee Meetings

8:30-10:00: Session 1

10:30-12:00: Session 2

12:00-1:15: Lunch and BIPOC lunch

1:15-2:45: Presidential Address and Awards

3:15-4:45: Session 3

5:00-8:00: Banquet

Wednesday

7:30-8:30: Breakfast

8:30-10:00: Session 1

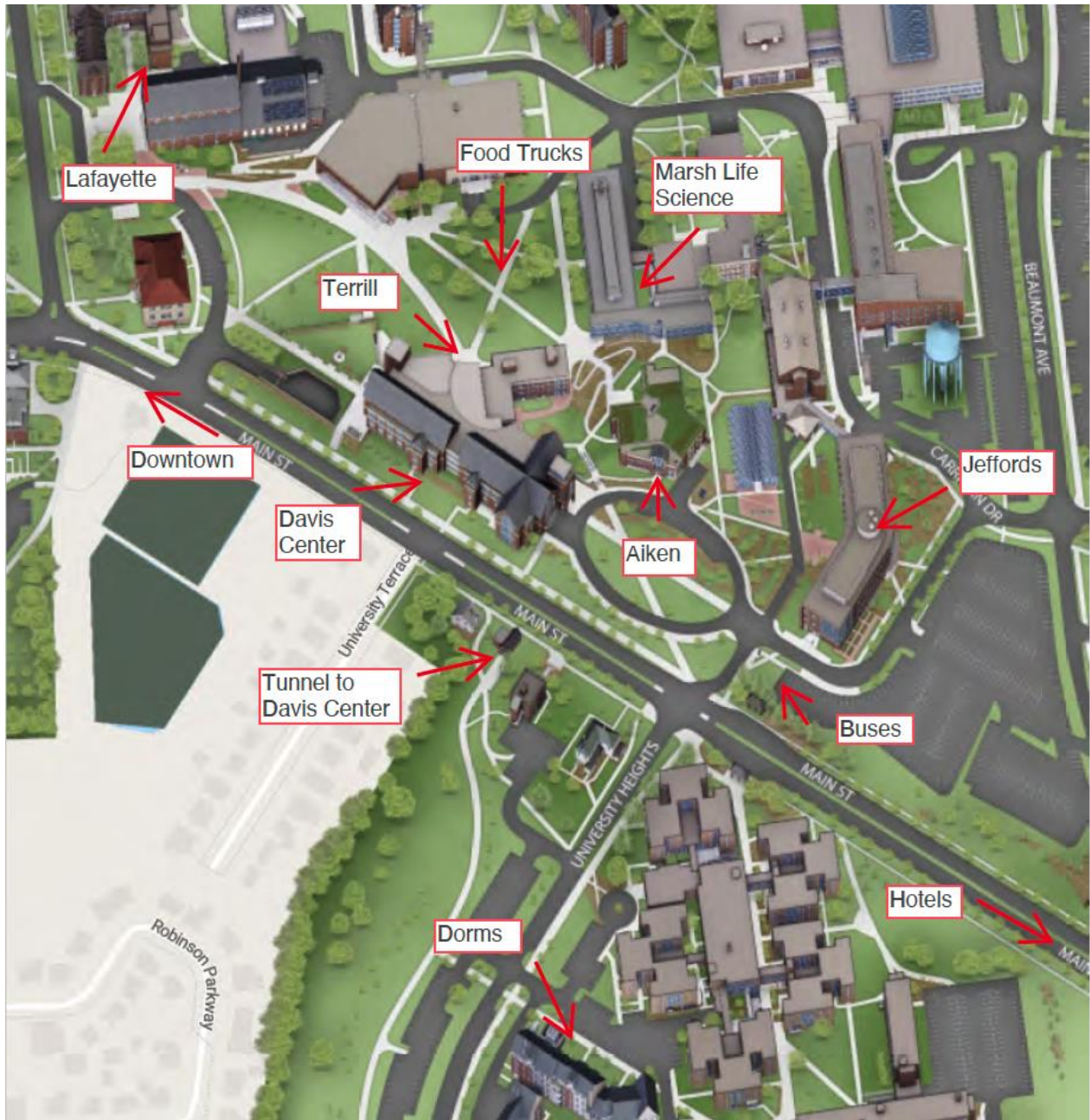
10:30-12:00: Session 2

12:00-1:15: Lunch and Joint Business Meeting (boxed lunches available)

1:15-2:45: Session 3

3:15-4:45: Session

CAMPUS MAP



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

OPENING RECEPTION: Sunday, June 7, 5:30-7:30, Davis Center

The opening reception will be held outside at the Davis Center and will feature a menu of locally sourced planet-forward Hors d'oeuvres designed by UVM's Climate Kitchen Initiative and Sodexo.

KEYNOTE: Monday, June 8, 5:00-7:00 Grand Maple Ballroom ([Livestream Link](#))

The keynote features a dynamic panel of some of Vermont's most influential food systems leaders. Together, Ellen Kahler, Sarah Waring, Grace Oedel, and Samantha Langevin bring decades of experience shaping the region's food landscape—and a shared commitment to building a more just, resilient, and thriving system.

- **Ellen Kahler**, Executive Director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, has been a driving force behind the state's nationally recognized Farm to Plate Strategic Plan.
- **Sarah Waring**, Executive Director of the Northern Border Regional Commission and former USDA official, has also led the Center for an Agricultural Economy, advancing rural innovation and opportunity.
- **Grace Oedel**, Executive Director of NOFA-VT, is a passionate advocate for organic farming and farmer-centered change.
- **Samantha Langevin**, Director of Partnerships & Community at the Liberation Ecosystem, brings a powerful lens on equity, collaboration, and transformative community building.

Together, these remarkable leaders will share stories from the front lines. They will discuss how they've helped position Vermont's food system as a catalyst for ecological sustainability, social connection, economic vitality, justice, and public health.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES AND AWARDS: Tuesday, June 9, 1:15-2:45, Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center ([Livestream Link](#))

Jennifer Otten, President of AFHVS: "Tending the Roots of Civic Health and Bridging Perception Gaps."

Daniel E. Bender, President of ASFS: "Infinite Recipes: Eating in the Anthropocene."

Presentation of society awards

LOGISTICS

Registration: Top floor of the Davis Center in the Livak Fireplace Room. Registration opens on Sunday, June 7 at 4:00 pm and will be open every day.

Exhibition Space: The conference exhibitors will be located in the Mansfield Room on the 2nd floor of the Davis Center. Please stop by and visit.

Breakfast: Breakfast will be served each morning from 7:00 to 8:30 in the Livak Fireplace with seating in the Grand Maple Ballroom.

Refreshments: Refreshments will be served during morning and afternoon breaks in the Mansfield Room on the 2nd floor of the Davis Center.

Lunch: Food Trucks will be outside behind the David Center. Please go to the bottom floor and out the back door, and you will see them in the big green space. At the Davis Center, the Marketplace will also serve a limited menu. Harvest Café, the UVM Hospital's Cafe, is also a short walk away.

Mentee-Mentor Lunch, BIPOC Lunch, and Boxed Lunches for the Joint Business

Meeting: These lunches will be in the Livak Fireplace with seating in the Grand Maple Ballroom. Please note these for attendees who pre-registered.

Posters: Conference posters will be located in the Burack Family Fireplace Lounge on the 1st floor of the Davis Center.

Buses: Bus pick-up for Field Trips and the Banquet at Bread and Butter will be in front of the Davis Center, in the oval driveway. Exit on the 3rd floor, by the UVM store.

Parking: If you are not staying in the dorms, there is only paid parking on campus via the Park Mobile App. You can park in any spot with a park mobile sign and pay using the app. The largest concentration of park mobile spots is in the [Jeffords parking lot](#), but they are spread out across campus. Here is a link to the map identifying the Park Mobile spots on campus: [Park Mobile Spots](#).

2026 AFHVS SURVEY

Please take 10-15 minutes to complete the survey and help guide AFHVS' programming, membership, and long-term priorities:

Scan to take the survey



Or visit: https://iastate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dniTV9Ow8GCHLO6



Sunday, June 7

The field trips to **Shelburne Farms, Snow Farm Vineyard, and the Center for an Agricultural Economy** depart from the Davis Center at 12:00 pm.

The **Burlington Urban and Community Bike Garden Tour** will meet at 12:30 at Local Motion in downtown Burlington.

Film Showing: 3:30-4:15, Jeffords 112

One Health / La Chulla Pachamama

One Health / La Chulla Pachamama is a documentary exploring the connections between human and planetary health through agroecology, food, and regenerative practices in Ecuador. Following director Paul Venegas across diverse territories, the film highlights how communities are already cultivating healthier relationships with food, ecosystems, and collective well-being. The screening invites reflection on how healing ourselves and healing the planet are deeply interconnected.

RSVP link: <https://forms.gle/mvUdMeq5mgvLgF8H8>

Monday - Session 1

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8:30 am

Paper Session – Ecological Economics: Finance and markets

- *Territorial Markets in Cali, Colombia in Pursuit of Food Sovereignty*
 - o Belinda Ramírez, Binghamton University
- *Informality, Regulation, and Environmental Externalities in Bogotá’s Leather Manufacturing District*
 - o Keia Jones, The Pennsylvania State University
- *Transforming Development Finance: From Agroecology as a “Bankable solution to making Public Development Banks Agroecological*
 - o Lizah Makombore, University of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 300

Paper Session – Agroecology and Technology

- *From Perception to Intention: Understanding the factors influencing farmers’ behavioral intention to adopt AI*
 - o Kate Mays, University of Vermont
 - o Liza Greene, University of Vermont
- *AgPICKS: A knowledge system for enhancing the agroecosystem management of farmers and ranchers*
 - o Megan Donovan, New Mexico State University
- *Early harvest of results from responsible innovation in agrifood standards*
 - o R. Andres Ferreyra, Syngenta, ISO
- *Global Hotspot Mapping of Agroecology-Aligned Performance Using Satellite-Based Indicators*
 - o Seongeun Lee, SUNY College
- *Analyzing Challenges to Sustainable Agricultural Transitions in Chile*
 - o Andrew Smolski, The Pennsylvania State University
 - o Felipe Bravo-Pena
- Room: Jeffords 110

Paper Session – Agroecology: Research and Education

- *Exploring Agriculture, Food & Human Values: The Role of Food Ethics in Post-Secondary Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems Education*

- Albie Miles, University of Hawaii
- *Registered Agricultural Apprenticeships as a Model for Transformative Agroecological Education*
 - Angel Cruz, NC State University
- *Creating Common Ground: Integrating Transformative Agroecology and Extension Research in Undergraduate Education*
 - Karen Nordstrom, University of Vermont
- *How to Study Social–Ecological Memory in Agroecosystems: Methodological Insights from Empirical Research*
 - Shivika Aggrawal, Purdue University
- *Measuring Well-Being in Agroecological Food Systems: A Multi-Scale Framework for Sustainability Indicators*
 - Pedro Lopez-Merino, Université Côte d'Azur
 - Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Room: Williams Family Room, Davis Center

Lightning Talks – Round 1

- *Agroforestry, conservation, or passive rewilding? Exploring the many socioeconomic pathways leading to the return of trees on agricultural land.*
 - Pascal Genest-Richard, Université du Québec en Outaouais
- *Enacting and Maintaining Alternative Food Systems Through Organizational Fluidity: Preliminary Results from a Case Study of Burlington Food Not Cops*
 - Dakota Walker, University of Vermont
- *Farmer networks, sustainability, and agrobiodiversity in Michigan’s Western Upper Peninsula: The role of peer learning in advancing sustainable agriculture and community wellbeing*
 - Ellie Helman, Michigan Tech University
- *Agroecology in British Columbia: Movement Cohesion, Fragmentation, and Durability*
 - Evan Eskilson, University of British Columbia
- *“If agriculture is not working, the forest is in danger”: Community participation in natural protected areas through agroecological pathways*
 - Sophie Lieberman, University of Vermont
- *“Voces de la mar, Voices from the sea”: A Multimedia Project Focused on Bridging the Land-Sea Gap in Puerto Rico’s Food Systems’ Narratives*
 - Luis Alexis Rodríguez-Cruz, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- *Mapping Diverse Services from Alternative Urban Food Provisioning Networks (AUF PNS) and Identifying Opportunities for Policy Support - Preliminary Findings*

- Elizabeth Gearin, University of the District of Columbia
- *Using Invasive Green Iguana Biomass for Organic Fertilizer and Assessing Chaya as Temporary Shade in Regenerative Coffee Agroforestry Systems in Puerto Rico: A Regenerative Agroforestry Approach.*
 - Joseph Navarro, University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Campus
- *Stranded Assets and Stranded Livelihoods in Agriculture: Identifying Barriers to Change to Support Just Transformation*
 - Carina Manitius, University of Vermont
- *The role of the food system and changing policy in Irish farmers' decision-making on antimicrobial use and animal health*
 - Addiena Luke-Currier, Trinity College Dublin, Dublin, Ireland
- *Climate Connections: bringing together a national network to standardize subnational climate assessment processes*
 - Hannah Peplinski, Climate Measurements Center of Excellence
- *Datafying Agrohistory: Unlocking Archival Scientific Research for Contemporary Food Systems Researchers*
 - James Malin, The Cooper Union
- Healthy eating in an era of nutritional disinformation
 - Ax DeLessio, Marquette
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Roundtable – The anthropological ecological economics of foodways

- *“This session will present tentative findings from a one-month module in which Ph.D. students in anthropology and ecological economics collaborate in the classroom and in the field to integrate understandings from their respective fields. The presenters will be members of the Leadership for the Ecozoic community, which brings together anthropologists from McGill University and ecological economists from the University of Vermont.”*
 - Sam Bliss, McGill University
 - Juliana Neira, Institute for Agroecology, Gund Institute for Environment, Leadership for the Ecozoic
- Room: Lafayette 311

Paper Session – Food Governance: Power

- *Rationalization, Questioning, and Rejection of Hegemonic Power Relations in Agricultural Diversification Narratives*
 - Brennan Radulski, University of Vermont
 - Casey Olechnowicz, Purdue University

- *Structuring the field: Organizational power in shaping agricultural landscapes*
 - o Brooke McWherter, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
 - o Andrea Rissing, Arizona State University
 - o Kanchi Desai, Arizona State University
 - o Andrea Basche, University of Nebraska-Lincoln
- *Relational place-making: desires for regional farming narratives that confront the disciplinary power of corporate agri-businesses*
 - o Jessica Mehre, University of Wisconsin – Madison
 - o John Strauser, University of Wisconsin – Madison
 - o Randall D. Jackson, University of Wisconsin – Madison
- *From Statute to Implementation: Farmland Access, Solar Siting, and State Governance*
 - o Lanika Sanders, University of Michigan
- *Promoting soft laws: The influence of supply chain intermediaries on the voluntary engagement of suppliers*
 - o Ronaldo Souza, University Laval
 - o Luc Brès, University Laval
 - o Alain Girard, Institut de tourisme et d'hôtellerie du Québec
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Paper Session – Urban Food Systems

- *The Impacts of Pocket Change: Integrating Food Systems and Agriculture in the Midwest Through Urban Agriculture Mini-Grants*
 - o Annalise Lallana, American Farmland Trust
- *“Living with Food” Urban Planning for Open Space Commons for Food Production and Shelter*
 - o Carolin Mees, The New School
 - o Anne Bellows, Syracuse University
- *Building Urban Food System Resilience: Barriers, Opportunities, and the Role of Local Food Networks and Governance*
 - o Ning Zou, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- *The Tragedy of the Garden Station Commons: A case study of onto-epistemological enclosure in Dayton, Ohio*
 - o Reed Byg, The University of Alabama
- *An Agroecological Approach to Post-Monoculture Recovery: Polyculture, Agroforestry, and Knowledge Revitalization in Indigenous Communities of the Chittagong Hill Tract, Bangladesh*
 - o Sayed Khaled

- Room: Lafayette 403
- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/220809358908910?p=Skz7sO22K5zMP3j7UK>

Paper Session – Food Worker Justice

- *Why Are Food System Workers Excluded from Local Food Policy Councils?*
 - o Frank Sarfo, Syracuse University
 - o Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Syracuse University
 - o Jonnell A Robinson, Syracuse University
- *Feeling unsafe and unwell: Workplace safety and mental health among U.S. food retail and restaurant employees during COVID-19*
 - o Laura Weidemann, Bloomberg School of Public Health
 - o Chieh-Wei Nui, Center for a Livable Future
- *Mapping Food Justice as Pedagogy: Southern Food Workers, Sustainability, and Storytelling*
 - o Sarah Fouts, University of Maryland, Baltimore County
- *Racialized Agricultural Landscapes in France? Examining Race in Francophone Literature on Immigrant and Racialized Farmwork on the Continent and Beyond*
 - o Kristin Reynolds, The New School
- Room: Aikens 102

Roundtable – Maple Matters: Making, Managing, and Meaning-Making in Food Systems

Part I

- *From Maple Sugar to Maple Syrup: The Beginnings of the Modern Maple Products Industry*
 - o Matthew Thomas, Independent scholar
- *Vermont Fancy: Maple Grades, Changing Tastes, and Shifting Power*
 - o Michael Lange, Champlain College
- *Maple Sugar and the Material History of Sucre à la Crème*
 - o Patrick Charbonneau, Duke University
- *Sap, Signs, and Semiotic Ecologies: An Inquiry into Maple Syrup as More-Than-Human Cultural Heritage*
 - o Diana Popa, University of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 102

Paper Session – Food Supply Chains I

- *Infrastructure for a World on a Plate: Mobilizing and Immobilizing Food Systems*
 - o Jeffrey Pilcher, University of Toronto Scarborough
- *Supply Chain Assessment, Processes, Outcomes, and Impacts*

- Laura Lauffer, Center for Environmental Farming Systems, Empowering Mountain Food Systems, North Carolina State University
- *'Some Time We Have Trouble in Getting Mail. And Everything Else Here': Black Women, Freedom Food and the US Postal*
 - Pamela Walker, University of Vermont
- Room: Terrill 308

Paper Session – Land and Community

- *Inventory and Evaluation of Metrics for a Sustainability Indicator Framework in the Northeast U.S. Food System*
 - Christopher Donovan, Food Systems Research Institute
 - Tessa Lawler, Food Systems Research Institute
- *Cultivating Just Food Systems through Cultural Community Development Approaches*
 - Katie Trozzo, Virginia Tech Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation
 - Kim Niewolny, Virginia Tech
 - Maureen McGonagle, Roanoke Foodshed Network
- *Fiber producer resilience: Adapting to a political economy that constrains care*
 - Kristi Wiedemann, Rutgers University
- *Resolving the 'jobs versus the environment' dilemma in natural resource sectors: How Alabama's forest products industry aligns extraction, livelihoods, and ecosystems*
 - Matthew Zinsli, Auburn University
- *Primary Nesting Season Policy and the Conservation Reserve Program*
 - Rick Welsh, Syracuse University
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Roundtable – Seeding transformation in agroecology: cultivating collaboration between women's rights and seed sovereignty movements in East Africa

- Sheila Rao, Seed Change/Carleton University
- Dennis Njunge, GROOTS Kenya
- Martha Nemera, WE-Action, Ethiopia
- Anna Marwa, PELLUM, Tanzania
- Room: Aikens 110

- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/222696766828111?p=vgnCn6dcZ10dSR6M6U>

Roundtable – A Recipe for Methods, or a Method for Recipes? Multi-disciplinary Futures in Food Recipe Research

- o H. Rosi Song, Durham University
- o Daniel E. Bender, University of Toronto; Culinaria Research Centre
- o Andrea Borghini, University of Milan (Italy)
- o Sacramento Roselló-Martínez, Georgetown University (US)
- o Liselotte Hedegaard, Roskilde University (Denmark)
- o Claudia Sbuttoni, University of Gastronomic Sciences, Pollenzo (UNISG – Italy)
- Room: Terrill 108
- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/265363124581792?p=KkoTDyDcMy28e57ow7>

Roundtable – Political Polarization and the Ideological Evolution of Alternative Food Systems: Trends, Complications, Opportunities

- *“This roundtable asks about the intersections between political ideology and food systems work in the U.S., and about what happens when positions around food and agriculture deviate from presumed political scripts about them.”*
 - o Nadine Lehrer, Chatham University
 - o Shoshanah Inwood, Ohio State University,
 - o Analena Bruce, University of New Hampshire
 - o Jennifer Otten, University of Washington
- Room: Lafayette 108

Roundtable – Weaving Right Relationships for Just and Sustainable Food Futures

- *“The Center for Mississippi Food Systems is an emergent hub of relationships across individuals and institutions that care deeply about transforming regional food systems and economies. This session will focus on some of the practices that the Center has engaged in with partners at the Interaction Institute for Social Change to support the weaving of “right relationship” amongst people and regions in Mississippi and with stakeholders beyond the state.”*
 - o Curtis Ogden, Interaction Institute for Social Change
 - o Noel Didla, Center for Mississippi Food Systems
- Room: Lafayette 210

Monday - Session 2

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10:30 am

Creative Session – Joyful resistance through administrative justice: building participatory financial processes for community-university agroecology projects

- Jennifer Nicklay, University of Minnesota Institute on the Environment
- Stephanie Hankerson, Urban Farm and Garden Alliance
- Shari Cueto, Urban Farm and Garden Alliance
- Nic Jelinski, University of Minnesota
- Room: Jeffords 110

Roundtable – From Surplus to Rights: Rethinking Food Charity, Food Waste, and the Right to Food in Just Food System Transformations

- *“Organized by members of the Global Solidarity Alliance for Food, Health and Social Justice, the session brings together academics, NGO practitioners, and food charity workers from the UK and North America. We discuss how surplus food systems shift responsibility from the state and corporate overproduction and onto charitable actors, raising concerns about dignity, agency, and food sovereignty.”*
 - Kayleigh Garthwaite, University of Birmingham, UK
 - Alana Haynes Stein, Creighton University
 - Caroline Boules, University of Maryland
 - Alison Cohen, National Community of Practice for the Right to Food
 - Chelsea Marshall, National Community of Practice for the Right to Food
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Paper Session – Agroecology: Research and Education II

- *Training Food System Leaders: Lessons from an Agroecology & Sustainable Food Systems Degree in the Southeast*
 - Ann Bybee-Finley, North Carolina State University
 - Michelle Schroeder-Moreno, North Carolina State University
- *Teaching Expository Writing to Tackle the Treachery of Food*
 - Elyse Zucker, Hostos Community College/CUNY
- *Learning Transdisciplinary Agroecology Online: Format, Content and Outputs*
 - Gabriela Bucini, IFA, University of Vermont

- Félix Georges, University of Puerto Rico
- *From Field to Page: Participatory Agroecological Storytelling for Just Food System Transformations*
 - Camila Alejandra Bernal Fontal, Institute for Food & Development Policy (Food First)
 - LMichael Green, Institute for Food & Development Policy (Food First)
- *New Curriculum for Integrating Childcare, Healthcare, and Health Insurance into The Farm Plan*
 - Shoshanah Inwood, Ohio State University
 - Maria Pippidis, University of Delaware
 - Julia Freedgood, American Farmland Trust
 - Joy Rumble, University of Vermont
- Room: Aikens 102
- Teams link: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/272534081583598?p=NbLilOw0C75rTFuwBy>

Roundtable – Right to Food: Mapping the power of food as a fundamental human right to spark transformative food systems change.

- *“Brief opening presentations in Part 1 will summarize legal, political, and cultural histories and introduce updates from the HRF community of practice, including state-level right to food legal milestones, and what difference this HRF policy approach makes in practice. The goal of these roundtables is to continue to center a human rights-based approach to food equity, access, justice, and sovereignty in the work of conference attendees.”*
- Part 1 of Right to Food Roundtable
 - Ellen Messer, Tufts University/Boston University
 - Mariana Chilton, University of Massachusetts
 - Anne Bellows, Syracuse University
 - Anisah Madden, University of Vermont
- Room: Terrill 108

Paper Session – Ecological Economics: Systems Thinking

- *AI Innovations Governing Agri-environmental Systems*
 - Benjamin Ryan, University of Vermont
 - Asim Zia, University of Vermont
- *Precarious Futures: Cultivating Resilience in the Mid-Atlantic*
 - Anupama Cembali, Johns Hopkins University

- *How big can small-scale agriculture get? Regional food distribution in the US Midwest*
 - o Patricia Mathu, Purdue University
- *Simulating power dynamics in food system transitions*
 - o Tim Williams, University of Hohenheim
- *Food system shift towards sustainability: rethinking value chain analysis frameworks for transformation*
 - o Véronique De Herde, Center for Social Economy - HEC ULiège (Belgium)/Visiting Fulbright scholar UW Madison
- Room: Lafayette 300

Paper Session – Food Policy and Governance

- *Ideals in Practice: Exploring the Gap Between Food Attitudes and Alternative Food Network Participation in New England*
 - o Cindy Zheng, University of New Hampshire
- *Exploring the possibilities and pitfalls of participatory food system assessments*
 - o Colleen Hammelman, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 - o Nicole Peterson, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 - o Rae Gordon, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 - o Hector Samani, University of North Carolina at Charlotte
- *A taste for terroir: Boundary-work, food quality characterization, and the politics of geographical indication in the global South*
 - o Matthew Zinsli, Auburn University
- *Political conflict over alternative proteins: The divide among animal protection, environmental, and food sovereignty groups*
 - o Russell Hall, Aquinas College
- *Intersections Between Cooperative Organization and Complex Multi-generational Properties: Tenants in Common Properties*
 - o Thomas Gray, Rural Business- Cooperative Service, USDA
 - o Rebecca Savoie, Overseas Cooperative Development
- Room: Aikens 110

Paper Session – Farmer and Stakeholder Perceptions and Challenges

- *After Tobacco: Value Chain Coordination and Agrarian Transition in Kentucky*
 - o Anaya Hall, University of Kentucky
- *Organic Cotton in Texas: Stakeholder Views and Certification Constraints*
 - o Douglas Constance, Sam Houston State University
 - o Jin Young Choi, Sam Houston State University

- *With Great Growth Comes Great Regulation: Assessing Farmers' Perceptions of Organic Certification in the United States.*
 - o Joe Hollis, Iowa State University
 - o Katherine Dentzman, Iowa State University
- *Exploring the Role of Inner Development Goals Among Vermont's Farmers*
 - o Shiva Soroushnia, University of Vermont
 - o Josh Taylor, University of Vermont
 - o Claire Whitehouse, University of Vermont
 - o Lisa Chase, University of Vermont
- *Diversifying Midwest Agriculture: Challenges, Opportunities, and Metrics of Success*
 - o Toyib Aremu, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Vermont
- Room: Jeffords 127

Paper Session – Community and Care Work

- *Justice and Care as Food Systems Praxis: A Social Work Delphi Study*
 - o Carla Silva, Graduate Center, City University of New York
- *Community food-care-work. The right of food and care*
 - o Milagro Nunez-Solis, Colorado State University - Department of Sociology
 - o James Hale, Colorado State University - Department of Sociology
- *Why is Hospital Food so Bad?: Exploring the disconnect between health, wellness, and food in US hospitals*
 - o Amy Bentley, New York University, Department of Nutrition and Food Studies
- *A Regional Multi-Stakeholder Coalition to Improve Nutrition Security*
 - o Joshua Bardfield, Sky High Farm
 - o Jordan Schmidt, Northeast Community Center
- Room: Lafayette 311

Paper Session – Food Supply Chains II

- *The Missing Link in Food Systems: Alternative Food Retailers and Just Transformations in Quebec, Canada*
 - o Ali Romdhani, University Laval
- *Soft Infrastructure for a Just Food Economy: Technical Assistance as Spatial Practice*
 - o Laura Valentine, Chatham University
- *Where is the processed food?*
 - o Marion Dixon, Point Park University
- *Towards just and resilient supply chains: Price discovery at a produce wholesale market in Japan*

- Yuki Sano, The University of Tokyo
- Hikaru Hanawa Peterson, University of Minnesota
- *Developing an approach to map and measure physical food access in rural areas*
 - Ashley McCarthy, USDA Food Systems Research Unit
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Roundtable – Author-Critic Session to Honor the 20th Anniversary of Psyche Williams-Forson’s

- *“This panel brings together Food Studies scholars at diverse career stages to honor the 20th anniversary of professor Psyche Williams-Forson’s truly field-defining first book *Building Houses out of Chicken Legs*, as well as her most recent book, *Eating While Black*, which won the 2023 James Beard Award in Food Issues and Advocacy and advocates for advancing new ways to talk about eating and race in order to improve American society on both personal and structural levels.”*
 - Psyche Williams-Forson, University of Maryland
 - Scott Barton, Moderator
 - Tracey Deutsch
 - Patricia Clark
 - Jessica Walker
 - Rafia Zafar
 - Derek Hicks
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Paper Session – Food and Culture

- *Routes to Rootedness: Competing Models of “Israeli Cuisine”*
 - Dafna Hirsch, The Open University of Israel
- *Boba’s Generational Changes: Four Waves of Boba in the San Gabriel Valley*
 - Karen Ip, Independent Scholar
 - Bryan Moe, Rio Hondo College
- *“Just Beer”: The Moral Economy, Everyday Practices, and Drinking Culture in a Rural Sportsmen’s Club*
 - Kitty Sheridan, Current MA Gastronomy student at Boston University
- *Pennsylvania Dutch Gastroimaginaries: A Narrative Inquiry*
 - Madisen Plunkert, Virginia Tech
 - Kim Niewolny, Virginia Tech
- *Chocolate & Community: Tradition and Nostalgia in Pittsburgh’s Neighborhoods*
 - Sydney Bollinger, Chatham University
- Room: Terrill 308

Roundtable – Maple Matters: Making, Managing, and Meaning-Making in Food Systems

Part II

- *Sugarbush Management in Vermont: Investigating Sustainability in a Growing Non-timber Forest Product Sector*
 - o Kathleen Stutzman, University of Vermont
- *Uncertain Seasons: Impacts of Climate Change on Midwestern Maple Syrup Production and Implications for Adaptive Technologies*
 - o Sheamus Cavanaugh, University of Minnesota Medical School, Duluth Campus
- *The Forever Chemical and the Witness Tree: Maple Sugaring on Contaminated Landscapes*
 - o Emily Sigman, Dartmouth College
- *The Sugarbush as a College Classroom*
 - o Caitlin McDonough MacKenzie, Bennington College
- Room: Lafayette 102

Creative Session – Tailored Intervention for Caribbean and Latin Americans in the United State (CHEF - WPM: C/LA)

- *Culinary Home Empowerment for Food Waste Prevention and Minimization*
- Kitchen Demonstration
 - o DeAndra Forde, PhD Student - Drexel University
 - o Jonathan Deutsch, Professor and Director, Drexel Food Lab
- Room: Kitchen, Marsh Life Science 231

Creative Session – Living Recipes Workshop: Writing Collaboratively with Food Memories and Narratives

- *What values and methods can food scholars develop to engage in more collaborative, multi-authored writing and research? How can we reflect in methods and writing the ways food knowledge and meanings are collectively transmitted, interpreted, and shared? This workshop explores these questions through guided activities, where participants create collaborative narratives and food memories.*
 - o Janita Van Dyk, Durham University
 - o Rosi H. Song, Durham University
 - o Sacramento Roselló-Martínez, Georgetown University
 - o Daniel E. Bender, University of Toronto; Culinaria Research Centre
- Room: Lafayette 403

- Hybrid Session, Teams link:

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Roundtable – Books in Progress: Early Career Scholars, First Books, and the “Field” of Food Studies, Part 1

- Elizabeth McQueen, Florida State University
 - Sucharita Kanjilal, Bard College
 - Tandra Stevenson, American University
 - Erica Zurawaski, State University of New York College
 - Andrea Rissing, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Monday - Session 3

6/8/26

1:15 pm

Paper Session – Ecological Economics: Food Justice and Access

- *Saito's Metabolic Rift: The Case of Corn Detasseling*
 - o Cameron Bortolon, York University
- *Promoting Perennial Dominant Urban Agroecosystems for Food Security and Ecological Restoration*
 - o Joshua Farley, University of Vermont
 - o Lizah Makombore, University of Vermont
- *Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) and Food Access to Marginalized Communities; Mixed Method Surveys, Interviews, Incentives, and Community Engagement*
 - o Lauren McCalister, Indiana University
- *Analyzing the Growth and Barriers to Local Food Procurement in West Virginia Schools*
 - o Dylan Upperman, West Virginia University
- *Making Sense of Food System Resilience in Virginia: Perspectives from a Statewide Participatory Process*
 - o Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech
 - o Shadrack Yartey, Virginia Tech
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Session – Life Stages and Food Access

- *Food Insecurity in Higher Education*
 - o Matthew Carlos, PhD Student in the Higher Education Program at George Mason University
- *Making Food Pantries More Responsive to Older Adults*
 - o Madonna Harrington Meyer, Syracuse University
- *Recognizing the Invisible: College Emergency Food System Laborers*
 - o April Lopez, SUNY Oswego
- *Leveraging Farmers' Markets and Community Collaborations to Promote Local Food Access for Older Adults*
 - o India Luxton, Syracuse University
 - o Amber Obermaier, Colorado State University

- Maggie Switzer, Colorado State University Office of Engagement and Extension
- Christa Timmerman, Colorado State University Office of Engagement and Extension
- Alison O'Connor, Colorado State University Office of Engagement and Extension
- Allyson Brothers, Colorado State University
- *Immigrants' cultural food security and alternative food network engagement: A photovoice study with Congolese adults living in New Hampshire, USA*
 - Cindy (Luyue) Zheng, University of New Hampshire
- Room: Jeffords 110

Roundtable – Rooting deeper: embedding justice in perennial agricultural systems

- *“In this roundtable, we welcome researchers and practitioners to collectively reckon with the question of how perennial research communities are attending to notions of justice.”*
- Part one of Linked Session: Speculative Making: Just Perennial Futures
 - Tara Conway, The Land Institute
 - Amy Teller, University of Minnesota
 - Ana Fochesatto, University of Wisconsin
 - Christopher Reimer, The Land Institute
 - Hannah Hemmelgarn, University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry
- Room: Aikens 110

Roundtable – Right to Food: Mapping the power of food as a fundamental human right to spark transformative food systems change: Current advocacy sub-nationally in the United States.

- Part II of Right to Food roundtable
 - Molly Anderson, Institute for Agroecology, UVM
 - Alison Cohen, National Community of Practice for the Right to Food
 - Karen Nordstrom, Institute for Agroecology, UVM
 - Anne Bellows, Syracuse University
 - Jasber Singh, Center for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University
- Room: Terrill 108

Creative Session – Culinary Commons: Recipes for Remembrance

- *“This creative session is an adaptation of Recipes for Remembrance, a socially engaged cultural foodways project that explores how kitchens, recipes, and shared meals function as sites of cultural memory, place-keeping, and food system knowledge. Facilitators will guide a “Mini-Recipes for Remembrance” activity using tools drawn from the project (recipe cards, oral history prompts, and brief audio or video documentation etc) inviting participants to reflect on their own food histories and relationships to power, access, belonging, and joy.”*
 - o Andrea Catania, Equitable Food Systems
 - o Mark Araujo, Equitable Food Systems
- Room: Lafayette 311

Paper Session – Production: Land and Water Issues

- *Climate resilience and the co-development of adaptation strategies for a key fishery*
 - o Jim LaChance, University of Maryland
- *One if By Land, Two if By Sea: Illuminating New Trends in Values-based Farmland and Fisheries Investments*
 - o Jim LaChance, University of Maryland
 - o Kathryn De Master, UC Berkeley
- *Evaluating Small-Scale Micro-Livestock: Comparative Sustainability of Rabbits, Chickens, Quail, and Pigeons for Decentralized Protein Production*
 - o Millie Murphree, Auburn University Extension
- *Existing Support Systems, Marketing Strategies, and Livelihood Approaches Among Agroforestry Practitioners in New England*
 - o Umama Begum Ruba, University of New Hampshire
 - o Dr. Analena Bruce, University of New Hampshire
- *Aquatic Food Worker Safety and Health*
 - o Allie Wainer, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
- Rooms: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Creative Session – Farmworker Initiatives: Using Archival Material to Interrogate Narratives

- *“This session will offer the opportunity to explore archival material related to farmworker initiatives. The historical events examined will include: 1) the Braceros program through archival photographs and, 2) a shift in farmworker representation and organization through a comparison of historical newsletters. After a brief overview of the historical context for these materials, archival reproductions will be provided for participants to explore through guided, hands-on activities.”*
 - o Deanna Lloyd, Oregon State University

- Natalia Fernández, Oregon State University
- Room: Lafayette 210

Panel – Broome County Farm to School Research Collaborative

- *Broome County Farm to School Research Collaborative - Findings and Reflections*
 - Sara Velardi, Binghamton University
 - Barrett Brenton, Binghamton University
- *Sprouting New Knowledge: The Role of Teachers in Farm to School Programs*
 - Tyler Linnehan, Binghamton University
- *Farm-to-School Participants' Knowledge of and Attitudes Toward Food and Agriculture*
 - Madison Rosenbaum, Binghamton University
 - Emily Low, Binghamton University
- *Growing Beyond the Classroom: The Potential Health Benefits from Increasing Family Engagement in Farm-to-School Programming*
 - Emily Gray, Binghamton University
 - Margaret Saville, Binghamton University
- *Exploring the Community-Building Impacts of Farm to School Programs on Local Producers*
 - Margaret Saville, Binghamton University
- Room: Lafayette 300

Paper Session – Food Markets

- *Getting to Scale with Local Food Purchasing in Farm to ECE: Strategies to Grow the Market*
 - Dara Bloom, CEFS at NC State University
 - Shironda Brown, CEFS at NC State University
- *Transforming for sustainability: a configurational approach to value chain contextual fit*
 - Véronique De Herde, Center for Social Economy - HEC ULiège, Belgium/Fulbright visiting scholar UW Madison
- *15 Years of Farm Stops: What we've learned and what we still need to know*
 - Jessica Eikleberry, Ohio State University
 - Kathryn Barr, Supply Change, National Farm Stop Network, NAFSN
 - Shoshanah Inwood, Ohio State University
- *What Farmers' Markets Teach Us About Food Systems Transformation*
 - Justin Cantafio, Director of Policy; Centre for Local Prosperity

- *Major Challenges and Necessary Supports for Agritourism: Findings from a National Study of Agritourism Operators*
 - o Claire Whitehouse, Center for Rural Studies, University of Vermont
 - o Kacey LaBonte, Food Systems Graduate Program, University of Vermont
 - o Shiva Soroushnia, Food Systems Graduate Program, University of Vermont
 - o Lisa Chase, University of Vermont Extension
- Room: Lafayette 108

Paper Session – Food and Media

- *Food as a Subversive Tool in the Queer Romance Subgenre*
 - o Catie Duckworth, Boston University, Food Studies Programs
- *A Poisoned Paradise: the role of food in Sunrise on the Reaping*
 - o Hannah Spiegelman, Independent Scholar
- *Prison Cookbooks: Surviving with Pride, Community, & Ingenuity*
 - o Sophie Warth, New York University
- *Transforming the Kitchen Airwaves: Home Cooking and the Evolution of Gastronomic Audio*
 - o Diana Willis, SUNY Oneonta
- *The SPICE (Sustainable, Physics-Inspired Culinary Education) Lab A Digestible Approach to Science-based Food System Transformation*
 - o Carla Ramsdell, Appalachian State University
- Room: Terrill 308

Creative Session – Co-creating Agroecological Knowledge for Sustainable Acorn Harvesting in Northeast Commons

- *“This proposed dissertation invites discussion on participatory action research that addresses structural barriers preventing Northeast farmers from integrating wild acorn harvesting: uncertainty about ecologically sustainable practices and lack of cooperative processing infrastructure.”*
- Kitchen Demonstration
 - o Julie Davenson, University of Vermont
 - o Cherry Liley, Wellspring Commons Board Member
 - o Keetu Winter, Executive Director, Wellspring Commons
- Room: Kitchen, Marsh Life Science 231

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology Policy and Design

- *Agricultural-related Policies Affecting Agroecology in the Mixed Farming Systems of Tanzania: A Review*

- Augustino Magesa, Sokoine university of agriculture
- *Nature based solutions for climate adaptation and resilience in distressed neighborhoods of South Africa: Insights from the Global South*
 - Blessings Masuku, University of Pretoria
- *Urban agroecology hubs can build resilience by 'doing more with less.*
 - Charles Tumuhe, Uganda Martyrs University/Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa
- *Proposed Guidelines for the Recovery of Soils Affected by Livestock Farming in an Area of the Colombian Amazon*
 - Ana Isabel Conde-Gutierrez, Pontifical Javeriana University
 - Adriana Bolivar, Pedagogical and Technological University of Colombia
- *The UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and other People working in rural areas (UNDROP). Between Past Legacies and Future Challenges*
 - Paola De Meo, University of Antwerp
- Room: Aikens 102
- Teams Link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/244718922326811?p=LgzY4JvR0FvCn7JgW>

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology Inputs and Production

- *The Agroecology of Indigenous Cropping Systems in the Midwest*
 - Daniel Hayden, Loyola University Chicago
- *Hunting and Gathering to Circular-Regenerative: Reimagining Food Systems with Modern Implementation Tools*
 - Isaac Mpanga, Circular Planet Institute
- *Resilient Harvesting: Indigenous seed governance as a mechanism for just food systems*
 - Nangamso Koza, Atlantic Fellows
- *Sustainable ways of growing Food*
 - Preeti Singh, Faculty in Practice in Azim Premji University
- *Panel Analysis of Tefap Food Distribution in North Carolina.*
 - Alice Mukunzi, North Carolina Agricultural & Technical State University
- Room: Lafayette 403
- Teams link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/265400150264445?p=Q6mz6v9xsQE3GctkGB>

Panel – Philosophy of Food: What is food? Food as waste, food as medicine, food futures

- *Taste of Funk: A Speculative Aesthetics for Brettanomyces*

- Elizabeth McQueen, Florida State University
- *Puzzles of Food Waste Measurement: A Conceptual Framework*
 - Nicola Piras, University of Minho
- *The Ontological Turn in the Philosophy of Food*
 - Joey Tuminello, McNeese State University
- Room: Jeffords 127
- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/244177287947019?p=Ubtahvtn7B9OSAKoxy>

Roundtable – Food Feminisms Across Territory

- *Cooking Trans-Caribbean Food Sovereignty from Puerto Rico*
 - Mónica Ocasio-Vega, Trinity University
- *Revisioning Feminist Praxis in Food Studies*
 - Farha Ternikar, Le Moyne College
- *Rethinking Academic Labor Through the First Voice*
 - Meredith Abarca, UT at El Paso
- *Decolonizing Food Studies as Feminist Praxis*
 - Patrizia La Trecchia, University of South Florida
- *The Embodiment of Vodoun: Sacred Food, Sacred Soul*
 - Patrick Sylvain, Simmons University
- *Eating Together: Food, grief and intimacy*
 - Elora Chowdhury, University of Massachusetts
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Poster Session (Burack Family Fireplace Lounge, 1st floor the Davis Center)

- *Graduate Journal of Food Studies Poster*
 - Stacey Baran, University of California, Davis
 - Ran Mei, NYU
- *Sustaining the System: Worker Well-Being and Food Waste in Scratch-Cooking School Kitchens*
 - Hyomin Lee, Johns Hopkins
- *"I watched them and saw their health": Black Mothers' Healthy Food Meanings Within a Food Swamp Environment in Southern United States*
 - Ange Asanzi, Postdoctoral Researcher, University of Illinois Chicago
 - Tristesse Burton, University of Illinois Chicago
 - Paul Monaghan, University of Florida
- *A Network Framework for Assessing Food Policy Council Relationships to Support Just Food System Transformations*

- Tania Schusler, Loyola University Chicago
- Wesley Zebrowski, Loyola University Chicago
- Han Davidson, Loyola University Chicago
- *Empowering “Campesinos”: A Path to Food Sovereignty in Puerto Rico*
 - Luis Miguel De Jesús Astacio, Co-Director, Regenerating Ancestral Puerto Rican Agriculture (RAPA)
- *Evaluating the effectiveness of caregiver nutrition education programs for child health improvement in Uganda and Kenya*
 - Tamar Crump, University of California, Davis
 - Dr, Vikram Koundinya, University of California, Davis
- *Perspectives of food hubs and intermediaries in California’s farm to school supply chain*
 - Gwenael Engelskrichen, University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (UC SAREP)
 - Gail Feenstra, University of California Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (UC SAREP)
- *Community-Embedded Agriculture and New American Farmers’ Integration in Rural Maine*
 - Gloria Mangoni, Pennsylvania State University
 - Leland Glenna, Pennsylvania State University
 - Paige Kelly, Pennsylvania State University
- *Stakeholder informed policy recommendations supporting resilient agricultural practices: Insights from the Resilience CAP*
 - Ann Finan, UW-Madison
 - Erin Meier, Green Lands Blue Waters, University of Minnesota
 - Andrew Stevens, UW-Madison
 - Chuck Anderas, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
- *Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) and Food Access to Marginalized Communities; Mixed Method Surveys, Interviews, Incentives, and Community Engagement*
 - Lauren McCalister, Indiana University
- *Food Policy Councils and the Science-Policy Interface*
 - Renata Blumberg, Montclair State University
 - Yvette Ng, City University of New York
- *Consumers’ Attitudes and Willingness to Consume Novel Foods in the Adentan and Ga South Municipalities of Ghana*
 - Charles Tortoe, University of Ghana

- *Supporting third spaces through providing soft skills training to farmers market managers*
 - o Meredith Johnson, Virginia Cooperative Extension
- *Cornell Small Farms Program's Farm Ops Project: Supporting farmer veterans in New York*
 - o Tess Noble Strohm, Cornell Small Farms Program
- *Drivers for agroecological transition: An analysis of 40 years of experience in Minas Gerais, Brazil*
 - o Alexandria Wilson, Federal University of Viçosa
- *Developing Specialty Dry Bean Varieties and Farmer Networks in the Northeastern US using Evolutionary-Participatory Plant Breeding Methods*
 - o Emily Fratz, Cornell University
- *Crops Under Cover! On-Farm Trials of Fine-Mesh Row Covers*
 - o Elaine Losekamp, University of Kentucky
 - o David Gonthier, University of Kentucky
 - o Katie Pulliam, University of Kentucky
 - o Mario Reyes, University of Kentucky
- *Agroecology Education Farm in Action*
 - o Sara Snyder, Farm Manager at the NC State Agroecology Education Farm
 - o Frieda Kahan, Agroecology Graduate Student at NC State University
 - o Ann Bybee-Finley, Assistant Professor of Agroecology
- *Cultivating Soil Resilience: Trade-offs and Farmer Adoption of Cover Cropping in Northern Organic High Tunnels*
 - o Julie Grossman, University of Minnesota, Department of Horticultural Science
 - o Natalie Hoidal, University of Minnesota Extension
 - o Adria Fernandez, University of Minnesota, Department of Horticultural Science
 - o Benjamin Tanner, University of Minnesota, Department of Horticultural Science
- *Maize polyculture management impacts on invasive Argentine ant in traditional Chinampas agriculture*
 - o Jonathan Morris, Instituto de Ecología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
 - o Clara Lopez Marmolejo, Instituto de Ecología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
 - o Mariana Benítez, Instituto de Ecología, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México

- *KASI as Fractal Praxis: Afrocentric Agricultural Education, Collective Action, and Ecological Continuity*
 - o Arogeanae Brown, Virginia Tech - Graduate Student
- *Supporting Indigenous Knowledge, Food Sovereignty, and Wellness through the Development of Wild Food Plant Identification Flashcards*
 - o Taylor Hummel, Binghamton University
 - o Emma Lindenfelser, Binghamton University
 - o Bailey Raab, Binghamton University
 - o Heidi Strawgate, Binghamton University
- *Caribbean Agroecology Institute's Partnerships and Programs in Cuba and the Region*
 - o Margarita Fernandez, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
 - o Luis Alexis Rodriguez Cruz, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- *Effect of Price Inflation on Farmers' Access to Production Inputs and Coping Strategies in Vermont*
 - o Victoria Ale, Graduate students, University of Vermont, CDAE
- *Composting: Using Storytelling in Public Libraries to Teach Children in K-2*
 - o David Holben, University of Mississippi
 - o Abednego Bansah, University of Mississippi
 - o Priscilla Maamah, University of Mississippi
 - o Kerri Greene, Oxford School District
- *Sharing Power, Growing Community: A Pilot in Participatory Grantmaking with Garden Partners in NC*
 - o Gabriella Statia, UNC Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention
 - o Brett Sheppard, UNC Center for Health Promotion & Disease Prevention
- Room: Burack Family Fireplace Lounge

Monday - Session 4

6/8/26

3:15 pm

Roundtable – Food Beyond Markets: Exploring Solutions in the US

- *“In this session, we propose new institutions that treat food and farming as public utilities. Moreover, we show how households and communities already treat food as a commons in gardens, forests, charities, and mutual aid projects.”*
 - o Josiah Taylor, University of Vermont
 - o Sam Bliss, University of Vermont
 - o Lizah Makombore, University of Vermont
 - o Josh Farley, University of Vermont
 - o Matthew Burke, University of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 311

Paper Session – Agroecology and Work

- *Youth as agents of food system recovery and resilience: WNCStrong Youth Service Corps*
 - o Angel Cruz, Center for Environmental Farming Systems - NC State University
 - o Eric Klein, Center for Environmental Farming Systems
- *Dangerous Work: New York Farmworkers’ Lost-Worktime Injuries & Lost Wages*
 - o Margaret Gray, Adelphi University
 - o Kelly Miller, Movement Economics
- *Co-constructing just farm labor standards with diversified vegetable farmworkers and owners in the U.S. Midwest*
 - o Sarah Janes Ugoretz, University of Wisconsin, FairShare CSA Coalition
 - o Marisa Lanker Paniello, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
- *Building effective agricultural workplaces: farmworker concerns and how to address them with positive labor strategies*
 - o Sarah Janes Ugoretz, University of Wisconsin, FairShare CSA Coalition
 - o Malcolm Hobbs, UC Cooperative Extension, Napa County
 - o Monica Cooper, UC Cooperative Extension, Napa County
- Room: Jeffords 110

Creative Session – Speculative Making: Just Perennial Futures

- *“Using a range of art supplies, adaptable templates, and on-site guidance in a number of creative and reflexive methodologies, participants will be asked to respond to the overarching question of “what does a more just and perennial future look and feel like in 2050?” Participants' contributions will be collected and published in a zine by the organizers after the conference.”*
- Part 2 of Linked Session: Speculative Making: Just Perennial Futures
 - Chris Reimer, The Land Institute
 - Aubrey Streit Krug, The Land Institute
- Room: Aikens 110

Panel – Revisiting the Purpose of the Agriculture of the Middle Scholarship

- Keiko Tanaka, University of Kentucky
- Dara Bloom, North Carolina State University
- Kathryn De Master, University of California-Berkeley
- Mary Hedrickson, University of Missouri-Columbia
- Room: Aikens 102

Paper Session - Sustainability and farmer experiences I

- *Climate Smart Agriculture Practices Adoption: Opportunities and challenges as framed by farmers, public, commercial actors, and landlords in Ohio and Missouri*
 - Caroline Brock, Associate Teaching Professor
- *Stewards of Diversity: Seed Growers, Cooperation, and the Cultivation of Climate-Adaptive Seed Systems in Montana*
 - Aviva Keynton, University of Montana
- *Making Climate Services Work: Lessons from Guatemalan Farmers on Access, Trust, and Local Knowledge*
 - Maya Moore, Columbia University Climate School
- *End-of-life (mis)management of agricultural plastics*
 - Nicholas Williams, California Polytechnic State University
 - Kyle Cahitas, California Polytechnic State University
 - Rory O'Toole, California Polytechnic State University
 - Seeta Sistla, California Polytechnic State University
 - Jessica Goldberger, Washington State University
- *Effect of Price Inflation on Farmers' Access to Production Inputs and Coping Strategies in Vermont*
 - Victoria Ale, University of Vermont
- Room: Jeffords 127

Paper Session – Livestock and Dairy Production

- *Milk preferences and perceptions of the northeast consumer: A grass-fed dairy consumer analysis*
 - o Avery Anderson, University of Vermont
 - o Qingbin Wang, University of Vermont
- *Livestock out of place: Prescribed grazing and the production of value in California*
 - o Amanda Kaminsky, University of California, Merced
- *Sustainable Dairy in VT depends on farmer stewardship, agency, and well-being*
 - o Cari Ritzenthaler, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
 - o Kacey LaBonte, College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, Food Systems
 - o Courtney Hammond-Wagner, USDA ARS
 - o Hannah Peplinski, Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources
- *Creating a Sustainable Dairy Farming Landscape in the Northeast*
 - o Alexis Yamashita, University of Vermont
 - o David Conner, University of Vermont
 - o Amy Bentley, Syracuse University
 - o Lawrence Lam, Syracuse University
 - o Michelle Tynan, Syracuse University
 - o Rick Welsh, Syracuse University
- Room: Lafayette 403

Panel – Workers in the Agrifood System: Embodiment, Precarity, & Racialization

- *Ethical Meat at Work: Labor, Care, and Governance in Small-Scale Processing*
 - o Ana Fochesatto, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *"Without your health, you are nothing" Injury, Illness, and Masculinity Among Latino Immigrant Farmworkers*
 - o Hazel Velasco Palacios, Pennsylvania State University
- *Endemic Precarity: A Multi-Scalar Regime of Embodied Harm and Racialized Debilitation in Food Processing*
 - o Lola Loustaunau, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *Worker Resistance or Coping? Embodying the Precarity of Small-Scale Meat Processing*
 - o Michaela Hoffelmeyer, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Room: Lafayette 108

Roundtable – Embodied Pedagogies for Just Food Systems Transformation

- *“This session invites dialogue among educators, researchers, and practitioners on how embodied learning can support transformative food systems education— education that not only analyzes unjust systems, but cultivates the capacities and relationships needed to remake them.”*
 - Laura Livingston, Assistant Professor of Food Studies / Director of Sustainable Agriculture at Chatham University
 - Alice Julier, Professor of Food Studies at Chatham University
 - Chris Murakami, Associate Professor of Food Studies at Chatham University
 - Sally Frey, Associate Professor of Food Studies at Chatham University
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Paper Session - Food Products and Sustainability

- *Can Alternative Proteins Help Achieve a Sustainable U.S. Food System? Stakeholder-Informed Opportunities and Challenges for Advancing the Sector*
 - Katherine Consavage Stanley, World Food Policy Center, Duke University; Bezos Center for Sustainable Protein at NC State University
- *(Fake) Meat is Under Attack!*
 - Ariana Gunderson, Indiana University
- *Impact of product reformulation on human health and the environment*
 - Anneli Lofstedt, University of Oxford
- *Pork. It’s What’s for Lunch: Food, Race, and the Politics of Migration in Denmark*
 - Samantha Brown, Unaffiliated
- *Lost Food: Misplacing What We Eat*
 - Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - Marisa Lanker, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - Valerie Stull, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Room: Lafayette 210

Paper Session - Decoloniality and Just Transitions for Food Sovereignty

- *Uprooting policy regimes to design policy for food sovereignty*
 - Ax DeLessio, Marquette
- *Establishing a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System (GIAHS) in a Country that is Hostile to the Interests of International Cooperation.*
 - Duncan Hilchey, Thomas A. Lyson Center for Civic Agriculture and Food Systems
- *Earth in Labor: Exploring Political Economies of Agroecological Transformation*
 - Nils McCune, Institute for Agroecology, UVM

- *Adivasi foodways: Bridging Indigenous Research, Systems Science and Anthropology for Sustainable Food Futures*
 - o Udit Sanga, Tufts University
 - o Sarah Pinto, Tufts University
 - o Ellen Messer, Tufts University
 - o Eleanor Vance, Tufts University
- *Why are Border Regions becoming zones of global food vulnerability in an era of multiple crises?*
 - o Yerlan Alibay, University of Arizona
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Roundtable – Do Flowers Belong in Food Systems? Cut Flowers, Experiential Pedagogy, and the Expanding Boundaries of Sustainable Food Systems

- *“Drawing on innovative experiential pedagogy centered on sustainable specialty cut flower production and design, this roundtable explores farmer and participant perspectives and collective inquiry on where flowers already appear in food systems work, how non-food crops complicate dominant understanding of how we define nourishment and value, and the role experiential pedagogy plays in just food systems education and transformation.”*
 - o Sarah Berquist, UMass Amherst
 - o Celia Harnish, UMass Amherst
 - o Kayleigh Boyle, co-owner Breadseed Farm, Craftsbury, VT
- Room: Lafayette 300

Creative Session – Story Sharing in Community: Collective Storytelling as a Pathway to Just Food Systems Transformation

- *“Through stories, music, and prompting, attendees will experience how story sharing builds rapport, reveals insight, and illuminate's pathways for change.”*
 - o Natilee Kyle, Tuskegee University and INFAS
 - o Lindsey Lunsford, Tuskegee University and INFAS
- Room: Terrill 308

Roundtable – Books in Progress: Early Career Scholars, First Books, and the “Field” of Food Studies, Part 2

- o Elizabeth McQueen, Florida State University
- o Claire Bunschoten, University of North Carolina
- o Scott Barton, University of Notre Dame
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Founders Leadership Panel – 40 Years of Interdisciplinary Practice and Service

- *“Forty years ago, a group of interdisciplinary scholars founded a society to offer an essential intellectual forum for the early transdisciplinary critique of the industrial agrifood system. In this panel, the founders reflect on their collaborative strengths and vision, highlighting their impact in shaping committees, planning conferences, mentoring generations of members and scholars, and considering the future of our society as it enters its next 40 years.”*
 - o Sonya Sharififard, Pepperdine University
 - o Gail Feenstra, University of California Agriculture and Natural Resources
 - o Kate Clancy, Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future
 - o William Lacy, University of California, Davis
 - o Carolyn Sachs, Pennsylvania State University
 - o Paul Thompson, Michigan State University
 - o Douglas Constance, Sam Houston State University
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Remote Paper Session – Agency and Authority

- *School Food Programs as a Procurement Opportunity for Local Short Food Supply Chains: Comparing Italian and American Urban Perspectives*
 - o Catherine Nardi, American University
- *Querer Es Poder: Latinx Immigrant Farmers and the Role of Everyday Creativity in Contesting Structural Food System Inequities*
 - o Emily Ramsey, University of Georgia
- *Internal Trade Costs and the Effectiveness of Fertilizer Use in India*
 - o Enakshi Bera, PhD Student
- *Why agency matters for engendering food security in the multi-scale governance of cocoa agroforestry*
 - o Eric Mensah Kumeh, University of British Columbia
- *The Role of Health Practitioners in Advancing Just Food Systems*
 - o Heather Carrie, Food as Medicine Global
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/295132464680303?p=GGakcRodV9JQWjuHsM>

KEYNOTE: MONDAY, JUNE 8, 5:00-7:00: Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center

A panel discussion by some of Vermont's most influential food systems leaders. Together, Ellen Kahler, Sarah Waring, Grace Oedel, and Samantha Langevin bring decades of experience shaping the region's food landscape—and a shared commitment to building a more just, resilient, and thriving system.

- Ellen Kahler, Executive Director of the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, has been a driving force behind the state's nationally recognized Farm to Plate Strategic Plan.
- Sarah Waring, Executive Director of the Northern Border Regional Commission and former USDA official, has also led the Center for an Agricultural Economy, advancing rural innovation and opportunity.
- Grace Oedel, Executive Director of NOFA-VT, is a passionate advocate for organic farming and farmer-centered change.
- Samantha Langevin, Director of Partnerships & Community at the Liberation Ecosystem, brings a powerful lens on equity, collaboration, and transformative community building.
- Moderator: David Conner, Professor, Community Development and Applied Economics, UVM

Together, these remarkable leaders will share stories from the front lines. They will discuss how they've helped position Vermont's food system as a catalyst for ecological sustainability, social connection, economic vitality, justice, and public health.

Livestream Link: <https://go.uvm.edu/food-systems-keynote>

Tuesday - Session 1

6/9/26

8:30 am

Paper Session - Ecological Economics: Land and Production Systems

- *Bee Communities on Costa Rican Coffee Farms: A National Survey*
 - o Christopher Donovan, University of Vermont
- *Climate Change Adaptation through the lens of farmland size: the role of government programs, economies of scale, and uncertain returns*
 - o Elizabeth Espinosa-Uquillas, University of Vermont
- *Soil Health and Well-Being Scale Development*
 - o Claire Friedrichsen, USDA-ARS Northern Great Plains Research Laboratory
 - o Courtney Hammond Wagner, USDA-ARS Food Systems Unit
 - o Hannah Peplinski, University of Vermont
 - o William Jones, USDA-ARS Food Systems Unit
- *Pushing the boundaries of private property: An exploration of land protection decisions in Iowa*
 - o Sophie Neems, Arizona State University
- *(Dis)placemaking: Hmong Elders Reimagine Place Through Agricultural Transformation*
 - o Margiana Petersen-Rockney, University of Montana
- Room: Aikens 102

Paper Session – Agroecology and Values

- *The Ecosocial Heart: Community and Our Agroecological Commitments*
 - o Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *Community Care as Common Ground: Shared Commitment to Community Among Ideologically Disparate Farmer Groups*
 - o Rachel Gurney, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - o Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - o Valerie Stull, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- *What do diverse food system actors value? Evidence from a mixed-methods survey in Mexico and India*
 - o Anne Elise Stratton, University of Massachusetts Amherst; University of Hohenheim (Germany)
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Paper Session – Sustainability and farmer experiences II

- *Cultivating food system resilience: Farmers’ ecological, social and economic capacities in post-hurricane Puerto Rico*
 - o Aura M. Alonso-Rodríguez, University of Puerto Rico, Mayaguez
- *U.S. dairy farmers don’t use sustainable language, despite using sustainable practices*
 - o Lauren Hunt, Brown University
- *Remaking Climate Disaster Relief Programs for New England Farms*
 - o Sara Kelemen, American Farmland Trust
 - o Alissa White, American Farmland Trust
 - o Erinn Roberts, American Farmland Trust
 - o Tasha Brodeur, American Farmland Trust
- *Floods and fluctuations: Vermont dairy farmers’ experiences of changing weather and industry*
 - o Kacey LaBonte, University of Vermont
 - o Cari Ritzenthaler, University of Vermont
 - o Courtney Hammond Wagner, USDA Agricultural Research Service, Food Systems Research Unit
 - o Gillian Galford, University of Vermont
- *Brewing Modernity: Returnee Coffee Farmers and the Reshaping of Rural Hierarchies in China*
 - o Heyi Xie, Dartmouth College
- Room: Jeffords 110

Panel – Agroecology and [Sea]Food Sovereignty

- *“The session will open with a shared working definition of agroecology, as it pertains to both land and sea-based food systems. We will then have a panel discussion on agroecology in the ocean commons and how it is actualized in practice. After initial responses to core guiding questions, the moderator will invite input from the audience to deepen the discussion and collectively refine the contours of an agroecology framework for fisheries and aquaculture.”*
 - o Andrianna Natsoulas, Aquaculture Campaign Director, North American Marine Alliance – Moderator
 - o Nadine Nembhard, Administrative Officer of Caribbean Network of Fisherfolk Organization, Co-Chair of World Forum of Fisher Peoples
 - o Jason Jarvis, Co-Founder Quonnie Fish Cooperative, Port Judith, RI
 - o Luis Alexis Rodríguez-Cruz, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- Room: Aikens 110
- Hybrid Session, Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/262047341767908?p=0r8N7xKFfkZCVxJgFO>

Roundtable – Reader's chomp into Parasitic Personhood

- *“This roundtable discussion in the tradition of “author meets critics” will bring Lisa Heldke’s 2025 book, Parasitic Personhood and the Ontology of Eating, into conversation with three respondents.”*
 - o Margot Finn, University of Michigan
 - o Amy Guptill, SUNY Brockport
 - o Lark Maag, Binghamton University
- Room: Jeffords 127

Panel – Working Toward Transformative Change: How Disaster-Prone Communities are Coming Together to Build a More Resilient Emergency Food System in the Face of Disruptions

- *“In response to increasing disasters and disruptions, interdisciplinary academics have collaborated with community partners in six counties in California to build the North Coast Emergency Food System Partnership. This Partnership brings together food system actors and emergency managers to foster cross-sector relationships and increase shared knowledge of emergency feeding planning that incorporates local food. This panel will share three papers: 1) An Evolving Understanding of Local Food in Emergency Food Systems, 2) The Resilience Paradigm as an Analytical Tool to Assess an Emergency Food System Coalition, 3) Developmental and Participatory Evaluation Frameworks: Responsive and Inclusive Design for Complex Projects”*

- Ashley Hooper, University of California Cooperative Extension
- Karina Lundahl, University of California Cooperative Extension
- Julia Van Soelen Kim, University of California Cooperative Extension
- Vikram Koundinya, University of California–Davis & Cooperative Extension
- Room: Lafayette 300
- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/25145133877977?p=0ITBKoKvBlm7S5dL5j>

Roundtable – AFHVS member (and member-curious!) session

- *“Next year’s conference, hosted by the Association for the Study of Food and Society (ASFS), may look a little different from previous years, with the potential for smaller gatherings in multiple locations across 2027. While we may miss the larger format of previous years, a different model for 2027 creates an opportunity for new ideas, and potentially, to craft a smaller gathering more tailored to Agriculture, Food, and Human Values Society (AFHVS) community interests and priorities. What might you want to see at such a gathering? Would you suggest similar sessions to what is typically done or something different? What could we try out that might normally be more difficult in our larger form? This conversation can also open space for other ideas for future or dig into details on how AFHVS functions and what constraints and opportunities exist in the Society. Come with your thoughts, or just to listen and brainstorm with AFHVS’s board leadership and conference committee – whether you’ve been a member forever, this is your first conference, or anywhere in between.”*
 - Nadine Lehrer, Chatham University
 - Clare Erwin, Chatham University
 - Valentine Cadieux, Hamline University
 - Jennifer Otten, University of Washington
 - Katie Dentzman, Iowa State University
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Paper Session – Cooking and Diets

- *Appetite For Suppression: Ozempic and the Profitable Governance of Hunger*
 - Gabrielle Reagan, Temple University
- *We felt free, grounded, and right: Home Canning, The Whole Earth Catalog, and U.S. Food System Interventions in the 1970s*
 - Danille Elise Christensen, Virginia Tech, Blacksburg

- *Exploring the Role of Food Scientists in Sustainable Product Development: A Qualitative Study of Their Personal and Professional Perspectives* Srushti Parikh and Charles Feldman
 - o Srushti Parikh, Montclair State University
- Room: Terrill 308

Roundtable – Taste: A Matter of Method

- o Ariana Gunderson, Indiana University
- o Katharina Graf
- o Sucharita Kanjilal
- o Jillian Cavanaugh
- o Heather Krick
- o Sally Frey
- o Amy Millet
- Room: Lafayette 210

Panel – Philosophy of Food: Affects, Attention, and Food Selling Practices

- *Cultivating Attention: Food Practices and Spiritual Formation*
 - o Emma Hardy, University of Michigan
- *The Affective Constitution of Food*
 - o Englisch Patrik, Culinary Mind: Center for Philosophy of Food
- *Preserving What? Heritage Policy and Economic Precarity in Singapore's Hawker Centers*
 - o Jenny Dorsey, Fulbright-National Geographic Research Scholar
- *Between Hegemony and Transformation: How Supermarkets Shape Food Futures*
 - o Isabelle Bishop, University of North Texas
- Room: Lafayette 311
- Hybrid Session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/225717514969069?p=Ghs5wg5UkH6VxoyhwZ>

Panel – Agricultural Labor and Workforce Development in a Changing Food System: A panel discussion

- *“This 90-minute panel discussion will bring together five food system actors from across Vermont to discuss the barriers and opportunities for successful workforce development and labor recruitment in a rapidly changing food system. The panel will also explore the viability of an agroecological transition, with a focus on transforming the current labor landscape toward a more equitable and economically viable system for food system and agricultural workers.”*

- Victor Izzo, University of Vermont
- Hannah Baxter, Vermont Farm to Plate
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Session – Agroecology and Small Holders

- *Coping with Crisis: Farming and Food Insecurity in Post-Coup Chin State, Myanmar*
 - Biak Lian Thang, University of Montana
- *Effects of Agricultural Management on Plant Secondary Metabolism of Coffea Arabica and Implications for Small Holder Farmers*
 - Yekaterina Eskander, University of Michigan
- *Smallholder Farmers Need More Agroecology, not Expensive Technologies: Lessons Learned from the Fall Armyworm*
 - Allan Hruska, University of Michigan
- *Agroecological Approaches for Soil Water Use Efficiency in Agriculture: Participatory Research on Climate Resilience with Smallholder Farmers in Mzimba North, Malawi*
 - Agnes Luhanga, Mzuzu University
 - Rachel Bezner Kerr, Cornell University
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Hybrid Session, Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/229101588376670?p=M6WkVyZZYB0TFicxs3>

Paper Session - Just Transformation: Space and Knowledge

- *An Exception No More: Agricultural Labor in an Era of Increased Surveillance*
 - India Luxton, Syracuse University
 - Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Syracuse University
- *Untangling Food Justice: Definitions, Frameworks, and Practice*
 - Yeeli Mui, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- *Using the SECI Model to Map Knowledge Systems of Urban Farmers in Virginia*
 - William McCausland, Virginia Tech
 - Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech
- *Transportation and fresh food access: Results from a survey of Syracuse (NY) residents*
 - Jean-Daniel Saphores, University of California, Irvine, Institute of Transportation Studies
 - Anne Bellows, Syracuse University, Food Studies
 - Rhonda Vesey, FAHNN
 - Sabah Iqra, University of California, Irvine, Institute of Transportation Studies

- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology: Global Perspectives

- *Two Generations, Three Regimes: Justice and Transformation in a Shunde Fishpond World*
 - o Chang Liu, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman Malaysia/Shunde Polytechnic University China
- *From Africans to Africans, a Collective Network of Farmer Support Groups and Small Agro-industries (CollNet): Empowering Cultural Food Chains through Agroecology, Regenerative grazing, and Ecological Restoration in Cameroon*
 - o Abdon L. Schmitt Filho, Agroecosystems Postgraduate Programs - PPGA, Federal University of Santa Catarina UFSC, Brazil
 - o Peter Kebei-Ghongson Afoukeze, Piarist Fathers of Central Africa (Ordre Des Ecoles Pries, Pères Piaristes, Province de l’Afrique Centrale)
 - o Joshua Farley, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics - CDAE, University of Vermont
 - o Paulo Sinisgalli, Silvopastoral System and Ecological Restoration Lab. PPGA/UFSC.
- *Beyond Initial Adoption: A Longitudinal Review of Persistence and Abandonment in U.S. Conservation Agriculture*
 - o Ayorinde Ogunyiola, Murray State University
- Room: Lafayette 403
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/287035208676569?p=yxPcsHbyScVhAG3dxc>

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology: Knowledge and Agency

- *From Binary to Spectrum: Understanding Adoption Pathways and Intensity of Regenerative Agriculture among Smallholder Farmers*
 - o Joshua Muloi, Center for Development Research, University of Bonn, Germany
- *Seed Sovereignty through Agroecology: Smallholder Farmers’ Knowledge, Practices, and Resistance*
 - o Chatura Pulasinghage, PhD candidate, Department of Geography and Environment Studies, Wilfrid Laurier University, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada
- *Rural Youth and Agroecology in Latin America: Challenges and Strategies for Staying on the Land*
 - o Isadora Escosteguy, CEPAGRO
 - o Erika Sagae, CEPAGRO

- Isabela Andrade, UBC
- Hannah Wittman, UBC
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/217087884591414?p=WvvqqmORepKAAUQB1Z>

Tuesday- Session 2

Tuesday (6/9/26)

10:30 am

Lightning Talks – Round 2

- *Agricultural Plastic Waste: Opportunities and Barriers for End-of-Life Management*
 - o Rory OToole, California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo, California
- *Organizational Readiness in Emergency Food Systems as Infrastructures of Care: Evidence from Orleans Parish, Louisiana*
 - o Maria Muñoz, Celia S. Weatherhead School of Public Health, Tulane University
- *Factors Influencing Agricultural Plastic Management among California Growers*
 - o Kyle Cahitas, Cal Poly SLO
- *The Impact of Social Norms on Women's Access to Agricultural Production Resources in Southern Mexico*
 - o Sylvia Oguna, University of California Davis
- *Terror-tory: Rhetorical Reconstruction of Philippine Agrarian Reform and Agroecology Under Martial Law*
 - o Emma Emata, American University (undergraduate student)
- *Why should we care about social norms in agriculture? A case for women farmers in Southern Mexico*
 - o Sylvia Oguna, University of California, Davis
- *Designing Waste Out: The "Gastronomic Island" Ecology of A Circular Economy for Food*
 - o Sarra Talib, University of Vermont
- *Hemp Sustainability: A Multimodal and Means-End Analysis of the US Hemp Sector*
 - o Teresa Mungazi, Doctoral Candidate
- *Neurodiversity and Sustainable Agriculture*
 - o Fionn Thierny, Landmark College
 - o Matthew Hoffman, Landmark College
- *Predominantly White Institutions (PWIs) and Food Access to Marginalized Communities; Mixed Method Surveys, Interviews, Incentives, and Community Engagement*
 - o Lauren McCalister, Indiana University
- *Perspectives of food hubs and intermediaries in California's farm to school supply chain*

- Gwenael Engelskirchen, University of Calif Sustainable Agriculture Research & Education Program (UC SAREP)
- *Challenging Corporate Power in Food Retail: The Case for Public Grocery as a Counter-Movement*
 - Quinn Herbine, UVM Food Systems M.S. student
- *Assessing how information facilitates adoption of agricultural conservation practices by farmers in southeast Tennessee*
 - Mackenzi Hallmark, University of Georgia
- *Underground Resistance: The Peasant Defense of the Potato in 18th century Germany*
 - Anna Schnitzer, Ecole Normale Suprieure de Paris
- *What would a just transformation of food systems look like in Guadeloupe (FWI) according to its inhabitants: perspectives from a qualitative survey*
 - Clémence Elmira, UMR Eco-anthropologie, Muséum National d'Histoire Naturelle, Paris, France
- Room: Terrill 308

Roundtable – Feminist Praxis and Intersectionality in Food Systems Scholarship: Rethinking the Canon

- *“As a roundtable of feminist scholars of critical food studies, we will discuss the importance of feminist methods, scholar activism commitments, positionality, and intersectionality in creating just transitions in food systems research.”*
 - Alexis Yamashita, University of Vermont
 - Willa Zhen, The Culinary Institute of America
 - Teresa Mares, University of Vermont
 - Farha Ternikar, Le Moyne College
 - Alice Julier, Chatham University
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Session – Sustainability, Society and Epistemologies

- *Coupling Social and Ecological Data to Understand Drivers of Soil Health on New England Farms*
 - Kevin Antoszewski, American Farmland Trust
- *The sociology of disaster and food systems: crisis, emergence, resilience*
 - Amy Guptill, SUNY Brockport
- *Beyond Instrumentalism: Farmers’ Plural Motivations in Contemporary U.S. Agriculture*

- Daniel Tobin, University of Vermont
- Barituka Bekee, University of Vermont
- Joe Ament, University of Vermont
- *Plural Epistemologies in Practice: Collaborating with Transhumant Pastoralists to Strengthen Climate Science*
 - Bryn Watkins, University of Georgia, Department of Crop and Soil Sciences
- *Struggles for equity in community food systems: A longitudinal study*
 - James Hale, Colorado State University
 - Milagro Nunez-Solis, Colorado State University
 - Joshua Sbicca, Colorado State University
- Room: Jeffords 127

Creative Session – *What is a productive food system?*

- *“Research, policy, and investment often focus on improving productivity, but how do we define productivity of land? Attendees will collaboratively develop a cognitive map with session facilitators.”*
 - C.B. Knox, USDA-ARS-FSRU
 - Patrick Ewing, USDA-ARS-FSRU
 - Chris Peters, USDA-ARS-FSRU
 - Courney Hammond Wagner, USDA-ARS-FSRU
 - Ashley McCarthy, USDA-ARS-FSRU
 - Jake Kundert, USDA-ARS-FSRU
- Room: Terrill 308

Panel – Sharing Lessons Learned from Research and Extension for Supporting Farmworkers

- *This panel presents a multi-state collaboration of researchers and Extensionists describing their experiences working on projects with farmworkers. The goal is practice-focused on the furtherance of applied objectives to better programming, data collection, and analysis.*
 - Andrew Smolski, Penn State
 - Kim Niewolny, Virginia Tech
 - Anna Erwin, University of Texas, Rio Grande Valley
 - Marcia Ostrom, Washington State University
 - Roberto Rosales, North Carolina State University/North Carolina Cooperative Extension
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Paper Session - Food Systems Research and Practice

- *Whose future? Participatory Modeling, Farmer Responses, and the Human Dimension of Future Croscapes*
 - o Kanchi Desai, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
 - o Andrea Rissing, School of Sustainability, Arizona State University
- *Perceptions equity and of being valued among participants in large interdisciplinary, USDA-funded projects: Exploratory findings and initial implications*
 - o Ann Finan, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - o Carol Williams, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - o Aaron Reser, Green Lands Blue Waters, University of Minnesota
- *What is “relational thinking”, and how does it manifest in research?*
 - o Rachelle Gould, University of Vermont
- *The Citation Divide: How Wealth and Geography Shape Sustainable Diets Research*
 - o Carolyn Hricko, Independent
- *How U.S. farmers experience the adoption of conservation agricultural practices: A cover crop case study*
 - o Lauren Hunt, Brown University
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Panel – Bites of Empire: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Food and Power

- *Longing for an Imagined Past at the Cusp of Empire: Porridge and Nostalgia in Ancient Rome*
 - o Andrew Donnelly, Texas Tech University
- *Rancid Spain: The Geopolitics of Olive Oil in 19th-Century Spain*
 - o Beth Forrest, Culinary Institute of America
- *Imperial Indigestion: The Army Meat Scandal of the Spanish-American War*
 - o Cynthia Ross, Texas A & M University – Commerce
- *An Empire of Ale: The British Imperial Invention of the India Pale Ale*
 - o Malcolm Purinton, Northeastern University
- Room: Aikens 102
- Hybrid Session, Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/249360456548668?p=WzPmt9sOO0rmwzxh8Y>

Paper Session – Food Charity and Entitlements

- *Nonprofit Organizations: Can they Fill the Food Aid Gap*
 - o E. Melanie DuPuis, UC-Santa Cruz and Pace University

- Michelle R. Worosz, Auburn University and Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station
- *“It felt like we were right back in COVID”: Local Responses to Increasing Food Insecurity*
 - Tori-Ann Haywood, Syracuse University
- *“Charity Is Not Free”: Problem Representation, Corporate Power, and the Framing of Surplus Redistribution in High-Income Countries*
 - Kayleigh Garthwaite, University of Birmingham, UK
- *Assessing geographic and temporal variation in the cost of the Thrifty Food Plan (TFP)*
 - Elena Martinez, Food Insight Group
- Room: Lafayette 108

Creative Session – Transforming Green: Traditional Ecological Knowledge in Trinidadian Chow

- *“Through live demonstration and tasting, this session explores how traditional culinary practices embody intricate creolisation of ancestral knowledge, and reimagining of just food systems grounded in Caribbean culinary resilience.”*
- Kitchen Demonstration
 - Kefeshe Bernard, Princeton University
- Room: Kitchen, Marsh Life Science 231

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology Metrics and Strategies

- *Making the economic case for agroecology: Evidence from smallholders in Burkina Faso*
 - Steve Brescia, Groundswell International
 - Vanja Westerberg, Altus Impact
 - Tsuamba Bourgou, Groundswell International
 - Luis Costa, Altus Impact
- *Empowerment through Participation in Natural and Organic Farming: Insights from Adivasi Women in Odisha, India*
 - Lalatendu Keshari Das, Indian Institute of Technology Roorkee
 - Ashish Sahu, Independent Researcher

- *Custodian of the Seed: Indigenous Filmmaking as an enforcement of the Right to Food Mechanism*
 - o Pratyasha Ghosh, London School of Economics and Political Science
- *Survival pending food sovereignty in Kenya: The Kenyan Peasants Leagues theory of prefiguration*
 - o Sophia Wathne, Independent researcher, Forum for Madsuverænitet
- *Developing a Conceptual Framework for a Citizen Science-Based Agroecology Self-Assessment (ASA) Tool*
 - o Walter Mupangwa, International Water Management Institute (IWMI)
- Room: Aikens 110
- Teams Link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/282694299996424?p=mkd9fHZe0eSE7pjgnu>

Remote Paper Session – Agroecology and Ecological Economics

- *Socio-economic and environmental analysis of the integrated market gardening and livestock farming system in Benin*
 - o Yovo Expédit TCHIGO, Laboratory for Analysis and Research on Economic and Social Dynamics (Lardes)
- *The FEAST Initiative: Place-based Development of Food System Infrastructure on Maryland's Eastern Shore*
 - o Valerie Imbruce, Washington College
 - o Luke Drake, Washington College
 - o Maya Betley, Washington College
 - o Laura Chamberlin, Washington College
- *Reclaiming Food Systems and Indigenous Knowledge in the Indian Sundarbans*
 - o Sanchita Das, Visiting Faculty, Jadavpur University
 - o Sayantoni Datta, Founder, Jaladarsha Collective
- *Climate vulnerability and adaptation among transhumant pastoralists in the north-western Himalayas*
 - o Shubham, DR
- *Towards Post-Growth Food Systems in Practice: A Critically Engaged Longitudinal Study in England*
 - o Anne Touboulic, University of Nottingham, UK
 - o Lucy McCarthy, University of Bristol, UK
 - o Ursula Davis, University of Nottingham, UK
 - o Fabian Maier University Paris Dauphine, France
- Room: Lafayette 102

- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/270790556249389?p=BnRSqCLhxweE9feNqH>

Remote Paper Session – Cuisines and Solutions

- *Huk (Shifting) Cultivation and Tipra Cuisine: Agroecology, Biodiversity, and Just Food Futures*
 - o Alampik Debbarma, Department of History, Tripura University (A Central University, Agartala, Tripura, India)
- *Fermented Ecologies: Rice beer, Microbial life and Sustainable Health amidst Environmental Changes*
 - o Praapti Sarma, PhD Scholar, South Asian University, New Delhi, India
- *Reclaiming Culinary Authority: How Cambodian Chefs Challenge Post-Colonial Food Systems Through Grassroots Cultural Work*
 - o Hart N. Feuer, Kyoto University
- Room: Lafayette 403
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/213237635117300?p=7cW4boXSS60MF10UnB>

Paper Session – Agroecology and Inputs

- *Supporting Traditional Seed Systems in the Mixteca Alta of Mexico*
 - o Quetzalcóatl Orozco-Ramírez, Instituto de Geografía, Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, Oaxaca, México
 - o Yolanda Chen, University of Vermont
- *What makes a seed “heritage”? Examining the political ecology of rice varietal development in south India*
 - o Anjana Ramkumar, Cornell University
- *Seeds of Just Transformations: Nonprofit Organizations Reckoning with Historical and Present Injustices in a Local Seed System in Tucson, AZ*
 - o Katarina Sajovec Altshul, Dept of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia
- *Sorghum and Solidarity: A Longitudinal Story of Seed, Resilience, and Farmer Knowledge in Mali*
 - o Scott Lacy, Fairfield University & African Sky
 - o Amadou Traore, African Sky
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Paper Session – Agroecology: Feminism and Gender Issues

- *Women’s Work and Agroecological Transitions in Changing Agricultural Markets*
 - o Krushna Ranaware, Johns Hopkins University
- *Grassroots Pathways to Just Transformation: The Rural Women’s Assembly’s Fight for Land and Seed Sovereignty in Southern Africa*
 - o Judith Singibala, TUPO Foundation - TRWA member
 - o Catherine Mulaga, MIICO Organisation - TRWA Coordinator
- *The SADC Rural Women’s Assembly’s Regenerative Agroecology Hubs: Linking Land Rematriation, Training, and Economic Self-Sufficiency*
 - o Judith Singibala, TUPO Foundation - TRWA member
 - o Catherine Mulaga, MIICO Organisation - TRWA Coordinator
 - o Catherine Mponzi, TRWA Seed Saver
- Room: Jeffords 110

Creative Session – Strategies for the Solidarity Economy

- *“Our workshop will include an overview of the Theory of Change: Be, Build, Block strategies. We will facilitate breakout sessions in which small groups will draw problem trees to identify the root causes of food insecurity in their communities. Small groups will develop narratives that help reframe how we talk about hunger/food insecurity in a way that addresses the root causes and enables the food justice community to organize around.”*
 - o Lauren McCalister, Closing the Hunger Gap
 - o Suzanne Babb, Closing the Hunger Gap
 - o Megan Betz, Closing the Hunger Gap
- Room: Lafayette 210

Tuesday – Presidential Address and Award

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES AND AWARDS: Tuesday, June 9, 1:15-2:45, Grand Maple Ballroom, Davis Center

Presentation of society awards

Jennifer Otten, President of AFHVS: “Tending the Roots of Civic Health and Bridging Perception Gaps.”

Daniel E. Bender, President of ASFS: “Infinite Recipes: Eating in the Anthropocene.”

Livestream Link: <https://go.uvm.edu/food-systems-awards>

Tuesday - Session 3

Tuesday (6/9/26)

3:15 pm

Paper Session – Agroecology: Cropping Systems

- *Are Almonds Thirsty or Thrifty? The Politics of Knowing Plant-Water Relations*
 - o Emily Reisman, University at Buffalo (SUNY)
- *Production feasibility of, barriers to, and producers' motivations related to dryland vegetable production: A participatory, interdisciplinary investigation*
 - o Erin Jackson, Colorado State University
- *Characterizing variable pathways of simplification and diversification in U.S. cropping systems*
 - o Katherine Nelson, University of Missouri
 - o Chunyun Tang, University of Missouri
- *Advancing climate resilience: Agroecological practices among small and medium-sized farmers in Minnesota*
 - o Hikaru Peterson, University of Minnesota
 - o Erin McKee, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy
 - o Andrea Arifin, University of Minnesota
- *Grassroots Innovation: Agroecological Practice Across California and Argentina*
 - o Keren Reichler, Rice University
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Panel – Seeds, Inputs and Practices

- *Barriers Within Borders: How Trade Costs and Subsidies Shape Fertilizer Adoption in India?*
 - o Enakshi Bera, PhD Student
- *Diagnosing Disruption: Grower Sensemaking Around Neonicotinoid Harms and Restrictions*
 - o Derek Franklin, Iowa State University
 - o Edem Avemegah, Washington State University
 - o Katie Dentzman, Iowa State University
 - o Jessica Goldberger, Washington State University
- *Plastic Mulch and Strawberries in the Anthropocene: A Commodity Systems Analysis of Coupled Agrarian Commodities*
 - o Jessica Goldberger, Washington State University

- Beth Prosnitz, Washington State University
- Rory O'Toole, California Polytechnic State University
- *Adoption of Novel Weed Management Technologies: The Relative Importance of Individual Versus Structural Drivers*
 - Dentzman Katherine, Iowa State University
- *Understanding cover crop continuance and disadoption: Opportunities and barriers that influence Iowa farmers' decisions to use cover crops over time*
 - Chris Morris, Iowa State University
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Paper Session – Agroecology and Food Sovereignty

- *Watching While Hungry: Food Television, Class, and the Fantasy of Access in the Age of Streaming*
 - Hulda Sakyi, University of Oregon
 - Sabina Mensah, University of Oregon
- *Post-growth food systems: Collapse or Food Sovereignty?*
 - Molly Anderson, University of Vermont
- *Food Security Without Sovereignty: Power, Inequality and Agricultural Development in Northern Ghana*
 - Sabina Mensah, University of Oregon
 - Hulda Sakyi, University of Oregon
- *Reimagining Sustainable Food Systems Through Journalism: Storytelling, Equity, and Systems Change in Africa*
 - Sharon Muzaki, Freelance Environmental and Science Journalist, Kampala, Uganda
- *Oro Negro Agüita de Colonia: Overlaying Stories in Borikén Coffee*
 - Fime de la Fuente Ramírez, University of Michigan, National Autonomous University of Mexico
 - Megan Gross, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Room: Aikens 110

Roundtable – Sustainable Practices in Baking and Pastry and Global Cuisines and Cultures: CIAs Applied Approach

- Dr. Maryann Tebben (Moderator), Dean of the School of Food Studies and Liberal Arts
- Chef Lisa Kirschner, Assistant Professor of Baking and Pastry Arts
- Chef Jesse Jackson III, Assistant Professor of Baking and Pastry
- Chef Roshara Sanders, Assistant Professor of Baking and Pastry

- Chef Janet Crandall, Assistant Professor of Baking and Pastry
- Dr. Nilsa Rodríguez-Jaca, Professor of Spanish, Food Studies and Liberal Arts
- Room: Lafayette 311

Creative Session – Engaging Learners Through Soil and Honey: A Hands-On Workshop for Campus Farm Programs

- *“This creative session is hosted by the Eden Hall Farm at Chatham University and the Ross Student Farm at Penn State University. Participants in this session will engage directly with materials from these two campus farms to reflect on how experiential, place-based learning can deepen understanding of agroecological concepts while strengthening students’ sense of ownership, curiosity, and belonging.”*
 - Christopher Murakami, Chatham University
 - Ashley Righi, Chatham University Eden Hall Farm
 - Brenna Fitzpatrick, Penn State University, Ross Student Farm
 - Marty Forchione, Chatham University, Eden Hall Farm
 - Leslie Pillen, Penn State University, Ross Student Farm
 - Laura Livingston, Chatham University, Eden Hall Farm
- Room: Lafayette 210

Roundtable – Farmer Experiences of Food Systems Sustainability in Vermont: Successes and Tradeoffs

- Josiah Taylor, UVM CDAE, FSRI, Gund
- Shiva Soroushnia, UVM Food Systems Grad Program
- Claire Whitehouse, UVM CDAE
- David Conner, UVM CDAE, Food Systems
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Panel – Transformations towards self-reliance

- *Improving capacity and self-reliance of animal-sourced protein production in the northeastern US*
 - Ashley McCarthy, USDA-ARS Food Systems Research Unit
 - Matthew McIntosh, USDA-ARS Food Systems Research Unit
- *Evaluating the Carrying Capacity of US Agriculture from 1970-2021*
 - C.B. Knox, USDA-ARS-FSRU
- *Characterizing land use transitions associated with the northeast dairy industry*
 - Courtney Hammond Wagner, USDA Agricultural Research Service Food Systems Research Unit

- *Current and potential food self-reliance for New England*
 - o Christian Peters, USDA-ARS Food Systems Research Unit
- Room: Aikens 110

Paper Session – Food and Education

- *Feeding the Community: A Multifaceted Approach to Revitalizing the Culinary Institute of Americas Campus Gardens*
 - o Isabella Missell, The Culinary Institute of America
- *Evaluating How a Campus Agricultural Project Supports Longitudinal Student Development Impacts*
 - o Tania Schusler, Loyola University Chicago
 - o Kimberly Daniels, Loyola University Chicago
 - o Kevin Erickson, Loyola University Chicago
- *From Awareness to Action: Just Transitions in Food Systems Education*
 - o Jennifer Thompson, University of Georgia
- Room: Jeffords 127

Panel – Beyond the Madeleine: Contemporary Food Memoir Writing and Research

- *Crumbs: A Trail of Taste and Illness*
 - o Camille Begin, Independent Scholar, ASFS Vice-President
- *Kanji as Witness: Recipe-poems and culinary memories of Mullivaikkal*
 - o Geetha Sukumaran, University of Toronto
- *Enough: Lessons Learned While Eating*
 - o Janis Thiessen, University of Winnipeg
- *Cookbook as Memoir*
 - o Sharon Hudgins, Independent Scholar
- Room: Lafayette 403
- Hybrid Session, Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/232646927722402?p=s7hMMopMy3yYl7nLbu>

Paper Session – Health and Food Access

- *Participant Perceptions of Connecting with Family and Community Traditions in a Food is Medicine Program*
 - o Kyra Battaglia, Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy

- *Produce Prescription Programs: A Food as Medicine Approach to Supporting Food Insecure Individuals Managing Chronic Disease for Just Transformations in Local Food Systems*
 - o Barrett Brenton, Binghamton University
 - o Kate Miller-Corcoran, The Rural Health Network of South-Central New York
 - o Erin Summerlee, The Rural Health Network of South-Central New York
- *Environmental impacts and monetary costs of healthy diets worldwide*
 - o Elena Martinez, Food Insight Group
- *Evaluation of the Healthy School Food Pathway: Impacts on School District Staff Capacity, Scratch Cooking, and Procurement*
 - o Lindsay LeClair, Food Insight Group
- *Farmer Experiences of Conservation Program Design: Evaluating Programmatic Interventions in New England*
 - o Alissa White, American Farmland Trust
 - o Kevin Antoszewski, American Farmland Trust
 - o Sara Kelemen, American Farmland Trust
 - o Bonnie McGill, American Farmland Trust
- Room: Terrill 308

Paper Session – Agroecology in Latin America

- *Agroforestry Systems as Forms of Resistance*
 - o Alexandria Wilson, Federal University of Viçosa
- *(Mis)aligned values? Plural values across institutional levels of the National Policy of Agroecology and Organic Production (PNAPO) in Cerrado, Brazil*
 - o Vitoria Cardoso
- *Participatory action research helps strengthen local governance for the territorialization of agroecology in Cuba*
 - o Margarita Fernandez, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- *The state of agroecology in the insular Caribbean: strengths, challenges, and ways forward*
 - o Margarita Fernandez, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
 - o Luis Alexis Rodriguez Cruz, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- *Designing Gender-Transformative Payment for Ecosystem Services Programs with Indigenous Territories: Evidence from Talamanca, Costa Rica*
 - o Hale Ann Tufan, Cornell University
 - o Santiago Garcia, Environmental Defense Fund
 - o Luis Sanchez, Cornell University
 - o Emma Herrigthy, Cornell University

- Room: Terrill 108

Roundtable – Exploring questions of justice and fairness in farm labor standards

- *“Do standards really protect workers, or do they tend to operate in the realm of “social washing”? How are power dynamics considered and accounted for? What does accountability look like over time, and are there consequences when standards aren’t met? In this roundtable, these are some of the questions we will explore -drawing on our own work in farm labor, including a recently concluded 3-year project where we worked with farm owners and workers to evaluate and refine an existing set of standards utilized by the Real Organic Project.”*
 - o Sarah Janes Ugoretz, University of Wisconsin, FairShare CSA Coalition
 - o Marisa Lanker Paniello, Spanish National Research Council (CSIC)
 - o Emma Scott, Associate Professor, Vermont Law and Graduate School; Director, Food and Ag Clinic
- Room: Jeffords 110

Roundtable – Author Meets Critics: Paul B. Thompson’s What is Agriculture For? (2025)

- o Paul Thompson, Michigan State University
- o Phil Howard, Michigan State University
- o Emma Hardy, University of Michigan
- o Lisa Heidke, Gustavus Adolphus College
- o Theresa Selfa, SUNY ESF
- o Bob Valgenti, Culinary Institute of America
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Creative Session – Teaching in the Age of AI: Strategies for Food Systems Educators

- *“This session will include time for workshopping classroom discussions, learning activities, and assessments. Participants will come away with a range of ideas and strategies to address GenAI in the classroom, including designing AI-resistant assignments, integrating AI literacy skills, and teaching ethical considerations. We welcome participants with diverse views and experiences with GenAI.”*
 - o Kerri LaCharite, George Mason University
 - o Caroline Brock, University of Missouri
 - o Zoë Plakias, Associate Professor Western Washington University
- Room: Lafayette 108

Remote Paper Session – Access and Agency

- *From Innovation to Legitimacy: Agency and the Politics of Sustainable Protein Transitions*
 - o Louise Klintner, Lund University School of Economics and Management
- *Justice for non-human animals in agrifood system transitions: perspectives from animal-free sustainable agriculture standards*
 - o Mona Seymour, Loyola Marymount University
 - o Richard White, Independent scholar
- *The Food Circle: A Visionary Compass for Seeding Sustainable Community*
 - o Nancy Lee Bentley, Wholistic Nourishment Expert and Founder of The Food Circle, LLC.
- *The Multiplier Effect in Action: Perceived Ancillary Impacts of Innovative Emergency Feeding Programs During the Enduring COVID-19 Pandemic*
 - o Priscilla Panyin Abijah, University of Vermont
 - o Sarah N. Heiss, University of Vermont
 - o David S. Conner, University of Vermont
 - o Trishnee Bhurosy, University of Vermont
- *Impact and Implications of Broadband Access on Health Outcomes Among Vermonters*
 - o Veronika Scavacini, University of Vermont
 - o Anaka Aiyar, University of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Teams Link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/226872186677413?p=AL2B8n0OTR5AnuPceJ>

Wednesday - Session 1

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8:30 am

Paper Session – Solidarity and Care in Ecological Economics

- *Beyond Price: Ecological Value and Care-Centered Food Economies in Turkey*
 - o Burge Abiral, Florida State University
- *Solidarity Economies and Spiritual Agriculture: resilience and community with biodynamic farmers in the American Midwest*
 - o Benjamin Bernard-Herman, PhD Candidate, University of Illinois – Chicago
- *EE and Care Work*
 - o Shashank Poudel, University of Vermont
- *From Transaction to Transformation: Economies of Care in Nutrition Incentive Programs*
 - o Briana Rockler, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
 - o Nelly Machado, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire
- *Care-based economic transitions in regenerative agriculture*
 - o Julie Snorek, Mycosphere Partners and Strategies
- Room: Lafayette 210

Paper Session – Agroecology: Grazing and Grains

- *Regraining Ground: Exploring Regional Agroecological Grain Networks in Scotland and New York*
 - o Emma Davis, Cornell University
 - o Alexa Bellows, Chancellor’s Fellow at the Global Academy of Agriculture and Food Systems at the University of Edinburgh
 - o Rachel Bezner Kerr, professor in Global Development at Cornell University
 - o Annie Gregoire, PhD candidate at the University of Edinburgh
 - o Anjana Ramkumar PhD Candidate, Global Development at Cornell University
- *Artisan Bakers, the “Normal” Bread and Revival of Wheat Landraces in Türkiye*
 - o Nurcan Atalan-Helicke, Skidmore College
- *An Agroecological Review of AMP Grazing Media*
 - o Claire Connor, Chatham University, Food Studies Master's Program
- *Animals and tools, working companions in individual, collective, and social trajectories in agroecology. The case of horse-drawn cultivation in market gardening in France*

- Claire Lamine, INRAE-Ecodéveloppement France
- Olivier Pichaud, IFCE, France,
- Fabienne Boivin, INRAE-Ecodéveloppement, France
- Stephen Leslie, NFFC, USA
- *High Biodiverse Silvopastoral Systems, Regenerative Grazing, and Ecological Restoration of Agroecosystems: A Response from Agroecology to the Climate Emergency*
 - Abdon L. Filho, Agroecosystems Postgraduate Programs - PPGA, Federal University of Santa Catarina UFSC, Brazil
 - Joshua Farley, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics - CDAE, University of Vermont
 - Paulo Sinisgalli, Institute for Energy and Environment- IEE, University of Sao Paulo - USP, Brazil
- Room: Lafayette 108

Roundtable – Author-Meets-Critics Roundtable: “Will Work for Food” by Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern and Teresa M. Mares

- Laura-Anne Minkoff Zern, Syracuse University
- Teresa M. Mares, University of Vermont
- Kristin Reynolds, The New School
- Colleen Hammelman, UNC Charlotte,
- Margaret Gray, Adelphi University
- Maggie Dickinson, Queens College, City University of New York
- Daniel Block, Chicago State University
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Session – Technology and Decision Making

- *The role of social movements in new technology development: The case of the animal protection movement’s support of alternative proteins*
 - Russell Hall, Aquinas College
- *Uncovering Work Practices in Local Food Policymaking for Decision-Support Design*
 - Megan Low, Purdue University
- *Smart Ag in Georgia: Stakeholder-Informed Systems Modeling for Adaptive Resilient Transitions*
 - Nicole Nunoo, University of Georgia
 - Jennifer Thompson, University of Georgia
- *Milking The Data: Farmers, Technological Intensification, and Decision-Making on Pennsylvania Dairy Farms.*

- Alex Wenger, Penn State University, Rural Sociology
- *What Choice Do I Really Have? Online Grocery Shopping Platforms, Privacy, and Autonomy*
 - Wylin Wilson, Duke Divinity School
 - Norbert Wilson, Sanford School of Public Policy Duke University
- Room: Lafayette 311

Paper Session – Schools, Education and Praxis

- *Looking back and looking forward: a decade of Food Systems education serving the land grant mission*
 - Emily Belarmino, University of Vermont
 - Terence Bradshaw, University of Vermont
 - Anaka Aiyar, University of Vermont
 - Alexandra Brooks, University of Vermont
- *The Land-Grant University We Need Today: Bridging the Divide and Harmonization Between Academia and Farmers*
 - Abe Collins, Land Care Cooperative
 - Linda Prokopy, University of Vermont
- *Public schools feeding themselves*
 - Eric Klein, The Center for Environmental Farming Systems
- *Democratic Praxis and Sustainable Transformation: John Dewey, William James, and Agriculture as Ongoing Cultural Practice*
 - Brent Lamons, University of Tennessee-Knoxville
- *“Seeing What Is Possible”: Alumni Perspectives on The Food Project’s Institute*
 - Sara Shostak, Brandeis University
 - John Wang, The Food Project
 - Erin Hunt, Brandeis University
- Room: Aikens 102

Panel – Changing Perceptions of Migrant Food

- *The Edible, the Palatable, and the Exotic: A Case Study of Ćevapi*
 - Amanda Skocic, PhD Student, University of Toronto
- *Transforming Transnational Tastes: Changing Perceptions of Kimchi Across North America*
 - Michael Lawler, University of Toronto, PhD candidate
- *Digesting Thainess: Nationhood and the Culinary Marginalization of Northeast Isan Cuisine*
 - Sophie Johnson, PhD Student, McMaster University

- Room: Jeffords 127

Paper Session – Food Justice for Whom?

- *Oasis or eyesore? Food access, inequity, and social tension in a prison garden*
 - o Sarah Cramer, Stetson University
 - o Malcolm Thrower, Stetson University
- *Whose food futures? People, Power, and Place in Competing Visions of Agrifood Transformation*
 - o Jim LaChance, University of Maryland
 - o Anaya Hall, University of Kentucky
 - o Kathryn De Master, UC Berkeley
- *On Being in a Body: Relational Agrarian Embodiment and Rural Belonging*
 - o Gianni Solórzano, UVM Extension
 - o Emily Talkow, UVM Food Systems
 - o Ike Leslie, UVM Extension
 - o Marjorie Feld, Babson College
- *Hunger as Structural Racial Violence in the UK*
 - o Jasber Singh, Center for Agroecology, Water and Resilience, Coventry University
- *“It’s like paradise here”: Disability Justice in the Jewish Community Farming Movement*
 - o Adrienne Krone, Allegheny College
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Roundtable – Agroforestry for a just transformation of food systems in the Northeast US

- *“The discussion provides a space to develop shared understandings of existing and historical challenges and social contexts of tree-based agriculture in the Northeast, and the communities and pathways required to allow agroforestry to shape systemic change of the region’s food system.”*
 - o Matthew Burke, University of Vermont
 - o Janica Anderzén, University of Maine
 - o Theresa Ong, Dartmouth College
 - o Rachel Schattman, University of Maine
 - o Josiah Taylor, University of Vermont
 - o Michelle Nikfarjam, University of Vermont
 - o Rachele Klapheke, University of Vermont

- Ernesto Méndez, University of Vermont
- Lucio Costa Proenca, University of Vermont
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Panel – Regenerative School Meals: Insights from Recent Rockefeller-Funded Projects

- Part 1 of Linked Session: Just Transformations in School Food Systems around the World
- *Regenerative School Meals: Insights from Recent Rockefeller-Funded Projects*
 - Jennifer Gaddis, University of Wisconsin-Madison
 - Sarah Robert, University at Buffalo (SUNY)
- *Building a Public Good: Policy and Infrastructure Development in South Korea's Universal Free, Environment-Friendly School Lunch Program*
 - Jennifer Gaddis, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
 - Seulgi Son, University of Seoul
- *Examining the Potential of Regenerative Agriculture and Underutilized Crops for School Meals under Climate Change*
 - Nathalie Lambrecht, Stanford University
- *Links between school meal programs and regenerative agriculture: A systematic literature review*
 - Nehring Ryan, International Food Policy Research Institute
- *Just Transformations in Action: Brazil's National School Feeding Program as a Model for Equity and Sustainability*
 - Sarah A. Robert, Graduate School of Education, University at Buffalo (SUNY, USA)
- Room: Jeffords 110

Creative Session – Fractal Food Systems: Mapping Scale, Time, and Community Organizing in Agricultural Education

- *“Participants will engage in a guided, hands-on activity using fractal concepts to collaboratively map not only relationships among organizations and entities, but also the scale, scope, and temporal dimensions of agricultural and food system work.”*
 - Arogeanae Brown, Virginia Tech - Graduate Student
- Room: Lafayette 300

Remote Paper Session – Foodways and Systems

- *Re-conceptualize the understanding of good food: a mixed use of embodied knowledge and mediated knowledge in daily food consumption*

- Junyi Wang, University of Sheffield
- *Dangerous Sweetness: The Transformation of Shunde Fish-Slice across Risk Governance, Grey Economies, and Translocal Memory*
 - Chang Liu, Universiti Tunku Abdul Rahman
- *Beyond Throughput: Unveiling the Equity Gaps in Urban Food System Resilience in Hong Kong*
 - Daisy Tam, Hong Kong Baptist University
 - Ka Andrew Tsui, Hong Kong Baptist University
- *Exploring human-animal feeding and relationships of care within regenerative agriculture*
 - Hannah Mortimer, University of Exeter
- *Financing Food Systems: Small Farmers, Informal Credit, and the Limits of Inclusion in Pakistan*
 - Uswa Ali Memon, Habib University
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Teams Link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/220930839698749?p=yLrQT8XYokfu6k2oIF>

Remote Paper Session – Strategies for Resilience

- *Beyond Succession: Reconceptualizing Generational Renewal and Climate Resilience in Spanish Agriculture*
 - Lucía Argüelles, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya
- *Cultural Foods, Structural barriers, and Health: Post-Resettlement Food Experiences Among Refugee Families in Upstate New York*
 - Mercy Oppong, SUNY ESF
 - Naomi Shanguhya , Syracuse University
- *Residents of Galway, Ireland perceive local food, connection, and less plastic and food waste as priorities for sustainable food systems*
 - Nicole Olweean, University of Galway
 - Anne Mullen, University of Galway
- *Data-Informed Approaches to Maximizing Farmers Market Impact: Reflections on a College Outreach Initiative in Michigan*
 - Phillip Warsaw, Michigan State University
- *Reorienting the food system? The hybrid value structures of alternative food networks in Spain*
 - Andrés Navarro-Álvarez, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB), Barcelona, Spain

- Sergio Villamayor-Tomás, Institute of Environmental Science and Technology (ICTA-UAB), Barcelona, Spain
- Room: Aikens 110
- Teams Link:
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Remote Paper Session – Marginalized Experiences in Food Systems

- *Food Access Is Governed Before Markets: Women’s Lived Experiences Negotiating Inequalities in Rural Bihar, India*
 - Shriya Bajaj, University of Sheffield, UK
- *Provincializing Tradition: Amplifying Marginalized Voices in Just Food Transitions in India*
 - Sudha Nagavarapu, Independent
- *Adaptive Transformation*
 - Winifredo Dagli, University of the Philippines Los Baños
- *Gender Identity Policy and its Impact on Mental Health and Food Insecurity Outcomes Among Transgender and Gender Diverse Individuals in the U.S.*
 - Veronika Scavacini, University of Vermont
 - Anaka Aiyar, University of Vermont
- *Market-oriented Agriculture, Climate Stress, and Migration: Precarious Livelihoods in Nepal’s High-value Cash Crop Systems*
 - Ananda Devkota, Australian National University
- Room: Lafayette 403
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/240872940770351?p=XVvu3EAr9A7tvLYOHL>

Roundtable – Climate change and cultural food systems: a discussion

- *“The climate crisis stands to impact food systems at every scale, in every sector. In this discussion-style panel, three scholars will introduce their work on CC & cultural food systems, then engage in dialogue about this crucial intersection.*
 - Elissa Johnson, Hamilton College
 - Keja Valens, Salem State University
 - Daina Cheyenne Harvey, College of the Holy Cross
- Room: Terrill 308

Panel – Constructing (ine)quality: value and difference in coffee value chains

- *“This panel examines how notions of “high quality” and “high value” are constructed, marketed, and experienced across multiple scales, and asks whether*

they meaningfully benefit producers. Drawing on various research experiences, this panel will explore the conditions that shape participation in specialty markets.”

- Estelí Jiménez-Soto, University of South Florida
 - David Gonthier, University of Kentucky
 - Ernesto Méndez, University of Vermont
 - Isaac DeSouza, University of Kentucky
 - Victoria Brown, University of South Florida
 - Juan Jose Lopez, Vanderbilt University
- Room: Terrill 108

Wednesday - Session 2

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10:30 am

Creative Session – Linking Food Waste and Food Insecurity Through Project-Based Learning

- Kitchen Demonstration
 - o Taylor Reid, The Culinary Institute of America
 - o Perillo Bobby, The Culinary Institute of America
- Room: Kitchen, Marsh Life Science 231

Paper Session – Ecological Economics: Diets and Foodways

- *Garage Kitchens and Langar: The Politics of Food Practices within California's Punjabi Diaspora*
 - o Harleen Bal, University of California Davis, PhD Candidate
- *Recession's Residue: Structural Shifts Analysis in U.S. Meat Demand*
 - o Abena Duku Damuah, Kansas State University
- *Blood, Taste, and Power: Animal Blood, Biopolitics, and the Limits of Growth-Oriented Food Systems*
 - o Savannah Petrick, NYU Steinhardt, Food Studies MA Candidate
- *Why Finding Real Food Feels Impossible - And How We Can Fix It*
 - o Jackie Smith, Founder, 3 Pillars Marketing
- *Measuring Productivity in Latin American Agroecological Farms: An Aggregate and Nutritional Approach*
 - o Tsutiya Andrade Isabel, The University of British Columbia
 - o Hannah Wittman, The University of British Columbia
 - o Erika Sagae, CEPAGRO
 - o Isadora Leite Escosteguy, CEPAGRO
- Rooms: Lafayette 300

Paper Session – Regional and Territorial Food Governance: Building Just Transformations in New England and Beyond

- *Transforming Regional Food Governance in New England: A Postcapitalist and Food Sovereignty Analysis of State and Regional Food Plans*
 - o Anisah Madden, Institute for Agroecology, University of Vermont
 - o Karen Nordstrom, UVM Institute for Agroecology

- Molly Anderson, UVM Institute for Agroecology
- Colin Anderson, UVM Institute for Agroecology
- Julie Davenson, UVM Institute for Agroecology, L4E, CDAE
- Matt Burke, UVM L4E, CDAE, Institute for Agroecology
- *Thickening food democracy within and beyond food governance arenas: a transnational conversation*
 - Claire Lamine, INRAE-Ecodéveloppement, France
 - Jocelyn Parot, Urgenci, France
 - Emily Mattheisen, McKnight Foundation
 - Karine Nunes, PNR Monts d'Ardèche/INRAE Ecodéveloppement, France
- *Envisioning Regional Food Governance in New England: Stakeholder Experiences of Vision, Implementation, and Democratic Coordination*
 - Karen Nordstrom, UVM Institute for Agroecology
 - Anisah Madden, UVM Institute for Agroecology
 - Molly Anderson, UVM Institute for Agroecology
 - Colin Anderson, UVM Institute for Agroecology
- *Making Sense of Food System Resilience in Virginia: Perspectives from a Statewide Participatory Process*
 - Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech
 - Shadrack Yartey, Virginia Tech
- *Regional Food System Resilience and Rural Realities*
 - Jessica R. Spence, Virginia Tech
 - Lia Kelinsky-Jones, Virginia Tech
 - Enrique Lopez, Virginia Tech
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Roundtable – Pathways for advancing temperate agroforestry: Collaborative strategies across policy, extension, and research

- *“Led by a panel with broad experience across temperate agroforestry systems in the US and Canada, this session will highlight efforts in both countries to support more widespread adoption and long-term success. We aim to foster an interactive discussion focused on path-making: positive, solutions-oriented collaborations that seek to reimagine—and remake—agri-food systems that are more sustainable, just, and resilient.”*
 - Carina Isbell, University of British Columbia
 - Jeff Liebert, University of British Columbia and University of Minnesota
 - Hannah Hemmelgarn, University of Missouri, Center for Agroforestry

- Connor Youngerman, Cornell Small Farms Program
- Kate MacFarland, USDA Agroforestry Center
- Room: Terrill 308

Paper Session – Policy: Diverse Stakeholder Engagement

- *Policy intersections: Challenges and priorities at the intersection of food safety and organic certification requirements*
 - Jaime Barrett, University of Rhode Island
- *Collective action and prospects for marketing board formation: Developing a grounded theory from the U.S. maple syrup industry*
 - Mark Cannella, University of Vermont
- *From Theory to Practice: Local Government Planners on Planning for Food and Agricultural Systems in North Carolina*
 - Hannah Dankbar, NC State University
- *Remobilizing Rural Democracy: Operations Ordinances as Pathways to Local Control of Agribusiness in Wisconsin*
 - Nan Enstad, University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - John Canfield, University of Wisconsin, Madison
 - Elena Bird, University of Wisconsin, Madison
- *Save the Bees: Is Pesticide Regulation Actually Driven by Consumer Concern*
 - Katherine Dentzman, Iowa State University
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Panel – Centering Home and Wild Food Procurement in Rural Food Systems Transformations

- *Home and wild food production are overlooked despite widespread benefits*
 - Meredith Niles, Brown University
- *More than coping: The multifaceted benefits that home and wild food procurement provide to food-insecure practitioners in the Northeastern US*
 - Janica Anderzén, University of Maine
 - Sam Bliss, University of Vermont
 - Rachel Schattman, University of Maine
 - Stevens Azima, Brown University
 - Rebecca C. Mitchell, Brown University
 - Scott C. Merrill, University of Vermont
 - Kathryn Yerxa, University of Maine
 - Sarah A. Nowak, University of Vermont

- Jennifer Laurent, University of Vermont
- Meredith T. Niles, Brown University
- *Participation in home and wild food procurement is associated with better dietary quality for food insecure households in two rural states in the U.S.*
 - Stevens Azima, Brown University
- *Bridging the gap between wild meat procurement and regional food systems planning*
 - Krizzia Belén-Trineo, University of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 403

Paper Session – AI and Technology in Farming

- *Cultivating Communication Through Source Credibility: Technoscientific and Land Manager Perspectives*
 - Miguel Diaz, Virginia Tech – Student
 - Emily Fuller, Virginia Tech – Student
 - Dara Wald, Virginia Tech - Associate Professor
- *Exploring Consumer and Farmer Perspectives on Agrivoltaics in Texas*
 - Anna Erwin, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 - Alexuss Jauregui, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 - Valeria, Martinez, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
 - Engil Pereira, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
- *What do Farmers think about AI? Understanding Farmers' Attitudes about AI Adoption through Diffusion of Innovations Theory*
 - Teresa Mungazi, University of Vermont
 - Veronika Scavacini, University of Vermont
 - Liza Greene, University of Vermont
 - Kate Mays, University of Vermont
 - Sarah Heiss, University of Vermont
- *Digital Roots, Indigenous Shoots: How Kenya's 2020-2025 Food Tech Boom Is Cultivating a Cultural Reawakening for Substistence Food Systems*
 - Benjohnson Ogeda
- *Lessons from Food Studies for the AI Revolution*
 - Marygold Walsh-Dilley, University of New Mexico
- Room: Aikens 110

Creative Session – Connecting with Our Communities: The Role of Collegiate Partnerships

- *“Using a community asset mapping activity, participants will visualize their current networks and uncover untapped partnership opportunities aligned with their program or course goals. Small-group breakout sessions will focus on developing actionable plans for either strengthening an existing partnership or initiating a new one, with attention to common themes such as student experience, evaluation, partner recruitment, and relationship management.”*
 - o Gena Moore, Wingate University
- Room: Lafayette 102

Panel – Advancing Civic Health in Food, Nutrition, and Agriculture Through Research and Deliberation

- *Where Americans Agree on Food, Nutrition, and Agricultural Issues: Findings from a National Civic Health Survey*
 - o Fernanda Nunes, University of Washington
- *From Headlines to Common Ground: Examining How Food System Journalists Communicate Complexity*
 - o Marie Spiker, University of Washington
- *Embracing Complexity: Examining Student Values and Priorities Regarding Animal Agriculture*
 - o Alan Ismach, University of Washington
- *Civic Health Pedagogies in Food Systems Teaching*
 - o Jennifer Otten, University of Washington
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Paper Session – Urban Food Systems

- *Using Community Fridges to Facilitate Food Waste Rescue at an Urban, Public University*
 - o John Jones, Virginia Commonwealth University
- *On the Move: How Changes in Public Transit Accessibility Affect Household Food Security*
 - o Elena Krasovskaia, Cornell University
- *Analyzing Emerging Adults' Perceptions of Careers in Commercial Urban Agriculture*
 - o Sravani Pasula, Postdoctoral Research Associate, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, University of Georgia, Athens, GA

- Laura Warner, Professor, Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- John Diaz, Associate Professor, Department of Agricultural Education and Communication, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.
- Chin-Ling Lee, Assistant Professor, Department of Agricultural Leadership, Education and Communication, University of Georgia
- *Analyzing Indiana Urban Farmers' Soil Contamination Perceptions and Management Using the Protection Motivation Theory*
 - Nathan Shoaf, Purdue University
 - Zhao Ma, Purdue University
- Room: Lafayette 210

Roundtable – Policy Innovations for Just School Food Transformations

- Part 2 of linked session: Just Transformations in School Food Systems around the World
 - Reece Lyerly, Chef Ann Foundation
 - Amberley Ruetz, University of Saskatchewan
 - Roberta Curan, Comida do Amanhã Institute
 - Seulgi Son, University of Seoul
- Room: Jeffords 110
- Hybrid Session, Teams Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/229587370966924?p=oLCRpnRUtZB6wBohTQ>

Creative Session – From Smoke to Hope: A 5-Minute Documentary and Story-Sharing Session on Designing a Self-Sustaining Clean Cooking Model for Rural Tanzania

- *“The session includes a 5-minute film screening contrasting the health burden of traditional cooking with the projected impact of a clean, self-financed CCC solution. Presenters will then lead a story-sharing discussion on the financial sustainability model and the grassroots stories of the women involved.”*
 - Judith Singibala, TRWA Member
 - Patricia Patrick, TRWA Media Coordinator
- Room: Lafayette 311

Creative Session – The plant walk as method: Understanding people’s relationships to plants as food and medicine

- *“After a short introduction, participants will go out on an actual plant walk, with a local wild foods expert, in order to illustrate the method through experience.”*
 - Brittany Kesselman, University of Cape Town

- Shane Rogers, University of Vermont
- Room: Jeffords 127

Remote Creative Session – Screening Solidarity: A Documentary on Agroecology, Mutual Aid, and Food Justice

- Film showing
 - Francesco Facchini, Forum for Agroecological Studies and Transitions (FAST), Center for Functional Ecology (CFE) - University of Coimbra
- Room: Lafayette 108
- Teams Link:
 - <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/252242855423418?p=aVdnHlEaFpTI0eaf2u>

Paper Session – Agroecology: Food and Foraging

- *The Distribution, Public Health Potential, and Biocultural Value of Urban Foraging in Syracuse, New York.*
 - Anna Beach, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- *The Elephant at the Table: Policy Pathways to Confront Power in Food Systems*
 - Kristin Reynolds, The New School
 - Emma McDonell, University of Tennessee, Chattanooga
- *The Fickle Find: Gathering wild food in a climate crisis*
 - Elissa Johnson, Hamilton College
- *“We Just Want to Feed People”: Hidden Agroecologies and Farmers’ Relational Values for Transformative Agroecological Change in the United States*
 - Erin O’Dwyer, Stanford University, School of Medicine, Center for Human and Planetary Health
- *Intertwining Agroecology and Ecological Economics to Strengthen Food Systems and Restore Degraded Agroecosystems in a Family Farm Landscape*
 - *Abdon L. Filho*, Agroecosystems Postgraduate Programs - PPGA, Federal University of Santa Catarina UFSC, Brazil
 - Joshua Farley, Department of Community Development and Applied Economics - CDAE, University of Vermont - UVM, USA,
 - Paulo Sinisgalli, Institute for Energy and Environment- IEE, University of Sao Paulo - USP, Brazil
- Room: Terrill 108

Wednesday - Session 3

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1:15 pm

Paper Session – Agroecology: Knowledge and Information

- *The Network of Joyful Ecological Market Gardeners (RJME): Knowledge Exchange and the Structuring of a Niche*
 - o Pascal Genest-Richard, Université Laval
 - o Patrick Mundler, Université Laval
- *Catalyzing just urban agriculture through community-engaged research*
 - o Rose Jennings, University of Rhode Island
 - o Patrick Baur, University of Rhode Island
- *"Junk Agroecology" and the Politics of Memory in Central Veracruz Coffee Territories*
 - o Taylor Juleen, Graduate Student in Environmental Justice, School for Environment and Sustainability, University of Michigan
- *Bird's Eye View: Translating Conservation Expertise into a Digital Avian Biodiversity Planning Tool*
 - o Hannah Klein, Purdue
 - o Courtney Tchida, Wild Farm Alliance
 - o Shelly Conner, Wild Farm Alliance
 - o Jo Ann Baumgartner, Wild Farm Alliance
 - o Ankita Raturi
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Creative Session – Cooking Up a Policy Coalition (Ingredients for Success)

- Part 3 of Linked Session: Just Transformations in School Food Systems around the World
- *“Presenters will explore how Vermont’s farm to school policies operate in practice, highlighting the partners involved, their roles, and key messages that sustain implementation over time. Participants will work in pairs to identify a policy scenario and practice a one-minute elevator pitch, building confidence with this essential advocacy tool before concluding with discussion and Q&A.”*
 - o Betsy Rosenbluth, Shelburne Farms
 - o Shollenberger Amy, Action Circles
 - o Anore Horton, Hunger Free Vermont
- Jeffords 110

Roundtable – Making Sense of MAHA?

- Charlotte Biltekoff, American Studies and Food Science and Technology, University of California, Davis
- Alison Alkon, Community Studies and Sociology, UC Santa Cruz
- Athia Choudhury, Asian American Studies, UC Davis
- Melanie DuPuis, Emeritus, Sociology, UC Santa Cruz and Environmental Studies and Science, Pace University
- Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Department of Geography and the Environment, Syracuse University
- Aaron Strain, Politics Department, Whitman College
- Erica Zurawski, Department of Environmental Studies, SUNY ESF
- Nancy Karreman, MRC Epidemiology Unit, University of Cambridge
- Room: Aikens 102
- Hybrid session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/223060601430711?p=d3N5qf8m8YwES8AXTB>

Paper Session – Local and Regional Food Systems

- *Stocking Local: Retailer Perspectives on Regional Food Procurement in Vermont*
 - Lucy Sour, University of Vermont
 - Maki Hatanaka, University of Vermont
 - Jason Konefal, University of Vermont
- *Taking Stock: Exploring the Alternative Food System in the Inland Empire*
 - Jillian Munoz, Cal Poly Pomona
- *“We’re all just little kingdom builders trying to build limited areas..”: Analyzing Perceptions and Motivations of Small-scale Producers in Alabama Using Qualitative Comparative Analysis*
 - Ruchie Pathak, Department of Geography and the Environment, The University of Alabama
 - Nicholas Magliocca, Department of Geography & the Environment, The University of Alabama
- *The appeal of pee: Farmer views on the benefits and risks of using human urine as fertilizer*
 - Lesli Hoey, University of Michigan
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Roundtable – Agrarian (and aligned) Reform Movements and Agriculture of the Middle (AOTM): Research and Policy Agendas for Food Systems Transformation

- *This interactive panel aims to reassess the AOTM initiative's current purpose and generate a new approach to help us navigate the evolving political, economic, and social landscape for midscale producers and food businesses. Through a facilitated open discussion, the audience will generate ideas for a new vision and future direction for AOTM scholarship. We will explore emerging areas of AOTM research, education, and advocacy that may enhance its intellectual and policy impact.*
 - o Michelle Miller, University of WI – CIAS
 - o Sarah Lloyd, University of Minnesota Forever Green
 - o Mrill Ingram, Michael Fields Agricultural Institute
 - o Valentine Cadieux, Hamline University
 - o Kate Nelson, University of Missouri
 - o Véronique De Herde, University of Liège
 - o Zhe Yu Lee, University of Wisconsin, Geography
- Room: Silver Maple, Davis Center

Paper Panel – Food Justice and the Global South

- *Caste-Based Food Systems and the Dalit Intervention: A Study of Dalit Epistemologies of Just Transformation*
 - o Mohammad Alvi, Brunel University of London
- *Food Justice and Agrarian Livelihoods under Tourism Growth in Emerging Destinations: Lessons from Tanzania*
 - o Ladislaus Batinoluho, The Open University of Tanzania
- *Quantifying the Moderating Role of Spirituality on Food Security in Climate Vulnerable Communities in the Gulf of Guinea*
 - o Essien Essien, Drexel University, Philadelphia
- *Reclaiming and Strengthening South Africa's Traditional Forms of Commons for Food Sovereignty*
 - o Brittany Kesselman, University of Cape Town
- Room: Jeffords 127

Roundtable – Imperfect and Evolving: Transformative agroecology education at a U.S. student farm

- o Caroline Stephens, University of Montana
- o Amelia Armstrong, University of Montana
- o Margiana Petersen-Rockney, University of Montana
- o Lian Thang, University of Montana
- Room: Lafayette 311

Creative Session – Our Agroecology, Our Future: Cuba's Agroecology Movement

- Film showing
 - o Margarita Fernandez, Caribbean Agroecology Institute
- Room: Lafayette 108

Paper Panel – Forging Pluriversal Foodways: Agroecology, Ubuntu, Rooted Labor, and The Social Wild

- *Pachamama does not negotiate: decentering humans and operationalizing the social wild*
 - o Stephen Sherwood, EkoRural, UVM Institute for Agroecology Affiliate
- *Ubuntu and Agroecology*
 - o Lizah Makombore, UVM Institute for Agroecology, L4E, CDAE, UVM
- *Earth in Labor: Exploring Political Economies of Agroecological Transformation*
 - o Nils McCune, Institute for Agroecology, UVM
- Moderator: Colin Anderson
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Remote Paper Session – Pathways to Transformation

- *Student Receptiveness to Plant-Forward Dietary Practices in University Dining Halls: Surveys and Focus Groups at Two Alberta Universities*
 - o Maddie Youngman, University of Alberta
 - o Howard Nye, University of Alberta
- *Communicating About the Ethics of Plant-Forward Nudging in Healthcare Settings*
 - o Karen Levenson, University of Alberta
 - o Howard Nye, University of Alberta
- *Can Botswana feed her people? An evaluation of the potential of two key agriculture programs to achieve food sovereignty*
 - o Wandipa Mualefhe, Michigan Technological University
- *Grass-Fed Myths: Theology, Culture, and Regenerative Grazing*
 - o Jason Hannan, University of Winnipeg
- *Food Safety Standards as Enablers of Just Transformations in Food Security*
 - o Mercy Kioko, Kenya Bureau of Standards
- Room: Lafayette 102
- Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/243422241341172?p=bNNxhmvXihfKDHhUbu>

Remote Lightning Talks

- *Supporting Smallholder Organic Transitions through Public Policy in Southern Brazil*

- Ana Claudia Lubczyk, State University of Ponta Grossa (UEPG) Laboratory of Agricultural Mechanization (Lama)
- Juliana Hay, State University of Ponta Grossa (UEPG) Laboratory of Agricultural Mechanization (Lama)
- Natali Maidl, Instituto Federal Catarinense, Campus Araquari
- *Co-Creating Just Agroecological Transformations with Indigenous Communities in Dalukana, Sri Lanka*
 - Chrishma Perera, Western University, Canada
- *How territorial context shapes agroecological transitions in small-scale coffee systems*
 - Diana Carolina Forero, Universidad de Ciencias y Artes de Chiapas
- *An impact of Organic Fertilization on Maize*
 - Ebenezer Nyannah Saygba, Grand Gedeh University
- *Milletts in Agroforestry Landscapes: An Agroecological Pathway for the Northwestern Himalaya*
 - Shweta Sharma, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
 - Usha Mina, School of Environmental Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi, India
 - Nazir A. Pala, Faculty of Forestry, Sher-e-Kashmir University of Science and Technology Kashmir, Ganderbal, Jammu and Kashmir, India
- *The Role of Institutional Mechanisms in Driving Agroecological Transitions: The Case of Argentina*
 - Aishwarya Raja, United Nations University-Flores and Technical University of Dresden
- *Not a Threat, but Not Neutral: Livestock Farmers' Views on Alternative Proteins and Just Transitions*
 - Jessica Mukiri, University of British Columbia
- *Community exposure to industrial animal agriculture: a systematic evidence map*
 - Elizabeth Chatpar, Department of Environmental Health & Engineering, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- *Development of a Framework to Understand Public Health Impacts of Data Centers*
 - Natalie Armstrong, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health
- *Feeding the City: What Five Markets Reveal About Toronto's Food System*
 - Zoe Nicoladis, University of Toronto

- Room: Lafayette 403

- Teams Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/255757846280970?p=iNr8Gpgrj7in9YbemM>

Wednesday- Session 4

Wednesday (6/10/26)

3:15 pm

Roundtable – Farm advocacy, federal (in)action, and an emerging farm crisis

- Valentine Cadieux, Hamline University
 - Francine Miller, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems Vermont Law and Graduate School
 - Stephen Carpenter, Farmers' Legal Action Group
 - Megan Browning, Farmer Services Program Facilitator Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont
- Room: Lafayette 108

Roundtable – Agroecology and Planetary Health: Reimagining Food Systems and Territorial Integrity

- Carlos Andres Gallegos-Riofrio, University of Vermont
 - Amaya Carrasco Torrontegui, University of Vermont
 - Ana Deaconu, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)
 - Stephen Sherwood, Wageningen University & Research and EkoRural
- Room: Jeffords 127

Roundtable – Learning Across Boundaries: Building a Statewide Agroecology Education Network

- Jacob Rutz, Elon University
 - Angel Cruz, North Carolina State University
 - Alexia Witcombe, Appalachian State University
 - Ann Bybee-Finley, North Carolina State University
 - Gena Moore, Wingate University
- Room: Chittenden Bank, Davis Center

Roundtable – New Books in Food Justice: Social Movements, Labor, and Community Building

- Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Syracuse University
- Hanna Garth, Princeton University (via Germany)
- Alison Alkon, University of California, Santa Cruz
- Reese Ashanté M., University of Texas, Austin

- Teresa M. Mares, University of Vermont
- Sarah Fouts, PhD, Associate Professor, University of Maryland Baltimore County
- Room: Aikens 102
- Hybrid session, Teams Link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/231046884870463?p=wqbfOCA8y0SEuji9Ez>

Panel – Diverse Corn Belt: Policy and Market Opportunities for Enabling Agricultural Diversification

- *Diversifying Midwest Agriculture: Challenges, Opportunities, and Metrics of Success*
 - Toyib Aremu, University of Vermont
- *Enabling Agricultural Diversification in the Corn Belt through Policy*
 - Brennan Radulski, University of Vermont
 - Emily DeaKyne, Purdue University
 - Linda Prokopy, University of Vermont
 - Casey Olechnowicz, Purdue University
- *Evaluating Midwest Markets for Diversified Products*
 - Brennan Radulski, University of Vermont
 - Toyib Aremu, University of Vermont
 - Juliano Martins Ramalho Marques, University of Vermont
- *How Consumer Behavior and Values Influence Willingness to Pay for Oat Milk Attributes*
 - Juliano Martins Ramalho Marques, University of Vermont
 - Ariana Torres, Purdue University
 - Mario Garrido, Purdue University
 - Swastika Baral, Purdue University
- Room: Williams Family, Davis Center

Paper Session – Urban Food Justice

- *The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and Home and Wild Food Procurement Form Interconnected Food Security Safety Nets*
 - Stevens Azima, Brown University
 - Rachel Schattman, University of Maine
 - Meredith Niles, Brown University
- *Organizational Actors in the Foodscape: Defining and Addressing Food Insecurity in Syracuse, New York*
 - Emily Bridgeford, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry
- *Examining the Extent of Food Access Challenges in Roosevelt, NY*

- Renee Lista, Hofstra University
- *Feeding the Borderlands: Mutual Aid, Resistance, and Urban Food Justice in Tucson*
 - Kenia Okiyama, The University of Arizona
- Room: Jost Foundation, Davis Center

Paper Session – Genes, Cover Crops, and Gardens

- *Is it too late for mitigation? A Systematic Review of Agri-genomics Technologies for their Climate Change and Justice Goals*
 - Alesandros Glaros, Food and Agriculture Institute, University of the Fraser Valley
 - Sarah-Louise Ruder, University of Ottawa
 - Stefania Pizzirani, Food and Agriculture Institute, University of the Fraser Valley
- *Gardens were Everywhere and then Nowhere: Conflicting Memories and Narratives of the History of Local Food Provisioning*
 - Yuki Kato, Georgetown University
- *Sustainability and Equity Performance of Controlled Environment Agriculture: Evidence from Applying SAFA in a Greenhouse and Container Farm*
 - Sheriff Aliu, University of Rhode Island
 - Patrick Baur, University of Rhode Island
- *Examining Cover Crops Persistence Behavior Among Agricultural Producers: Evidence from the US Midwest*
 - Elsie Assan, Purdue University
 - Brennan Radulski, University of Vermont
 - Linda Prokopy, University of Vermont
- Room: Aikens 110
- Hybrid session, Teams link:
<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/255797500777774?p=jldhykpgFVPxHp5hQH>

Roundtable – Building a Transformative Agroecology Training Program at the University of Minnesota

- *“This roundtable explores the development of an agroecology graduate training program at the University of Minnesota that centers collective learning, critical inquiry, and participatory practice. We aim to move beyond technical skill-building toward training that transforms both individuals and food systems.”*
 - Tara Conway, The Land Institute
 - Grace Doyle, University of Minnesota
 - Alex Griffin, University of Minnesota
 - Jake Kundert, University of Minnesota

- Jennifer Nicklay, University of Minnesota
- Ben Tanner, University of Minnesota
- Room: Jeffords 110

Creative Session – Creating a culture of plant-based eating at colleges and universities: vendor perspectives and brainstorming

- *“This session will provide perspectives from a local food producer about the challenges and opportunities for developing a culture of eating locally produced, plant-based proteins at colleges and universities. Food samples will be provided and participants will be engaged in brainstorming ways of collaborating with students and other stakeholders at institutions in transformative change, specifically the culture of eating plant-based proteins.”*
 - Andrew Wild, Owner of Mighty Mudita, Vermont's plant protein product business
- Room: Terrill 308

Creative Session – Joys of the Tongue: Songs of Food and Farming

- *“Bring a guitar (or other form of musical support) to the conference, and let us sing together of the land, its challenges, and its bounty. Let us jam about jam and other delights of taste!”*
- Jam session/open mic
 - Michael Bell, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Room: Terrill 108