

2022 Urban Food Systems Symposium

Building Coalitions for a Changing World

September 26-28, 2022 | Hotel Kansas City | Kansas City, Missouri

Program Schedule (tentative)

Monday, September 26	
9:00 - Noon	<p>Preconference workshop <i>Realizing the Promise of Urban Agriculture: Curricula to advance planning, policy, and production</i></p> <p>Presenters: Anu Rangarajan, Cornell University Molly Riordan, Cornell University Marcia Canton Campbell, Rooted Inc Martin Bailkey, Rooted, Inc Samantha Schaffstall, USDA AMS Yvette Garcia, USDA AMS Yolanda Gonzalez, Cornell Cooperative Extension</p>
1:00 – 5:00 pm	<p>Preconference tour – ride the tram to downtown KC UFS sites with the conference planners</p>
4:00 – 6:00 pm	<p>Registration - Hotel Lobby</p>
Tuesday, September 27	
8:00 – 9:00 am	<p>Registration</p>
9:00 – 9:15 am	<p>Welcome Remarks</p>
9:15 – 10:30 am	<p>Keynote Speaker: Pandora Thomas <i>We are the Ones- Applying Ecological Principles to Social Design</i> Moderator: Jeremy Cowan</p>
10:30 – 11 am	<p>Coffee/tea break</p>
11:00 - Noon	<p>Invited Speaker: Anu Rangarajan Moderator: Candice Shoemaker</p>
Noon – 1:30 pm	<p>Lunch</p>
1:30 – 3:00 pm	<p>Concurrent Oral Sessions 1, 2, 3, and 4</p>
Oral Session 1 – Challenges of Growing in Urban Areas	
1:30	<p>Practices and Barriers to Sustainable Urban Agriculture: A Case Study of Louisville, Kentucky Sait Sarr, School of Urban & Public Affairs, University of Louisville</p>
1:45	<p>Rooting Embodied Wisdom for Black futures Orlando Zane Hunter, Department of Dance and Agricultural Communication, Education, and Leadership, The Ohio University</p>

2:00	Risk Perception of Heavy Metal Soil Contamination among Indiana Urban Farmers and Gardeners Nathan L Shoaf, Cooperative Extension Services and Department of Forestry and Natural Resources, Purdue University
2:15	Organic Certification (or lack thereof) in Kansas City Semra Fetahovic, Cultivate KC
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 2 – Urban Food Distribution	
1:30 pm	Looking to the Past for the Future of Urban Food Security Solutions Tom William Phillips, Executive Director, StarkFresh
1:45 pm	Community Responses to Food Insecurity during COVID-19 Nicole Josiane Kennard, Plants, Photosynthesis and Soil, School of Biosciences, University of Sheffield
2:00 pm	Working to Bridge the Urban Rural Divide in the Kansas City Food System Katie Nixon, Food Systems, West Central Missouri Community Action Agency
2:15 pm	Serving Urban Consumers during COVID: Insights from the KC Food Hub Mallory Lynn Rahe, Division of Applied Social Sciences, University of Missouri
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 3 – Community and Economic Development	
1:30 pm	Using Community-Engaged Research to Expand the Customer Base of Farmers Market Shoppers Julia Van Soelen Kim, University of California Cooperative Extension, University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources
1:45 pm	Black-led Urban Agriculture and Transformative Local Impact Lauren Forbes, Political Science, University of Cincinnati
2:00 pm	Positioning Extension in Community Food System Development Monica Petrella, Hillsborough County Extension
2:15 pm	Local Planning and the Food System: Tools for Increasing Access to Healthy Food Lihlani Skipper Nelson, Center for Agriculture and Food Systems, Vermont Law School
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 4 – Food Systems Policy and Advocacy	
1:30 pm	Civic Agriculture Through the Lens of Mary Parker Follett’s Writings: Pulling at the Civic Roots of Civic Agriculture Rebekkah Stuteville, School of Applied and Interdisciplinary Studies, Kansas State University, Olathe
1:45 pm	Strengthening Policy Making Infrastructure: Ensuring Food Is Considered in All Policies Cortney Beth Szafran, Policy & Development, Florida Food Policy Council; Vermont Law School
2:00 pm	Convening Community: The Power of Food & Grassroots Movements Erica L Hall, Florida Food Policy Council; Suncoast Sierra Club

2:15 pm	Planning and Zoning for Urban Agriculture Andrea Clark, KC Healthy Kids
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Discussion and Q&A
3:00 pm	Coffee/tea break
3:30 – 5:00 pm	Poster Session, Sponsor Exhibits and Networking
5:00 – 7:00 pm	Conference Reception
Wednesday, September 28	
9:00 am	Invited speaker: Samina Raja <i>Extraction to Equity: Leveraging Urban Food Systems for Structural Transformation</i> Moderator: Cary Rivard
10:00 am	Coffee/tea break
10:30 am - noon	Concurrent Oral Sessions 5, 6, 7 and 8
Oral Session 5 – Climate Change and Environmental Aspects of Urban Ag	
10:30 am	Implementation of Closed-Loop Systems at The Plant John Edel, Bubbly Dynamics LLC / The Plant
10:45 am	Climate Resilient Agricultural Practices for Urban Growers in Kansas City Brien C Darby, Cultivate Kansas City
11:00 am	Micro-Orchards for Community Connection and Environmental Justice Ashley Noelle Williamson, The Giving Grove
11:15 am	A Critical Environmental Justice Analysis of Soil Carbon Storage in Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN Urban Farms and Gardens JenniferAnne Nicklay, Department of Soil, Water, and Climate, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
11:30 am - noon	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 6 – Extension and Outreach	
10:30 am	Food Systems Practitioner and Educational Resource Database Kaley Hohenshell, Farm, Food and Enterprise Development, Iowa State University Extension and Outreach
10:45 am	The Biggest Grower - A Youth Gardening Competition for Growing Specialty Crops and Urban Farmers Stacy A Adams, Department of Agronomy and Horticulture, Nebraska Extension
11:00 am	Best Practices for Urban Local Food Entrepreneurs and Building Regional Extension Networks Julie Garden-Robinson, Department of Health, Nutrition and Exercise Sciences, North Dakota State University
11:15	The Nebraska Cottage Food Industry Grows Exponentially due to the Pandemic Cindy M Brison, Food, Nutrition and Health, Nebraska Extension
11:30 am - noon	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 7 – Community and Economic Development	

10:30 am	Community Collaboration for a More Resilient and Equitable Urban Food System in Pennsylvania's Monongahela Valley Justine Lindemann, Department of Agricultural Economics, Sociology, and Education, Penn State University
10:45 am	Douglas County Kansas Partnerships for Food Resource Recovery Jamie Hofling, Douglas County Sustainability, Douglas County
11:00 am	Developing a Field Guide Platform Blueprint for Community Food Systems: Local Food Leadership at the Intersection of Art, Design, Entrepreneurship and Food Making Melanie Weir, Social Innovation and Sustainability, Goddard College
11:15 am	xCarving Out Space for Small-Scale Producers Through Food System Coalitions Courtney Long, Extension, Iowa State University
11:30 am - noon	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 8 – Evaluating Food Sovereignty in Urban Food Systems	
Moderator: Monica Petrella, Food System Program Coordinator, UF/IFAS Hillsborough County Extension	
10:30 am	What is Food Sovereignty? William Schanbacher, University of Southern Florida Religious Studies
10:45 am	Creating Interdisciplinary Teams Heewon Grey, University of Southern Florida College of Public Health
11:00 am	Working with Community Organizations Part 1 Winnie Mulamba, University of Southern Florida Sustainability Planner
11:15 am	Working with Community Organizations Part 2 Dhalia Bumbaca, The Well/WellFED
11:30 am	Practical Tools and Applications William Cook, LemonGRAFT
12:00 pm	Lunch break
1:30 pm	Invited speaker: Camryn Smith <i>Rooted in Relationship</i> Moderator: Londa Nwadike
2:30 pm	Coffee/tea break
3:00 – 4:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions 9, 10 and 11
Oral Session 9 – Training and Education	
3:00 pm	From Seed to Table: Coalition-Focused Training on Controlled Environment Agriculture Initiatives for Military Veterans Angela Melissa Cottrell, Missouri Institute for Defense & Energy, University of Missouri - Kansas City
3:15 pm	Growing Growers KC: Making Impact with a Partnership Beginning Farmer Program Cary Rivard, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University

3:30 pm	Growing Food and Access, Education and Opportunity through Collaboration and Dedication to Hope Alicia Ellingsworth, KC Farm School at Gibbs Road
3:45 pm	Development of a Short Course on Urban and Peri-Urban Food Production in Greece Eleni D. Pliakoni, Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 10 – Urban Food Production Systems	
3:00 pm	Seattle Parks & Recreation's Urban Food Systems Program; Equity in municipal community gardens and orchards Paris Delaney Yates, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Washington
3:15 pm	Enhancing the Productivity of Urban Agriculture Through an Urban-adapted High Tunnel System John Robert Taylor, Department of Plant Sciences and Entomology, University of Rhode Island
3:30 pm	East Bay Urban Agriculture Julio Contreras, Urban Ag & Food Systems Program, University of California Cooperative Extension
3:45 pm	Edible Forests and Urban Agroecology Naim Edwards, Community Food and Environment Institute, Michigan State University Extension
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Discussion and Q&A
Oral Session 11 – Food Security and Food Safety	
3:00 pm	Examining Food Insecurity in Urban and Metro Areas in the United States Mya Price, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), University of the District of Columbia
3:15 pm	There's a Photon in My Water! The Application of Ultraviolet Light Technology to Enhance the Safety of Agricultural Water Olivia C. Haley, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University
3:30 pm	Identifying Challenges in the Postharvest Supply Chain of Fresh Organic Produce Tricia Jenkins, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University-Olathe
3:45 pm	Food Policy Obstacles and Opportunities in California's Produce Recovery Networks Robert Bennaton, University of California Cooperative Extension Alameda County, University of California Agriculture & Natural Resources
4:00 – 4:30 pm	Discussion and Q&A
4:30 pm	Awards announcement and closing remarks Moderator: Eleni Pliakoni

Poster Session

- 1. Utilization of Movable High Tunnel Production System for Improving Yield and Quality of Lettuce**
Patrick Abeli, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University,
- 2. Extension Outreach on Urban Soils in Cleveland OH**
Margaret Rivera, Extension, Cuyahoga County, Ohio State University
- 3. Growing Resilient Communities via Local Food Production on Vacant Urban Lots**
Ganga M Hettiarachchi, Department of Agronomy, Kansas State University
- 4. On-Farm Processing and Marketing of Indiana Urban Livestock Species**
Meagan Christine Diss, Cooperative Extension, Purdue University
- 5. Why Talk About Wasted Food?**
Michelle DeHaven, Environmental Finance Center, Wichita State University
- 6. Interdisciplinary Graduate Certificate in Urban Food Systems at Kansas State University**
Candice A. Shoemaker, College of Agriculture, Kansas State University
- 7. Accelerating Workforce Development for the Controlled Environment Agriculture Industry**
Jeffrey Landau, Agritecture
- 8. Making the Case for Applied On-farm Urban Agriculture Research**
Jacqueline Kowalski, Department of Extension, University of Connecticut
- 9. Supporting Food Truck and Mobile Food Businesses: An Extension Education Model**
Kendra C Wills, Extension, Michigan State University
- 10. Building Coalitions for a Changing World through Underrepresented Youth Education Programs**
Summer Dawn Santillana, Ag Dean's Office, Diversity Programs Office, Kansas State University
- 11. "Sometimes it's more valuable than money:" Using Stories and Local Knowledge to Document Comprehensive Wealth Impacts of Wild Harvesting**
Sarah Hultine Massengale, Community Development, University of Missouri Extension,
- 12. Urban Environmental Stewardship Practices Pre- and Post-pandemic in Kansas City Community Gardens**
Kristin Taylor, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University
- 13. Assessing the Social and Environmental Contributions of Food Hubs in Highly Populated Metropolitans of the United States**

Haniyeh Shariatmadary, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences, (CAUSES), University of the District of Columbia

14. **Extension Horticulture at A&T Provided Fresh Produce to Food Insecure Urban Communities during the Covid-19 Pandemic**
Sanjun Gu, Cooperative Extension, North Carolina A&T State University
15. **Public Transportation and its Effect on Farmers' Market Metrics: A Comparison between the Twin Cities Metro and Southeastern MN Markets**
Lucy Mickus, Department of Applied Economics, University of Minnesota - Twin Cities
16. **The Role of African American Women in Urban Agriculture**
Tracy Crump, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), University of the District of Columbia
17. **Introduction of Innovative Food Labeling Technology on Fresh Produce to Improve Traceability**
Durga Khadka, Department of Horticulture and Natural Resources, Kansas State University
18. **LOCAL LEGISLATION FOR BETTER BITES: Municipal Policy Options for Healthy Food Access in Stores and Restaurants**
Amanda Jean Girard Karls J.D., Foodvocate LLC, on behalf of the Health Food Policy Project
19. **Rapid, Reliable, Economical Pb Determination Using Portable X-ray Fluorescence (XRF)**
Lawrence C. Davis PhD, Biochemistry and Molecular Biophysics, K-State
20. **Master Gardener Volunteers Address Urban Food Insecurity**
Mike Hogan, Extension, Ohio State University Extension
21. **Incorporating Language Access into Agricultural Education**
Kristin Selby, New Roots for Refugees, Catholic Charities of Northeast Kansas
22. **Interdisciplinary Gardening and Nutrition Classes Addresses Urban Food Security and Health**
Miranda Duschack, Cooperative Extension, Lincoln University of Missouri
23. **The Effectiveness of Food Policy and Leadership in Major United States Cities: an examination of food policy councils**
Camille Range, College of Agriculture, Urban Sustainability and Environmental Sciences (CAUSES), University of the District of Columbia
24. **Urban Farming Research Models: Examining Psychological Benefits and Civic-Related Development**
Suzanne Avis Mills-Wasniak, Department of Extension, The Ohio State University