


**25TH WALLACE STEGNER CENTER
ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM** 

**FOOD AND THE
ENVIRONMENT:
RESILIENT AND
EQUITABLE
FOOD SECURITY
FOR THE WEST**

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*“A frog does not
drink up the pond
in which it lives”*

—American Indian proverb

The Wallace Stegner Center’s 25th annual symposium will address “Food and the Environment: Resilient and Equitable Food Security for the West.” The Symposium will focus on the connections between food and the environment through two lenses. First, it will examine issues regarding and means of promoting the simultaneous resilience of both food supplies and native ecosystems, such as by examining the intersections of food production and water supplies. Second, it will explore emerging and evolving ways to ensure equitable access to appropriate food ways for diverse western communities (e.g., ranching communities, tribes), including innovative approaches to making healthy food available to all residents along the Wasatch Front.

Strawberry crops can be grown year-around in California, but rely heavily on pesticides and chemicals.

WALLACE STEGNER LECTURE *Eating Our Way Through the Anthropocene*

Jessica Fanzo, The John Hopkins University

Wednesday, March 18, 2020, 12:15–1:15PM

**University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law
6th Level, S.J. Quinney Moot Courtroom**

Free and open to the public. No registration required.
Lunch will be served. 1 hour Utah CLE (pending).



Jessica Fanzo, PhD, is the Bloomberg Distinguished Associate Professor of Global Food and Agriculture Policy and Ethics at the Berman Institute of Bioethics, the Bloomberg School of Public Health, and the Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS) at the Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD. She also serves as

the Director of Hopkins’ Global Food Policy and Ethics Program. From 2017 to 2019, Jessica served as the Co-Chair of the Global Nutrition Report and the UN High Level Panel of Experts on Food Systems and Nutrition. Before coming to Hopkins, she held positions at Columbia University, the Earth Institute, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Food Programme, Bioversity International, and the Millennium Development Goal Centre at the World Agroforestry Center in Kenya. Jessica has a PhD in nutrition from the University of Arizona.

“If countries want to make a dent in the multiple burdens of malnutrition and attempt to achieve the SDGs related to nutrition, drastic changes will need to occur. These changes will involve cost-effective strategies that include reducing modifiable risk factors (related to tobacco smoke, alcohol, diet, and physical activity), coordinating mandates between health and agriculture sectors, strengthening and connecting health and food systems, improving nutrition surveillance, and expanding coverage of essential medicines, technologies, and treatments.”

—Jessica Fanzo, “Does Global Goal Setting Matter for Nutrition and Health?” *AMA Journal of Ethics*, October 2018



**“Sustainable energy
+ food security +
healthy environment
= full employment +
better future.”**

—Phil Harding

SYMPOSIUM AGENDA

Thursday, March 19, 2020

- 7:30 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome and Introductory remarks
- 8:45 **Growing the United States: Agriculture and the Shaping of a Transcontinental Nation**
Anne Effland, Office of the Chief Economist, U.S. Department of Agriculture
- 9:30 **Enhancing Biodiversity in the U.S. Corn Belt to Balance Productivity, Profitability, and Environmental Health.**
Matt Liebman, Department of Agronomy, Iowa State University
- 10:15 Break
- 10:45 **Food, Law and the Farm Bill**
Food & Law: Michael T. Roberts, Resnick Center for Food Law & Policy and UCLA School of Law
The Farm Bill: Laurie Ristino, Strategies for a Sustainable Future and Johns Hopkins University
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 **Our Landscape in Common, Customary Rights and the Incoming Generation**
Severine v T. Fleming, Greenhorns, Agrarian Trust, and Smithereen Farm
- 1:45 **Producer Panel Discussion**
Xiaoxue Du, Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology, University of Idaho
Jillian Hishaw, Family Agriculture Resource Management Services (F.A.R.M.S.)
Janaki Jagannath, Community Alliance for Agroecology
Richard L. Knight, Warner College of Natural Resources, Colorado State University
- 3:15 Break
- 3:45 to 5:00 p.m. **Food Sovereignty and Tribes**
Rebecca Tsosie, James E. Rogers College of Law, University of Arizona
Cynthia Wilson, Utah Diné Bikéyah

Friday, March 20, 2019

- 8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 8:30 Welcome
- 8:45 **Keynote: Harms without Specific Acts of Wrongdoing: The Role of Systemic Injustice in Food, Environment and Climate Injustices**
Joan McGregor, School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies and Global Institute for Sustainability, Arizona State University
- 9:45 Break
- 10:15 **Local Solutions on the Wasatch Front**
Philip Grubisa, Beltex Meats
Ashley Patterson, Wasatch Community Gardens
Carlos Santana, Department of Philosophy, University of Utah
Cari Tagge, Tagge CSI Farm
- 11:30 to 12:30 p.m. **Keynote: Why We Have Hunger Amidst Plenty**
Jessica Fanzo, The John Hopkins University

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Xiaoxue Du is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Agricultural Economics and Rural Sociology at the University of Idaho. She is originally from China. She got her master's degree in applied economics from the University of Idaho and a Ph.D. from UC Berkeley in agriculture and resource economics. Her research interests are risk management and international trade.



Anne Effland has been a senior economist for domestic policy in the Office of the Chief Economist of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) since January 2016. Her work focuses on the evolution and economic implications of domestic agricultural policy and its intersections with international trade. Prior to joining the Office of the Chief Economist, she was a senior research economist and historian with USDA's Economic Research Service, where she began her career in 1990 after receiving a Ph.D. in Agricultural History and Rural Studies from Iowa State University. In addition to the history of U.S. agriculture and agricultural policy, she has published on small farms and rural community development, women and minority farmers, and agricultural and rural labor. Her work has appeared in USDA reports, as well as in *Agricultural History*, several agricultural economics and food policy journals, and in a number of edited collections. In 2018, she received the Agricultural History Society's Gladys Baker Award for lifetime achievement in the field of agricultural history.



Severine von Tscherner Fleming, the Executive Director of Greenhorns and a leading organizer and cultural worker within the young farmer movement for 12+ years, co-founded the National Young Farmers Coalition, FarmHack and Agrarian Trust. A part-time farmer and board member of the Schumacher Center for New Economics, her work has spanned many media to celebrate, bundle and broadcast the voices and life-ways of young agrarians.



Philip Grubisa was born and raised in Southern Florida, where he began his career as a chef. He has lived in Utah since 2008 and worked as a chef in Park City at Talisker on Main and The Farm until 2014 when he opened Beltex Meats. His goal is to provide Salt Lake and the Utah area a place to get high-quality locally-raised meats while also supporting small farming in the process.



Jillian Hishaw is an agricultural attorney, Founder & CEO of Hishaw Law LLC., F.A.R.M.S., and author of *Don't Bet the Farm on Medicaid*. Hishaw is well-versed in the areas of civil rights and agricultural policy. She was recognized as a "Food Changemaker" by Clif Bar Co. and has been featured in *O (Oprah) Magazine*, *The Atlantic*, *Vice News*, the *Washington Post* and more. Hishaw has nearly 15 years of professional experience and has raised funds for various agriculture and law programs. F.A.R.M.S. provides technical and legal services to small-scale farmers while reducing hunger in the farmers' community.



Janaki Jagannath is a third-year law student at the UC Davis School of Law. Previously, she directed Community Alliance for Agroecology, a coalition of rural community-based organizations in the San Joaquin Valley of California working to advance agricultural and environmental policy towards justice for communities bearing the burden of California's food system. She has worked at California Rural Legal Assistance, Inc. in Fresno, enforcing environmental justice and worker protections, such as access to clean drinking water for unincorporated farmworker communities. Janaki has assisted in curriculum development for the Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems degree at UC Davis and has farmed in diversified and orchard crops across the state. Janaki holds a B.S. in Agricultural Development from UC Davis and a producers' certification in Ecological Horticulture from the UC Santa Cruz Center for Agroecology.



Richard L. Knight is a professor emeritus of wildlife conservation at Colorado State University. He is also the vice-president of conservation at the Colorado Cattlemen's Agricultural Land Trust. Since receiving his Ph.D. at the University of Wisconsin, he has worked at the interface of land use and land health across the American West.



Matt Liebman is a professor of agronomy and the H.A. Wallace Chair for Sustainable Agriculture at Iowa State University. He received an A.B. in biological sciences from Harvard in 1978 and a Ph.D. in botany from the University of California-Berkeley in 1986. Before joining the ISU faculty in 1998, Matt worked at the University of Maine for 11 years. He became a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy in 2009 and was a member of the National Academies committee that produced the 2015 report titled "A Framework for Assessing Effects of the Food System." His research, teaching, and outreach activities focus on ways to improve environmental quality and agricultural productivity, while reducing dependence on agrichemicals and fossil fuels.



Joan McGregor is a professor of philosophy in the School of Historical, Philosophical, and Religious Studies, a Senior Scholar with the School of Sustainability, and a Board Member of ASU's Desert Humanities Center at Arizona State University. McGregor is a transdisciplinary and collaborative scholar and currently President of ASU's Tempe Campus Academic Senate. Her current research continues to focus on issues of food, food justice, food narratives, and food sustainability. She just published an article arguing for the intersection of food, climate, and environmental injustices and the dignitary harms that result. She has collaborated with scientists and engineers working on the ethics of emerging technologies. Additionally, she has done research on ethical and legal concerns to indigenous peoples and published widely in jurisprudence and bioethics. McGregor was co-director of three NEH summer institutes on sustainability, entitled "Fierce Green Fire: Aldo Leopold and the Foundations of Environmental Ethics," "Rethinking the Land Ethic: Humanities and Sustainability," and in 2016 "Extending the Land Ethic." Her public philosophy work won her the Arizona Humanities Council's Public Humanist award in 2019. One of her public projects focusing on food grew out of the Mellon Funded Humanities for the Anthropocene, entitled "Dinner 2040: The Future of Food" (<http://hfe-observatories.org/projects/dinner-2040>). McGregor is passionate about food, not only the equity and access concerns around food, but also the importance of quality food in the cultural lives of everyone.



Ashley Patterson has a love of farming and gardening that began as the daughter of a farmer—with the farmer being her mother, not her father. She started a farmers' market in Jackson, WY as a ski bum in 1992 and has gardened in her own yard (not always successfully) for nearly three decades. Since 2012, Ashley has served as the Executive Director of Wasatch Community Gardens (WCG) and has expanded the organization's programming to include school gardens and farm-based job training programs. She presently serves as a member of Salt Lake City's Food Policy Task Force, the Agriculture Advisory Board for the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food, and the Local Food Advisory Council for the State of Utah.



Laurie Ristino is a policy and law expert on food security, farm bill, climate change, ecosystem services, and land conservation. Her work is concerned with reforming existing law and policy and developing new policy and civil society innovations to address climate change and social injustice and to improve environmental and economic sustainability. Ms. Ristino has published articles, Op Eds, and blogs proposing reforms to address soil, water and air quality degradation, among other topics. She is also the co-author and editor



of a comprehensive book on conservation easements, titled *A Changing Landscape: The Conservation Reader* (2016, Environmental Law Institute). She has been quoted in top media outlets such as *Mother Jones*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *E&E News*, and *Law360*. Ms. Ristino practiced law for twenty years, serving as a senior counsel at the USDA, where she advised on an array of natural resource and environmental matters. More recently, she was appointed an associate law professor and the inaugural Director of the Center for Agriculture and Food Systems at Vermont Law School, which she built into one of the most comprehensive programs in the nation. Following Vermont Law, Ms. Ristino was a visiting scholar at the George Washington University Law School. Currently, she advises leading NGOs and foundations on environmental policy and strategy matters through her consultancy, *Strategies for a Sustainable Future*. She serves on the board of trustees for the Center for Progressive Reform and the Upper Valley Land Trust.

Michael T. Roberts is the founding Executive Director of the Resnick Center for Food Law and Policy at UCLA School of Law. He has authored a major treatise on food law, *Food Law in the United States* (Cambridge University Press), and is co-editor of a new casebook, *Food Law & Policy* (Wolters Kluwer). He is actively involved in the development of food law and policy, having helped convene numerous forums, including recently the 5th annual UCLA-Harvard Food Law Conference, and having lectured on food-law subjects at law schools and conferences in a number of countries. He works closely with the United Nation's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Rome and is active in documenting the history of the development of food law. Roberts teaches two courses at UCLA Law: *Introduction to Food Law and Policy* (for second and third year law students) and *Historical Perspective: The Role of Law in the Pursuit of a Moral Food System* (a "modes" class for first year law students). He has also been instrumental in the organization of a food studies certificate graduate program at UCLA. Roberts is a proud graduate of the University of Utah S.J. Quinney College of Law and practiced long ago in Salt Lake City with the law firm of Van Cott Bagley Cornwall & McCarthy, P.C.



Carlos Santana is a philosopher of science who works as a consulting conceptual engineer to the environmental sciences. He's written and presented about a range of key scientific concepts, from "biodiversity" to "Anthropocene" to "novel ecosystem." As a deeply interdisciplinary researcher, Carlos supplements traditional philosophical methods with experimental data, computer simulations, and data science. In addition to being a member of the University of Utah's Department of Philosophy, Carlos is affiliated with Utah's Global Change and Sustainability Center and the Center for Ecological Planning + Design.



Cari Tagge is the CEO (Chief Energy Officer) of Tagge's Famous Fruit and Veggie Farms. Cari and her husband Thayne started their business selling Bear Lake raspberries in the Salt Lake valley. The business began as a part-time venture with Thayne taking time off as a CPA at KMPG during the harvest season and then to a full-time endeavor in 1997 when they purchased a 38-acre orchard. Currently they own 80 acres of orchards broken into small parcels in Perry, Willard, Corrinne and Huntsville. They lease an additional 53 acres for row crops. During the harvest season, they have 7 daily fruit stands, participate in 22 farmer's markets, and have over 150 employees to manage and nurture. Cari and Thayne understand the value of farm-to-table and enjoy literally seeing the fruits of their labors as they bring fresh fruit and vegetables to the community along the Wasatch Front. Cari graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Utah in 1984. She has 4 children and 8 grandchildren.



to the Earth. She is the granddaughter of a Navajo medicine man who inspired her work on indigenous food preservation and land stewardship practices based on kinship, humility, gratitude, and beauty. Cynthia helps with public land management planning focused on traditional food knowledge that addresses the physical and spiritual health of the land and people. She hopes to practice dietetics that strengthens traditional cultures and ties to reclaim local traditional food systems among tribes.



Wild Salmon cooking in traditional Native American style on open fire on the banks of the Sandy River, AK.

Rebecca Tsosie is a Regents' Professor at the James E. Rogers College of Law at the University of Arizona and also serves as Vice Provost for Inclusive Excellence. Professor Tsosie, who is of Yaqui descent, is a Faculty Co-Chair for the Indigenous Peoples' Law and Policy Program at the University of Arizona, and she is widely known for her work in the fields of Federal Indian law and indigenous peoples' human rights. Prior to joining the University of Arizona faculty, Professor Tsosie was a Regent's Professor and Vice Provost for Inclusion and Community Engagement at Arizona State University. Professor Tsosie was the first faculty Executive Director for ASU's Indian Legal Program and served in that position for 15 years. Professor Tsosie has published widely on sovereignty, self-determination, cultural pluralism, environmental policy and cultural rights. She teaches in the areas of Federal Indian Law, Property, Constitutional Law, Critical Race Theory, and Cultural Resources Law. Professor Tsosie is a member of the Arizona Bar Association and the California Bar Association. Professor Tsosie serves as a Supreme Court Justice for the Fort McDowell Yavapai Nation and as an Associate Judge on the San Carlos Tribal Court of Appeals. She received her B.A. and J.D. degrees from the University of California, Los Angeles.



A vineyard in the Alexander Valley of Sonoma County, CA is scorched by the October 2019 Kincadee fire.

Cynthia Wilson is a tribal member of the Navajo Nation, born and raised in Monument Valley, Utah. She is of the Folded Arms People clan and born for the Towering House clan. Cynthia holds a Master of Science degree in Nutrition from the University of Utah. She serves as the Traditional Foods Program Director for Utah Diné Bikéyah, a native-led nonprofit organization with a mission to preserve and protect the cultural and natural resources of ancestral Native American lands and bring healing



While family farms have declined in number to larger commercial farms, urban farming has increased.

SYMPOSIUM REGISTRATION

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\$200 General Public, if received on March 9 or later

\$150 Seniors (62+), University and College Faculty & Staff, Government, Nonprofit, if received before March 9

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\$25 All Students, if received before March 9

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—Gary Paul Nabhan

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