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Newsletter of the Geographies of Food and Agriculture Specialty Group



A Message from our Chairs

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Greetings GFASG Members,

It is now only a few weeks until the AAG Conference. We are very much looking forward to this meeting and the opportunity to reconnect with many of you in-person after several years. As such, we are especially excited to share with you some conference updates at this time.

First, the work of our membership will be featured throughout the conference. We have sponsored a total of 37 sessions. You will be able to find GFASG sponsored sessions in the conference app and online in the program.

We are also excited to announce that the GFASG Plenary will feature a discussion on 'Linked Struggles: Land and Water, Food Sovereignty and Environmental Justice.' Speakers include Candi CdeBaca, Councilwoman, Denver City; Ramon Gabrieloff-Parish, Naropa University; and Michelle Gabrieloff-Parish, Once & Future GREEN. Please see pg 3 of this newsletter for full details of this event scheduled for Friday, March 24 at 4:30 pm (local conference time).

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We are also actively planning our Business Meeting. This is scheduled for Saturday, March 25 at 6 pm (local conference time). We hope you will be able to join us to meet other specialty group members and discuss our plans for the upcoming year. We will also be announcing the inaugural recipient of our Scholar-Activist award as well as our Graduate Student Research Award recipients at this meeting.

After the Business Meeting we have organized a mixer co-sponsored with the Rural Geography and Wine, Beer, and Spirits Specialty Groups. We hope you can join us for this fun social opportunity to connect and network across our specialty groups. See pg 4 of this newsletter for full details.

As the conference approaches, please stay tuned for updates from the knowledge communities and follow us on Twitter @gfasg_aag, Facebook, and our website.

The remainder of this newsletter includes more details on upcoming conference events, an update from FJSAAS, and membership accomplishments.

We look forward to seeing many of you soon and wish you a successful and enjoyable AAG!

In health and solidarity,

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Save the date for the 2024 AAG meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii!

The annual AAG conference will run from April 16, 2024 to April 20, 2024 in the 'Honolulu, Hawaii. The conference will feature both virtual and in-person components. We look forward to gathering together and learning from each other during the 2024 conference.

2023 GFASG Plenary

LINKED STRUGGLES: LAND AND WATER, FOOD SOVEREIGNTY AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

FRIDAY MARCH 24TH AT 4:30 – 5:50 PM DENVER TIME.

How do resource extraction and struggles for land and water rights intersect with movements for food justice and food sovereignty? This is the question framing the GFASG Plenary event this year and is especially relevant to the conference in Denver, Colorado where narratives of the “frontier” and “manifest destiny” continue to shape social and ecological relationships within regional food systems.

The GFASG Plenary event will feature leading speakers from the Colorado region considering how communities are asserting self-determination of land, water, and food resources. Chaired by Dr. Josh Sbicca, speakers include Candi CdeBaca, Councilwoman, Denver City; Ramon Gabrieloff-Parish, Naropa University; and Michelle Gabrieloff-Parish, Once & Future GREEN. Kate Clancy, Food Systems Consultant and Visiting Scholar Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins University will also be joining the event as a lead discussant.

Presentations will be followed by a facilitated discussion about opportunities to collectively mobilize for food and environmental justice within and beyond the Colorado region. This session is being undertaken in collaboration with the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (<https://foodsystemsjournal.org/>).

We are extremely grateful to the individuals that contributed to organizing this event, including many of those involved in organizing the planned Denver pre-conference in 2020. We would like to especially recognize the efforts of GFASG members Constance Gordon, Erica Zurawski, and Josh Sbicca in contributing their ideas, time, and effort to planning this session.

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2023 Social Mixer

at First Draft Taproom

1309 26th St, Denver, CO 80205

on Sat. March 25 at 7:30pm

We welcome members from each specialty group to stop by and mingle after an exhilarating day of presentations. While participants must be over 21 to enjoy the beer, wine, and cocktails (responsibly!), the taproom also offers kombucha as a non-alcoholic option.

Member Accomplishments

Sharing GFASG membership accomplishments-- be they personal or professional-- is always a joy. Please join us in congratulating our colleagues on their many accomplishments and publications over the past year!

William (Bill) Moseley, Dept of Geography, Macalester College, Saint Paul, MN

Clapp, J., B. Lehmann, W. Moseley, H. Elver and P. Webb. 2023. "The I-TrACE Principles for Legitimate Food Systems Science-Policy-Society Interfaces." *Nature Food*. DOI: 10.1038/s43016-022-00686-6

Servin, J. and W.G. Moseley. 2022. "The Hidden Safety Net: Wild and semi-wild plant consumption and nutrition among women farmers in Southwestern Burkina Faso." *African Geographical Review*. DOI: 10.1080/19376812.2022.2074481.

Moseley, W.G. and M. Ouedraogo. 2022. "When Agronomy Flirts with Markets, Gender and Nutrition: A Political Ecology of the New Green Revolution for Africa and Women's Food Security in Burkina Faso." *African Studies Review*. 65(1): 41-65.

Moseley, W.G. 2022. "Development Assistance and Boserupian Intensification under Geopolitical Isolation: The Political Ecology of a Crop-Livestock Integration Project in Burundi." *Geoforum*. 128: 276-285. DOI: 10.1016/j.geoforum.2021.01.010.

Clapp, J., W.G. Moseley, B. Burlingame and P. Termine. 2022. "The case for a six-dimensional food security framework." *Food Policy*. 106: 102164 (<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.foodpol.2021.1>)

Gwyneth M. Manser, Geography Ph.D. Candidate, University of California, Davis

Manser, G.M. 2022. Systematizing authenticity and codifying values: The role of values, standards, and governance at farmers markets. *Journal of Rural Studies*, 96: 154-166. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jrurstud.2022.10.021>

Laura-Anne Minkoff-Zern, Associate Professor, Syracuse University

Zoodma, A., Dudley, M. J., & Minkoff-Zern, L.-A. 2022. National food security, immigration reform, and the importance of worker engagement in agricultural guestworker debates. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*, 11(4), 1-13.

Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne, Mary Jo Dudley, Anna Zoodma, Bhavneet Walia, and Rick Welsh. 2022. "Protracted Dependence and Unstable Relations: Agrarian Questions in the H-2A Visa Program." *Journal of Rural Studies*. 93: 43-45

Minkoff-Zern, Laura-Anne, Gangamma, Rashmi, Walia, Bhavneet & Zoodma, Anna. (2022). "Refugee Gardening: An Opportunity to Improve Economic Conditions, Food Security, and Mental Health." *Population Health Research Brief Series*. Lerner Center for Public Health Promotion. 198. <https://surface.syr.edu/lerner/198/>

Joshua Sbicca, Associate Professor, Colorado State University

Prison Agriculture Lab (Joshua Sbicca, Carrie Chennault, Kristin Karashinski). 2023. *Growing Chains: Prison Agriculture and Racial Capitalism in the United States*. Fort Collins, CO. <https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/abba237bedbc4e2a98e65654cbfc7e65>

Prison Agriculture Lab (Joshua Sbicca, Carrie Chennault, Tim Jansury, Dan Carver). 2022. *Satellite Image Gallery*. Fort Collins, CO. <https://prisonagriculture.com/satellite-image-gallery/>

Chennault, Carrie and Joshua Sbicca. 2022. "Prison agriculture in the United States: Racial capitalism and the disciplinary matrix of exploitation and rehabilitation." *Agriculture and Human Values*. Online first. DOI: 0.1007/s10460-022-10346

Member Accomplishments

Alana Haynes Stein, UC Davis

De La Cruz Santana, Lizbeth and Alana Haynes Stein. (2022). Navigating the Joys and Challenges of Public Scholarship in Graduate School: An Imagining America Research Report. Davis, CA: Imagining America and the Mellon Foundation. https://imaginingamerica.org/wp-content/uploads/grad_students_report.pdf

This report is based on the experiences of public scholars while in graduate school. The report examines the structures that shape experiences with public scholarship, the impact of campus culture on public scholarship, and the emotionality of doing public scholarship. Based on our findings, we offer several recommendations for supporting graduate public scholars.

Kristen Lowitt, Queen's University

Lowitt, K., Levkoe, C.Z., & Sayers, D. (2022). Towards self-determination and resurgence in small-scale fisheries: Insights from Batchewana First Nation fisheries. *Maritime Studies* 22(1). <https://doi.org/10.1007/s40152-022-00292-z>

Stefan Chavez-Norgaard, Columbia University

Chavez-Norgaard, Stefan, Leah Montange, Jah Elyse Sayers, and Megan Ybarra. 2022. "Introduction," In : *Making Abolition in Geography.* *Society + Space.* <https://www.societyandspace.org/forums/making-abolition-in-geography>.

Meyer, Miranda and Stefan Norgaard. 2022. "Mnemonic Land War: Memory Constellations Through Lebanon and South Africa." *Memory Studies*. Vol. 15, no. 6. 1393–1405. <https://doi.org/10.1177/17506980221133516>.

Stefan Chavez-Norgaard helped edit a Special Forum titled "Making Abolition in Geography" in the online magazine of the journal *Society + Space*, along with comrades and geographers Leah Montange, Jah Elyse Sayers, and Megan Ybarra. The work draws on collective wisdom from the AAG Cops off Campus ad hoc organizing committee and abolition geographies group, with contributions from across the United States and world. Chavez-Norgaard also published an academic article in the journal *Memory Studies*, focused on land, territory, memory, and conflict in Lebanon and South Africa, co-authored with geographer Miranda Meyer. In Fall 2022, Chavez-Norgaard conducted dissertation field research in South Africa, where he is examining how residents of Mahikeng are repurposing agriculture, industry, institutions, and other uses planned during the apartheid era.



IMAGE DESCRIPTION: STEFAN CHAVEZ-NORGAARD WADES THROUGH APARTHEID-ERA TERRITORIAL-SCALE MASTER PLANS WHEN CONDUCTING DISSERTATION FIELDWORK IN MAHIKENG, SOUTH AFRICA. PLANS DESIGNED FOR A WHITE SUPREMACIST REGIME OF 'SEPARATE DEVELOPMENT' INCLUDED ZONES FOR AGRICULTURAL, INDUSTRIAL, AND INSTITUTIONAL USES. THIS IMAGE WAS TAKEN AT THE NORTH WEST PROVINCIAL ARCHIVES IN AUGUST, 2022.

TWEET, TWEET!!

The Geographies of Food and Agriculture Speciality Group is on Twitter!

We invite you to follow along @GSASG_AAG, and to engage with us during the conference.

We look forward to connecting with you.

The GFASG board is looking for help managing our Twitter presence. If you have a passion for social media, please contact Gwyneth Manser <gmanser@ucdavis.edu> about getting involved.

Member Accomplishments

Julie Guthman, University of California, Santa Cruz

The UC AFTeR project (for Agri-food Technology Research) that I spearhead is churning out publications in our final year. I wrote or co-wrote five published in 2022, including:

Guthman, J. and C. Biltekoff. 2022. Agri-food tech's building block: narrating protein, agnostic of source, in the face of crisis. *Biosocieties*. <https://doi.org/10.1057/s41292-022-00287-3>

*"Agri-food tech's building block" shows that protein products dominate tech-driven novel food production. Asking why protein garners outsized attention relative to other nutrients that might be objectives of food reformulation, we discuss three narratives have made novel protein products appear both edible and investible, one of which foresees a protein crisis akin to that depicted in *Soylent Green*.*

Biltekoff, C. and J. Guthman. 2022. Conscious, complacent, fearful: Agri-food tech's market-making public imaginaries. *Science as Culture*. <https://doi.org/10.1080/09505431.2022.2090914>

Last June I was also very fortunate to be awarded UCSC's Social Science Division's Martin M. Chemers Award for Outstanding Research.

Nathan McClintock, Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)

McClintock, Nathan and Stéphane Guimont Marceau (2022) Settler-colonial urbanisms: convergences, divergences, limits, contestations. *Urban Geography* DOI: 10.1080/02723638.2022.2125663.

My colleague at INRS and I organized this Debates & Interventions forum featuring eight short essays and authored this introductory piece

McCann, Eugene, Nathan McClintock, and Christiana Miewald (2022) Mobilizing 'impermaculture': Temporary urban agriculture and the sustainability fix. *Environment and Planning E: Nature and Space*. DOI: 10.1177/25148486221115950.

In this paper, we focus on a growing trend of temporary and/or mobile urban agriculture and its contribution to entrepreneurial green urban development... teaser: there are goats involved!

Pham, Thi-Thanh-Hiên, Nathan McClintock, and Éric Duchemin (2022) Home-grown food: How do urban form, socio-economic status, and ethnicity influence food gardens in Montreal? *Applied Geography* 145: 102746. DOI: 10.1016/j.apgeog.2022.102746.

Spatial analysis of home gardens in Metro Montreal, part of a larger research project which is described in this comic strip: <https://agriurbain.hypotheses.org/5220>



PICTURES FROM NATHAN'S PRELIMINARY FIELDWORK ON FOOD GOVERNANCE IN INUIT NUNANGAT: A COMMUNITY FREEZER, COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE, AND HYDROPONIC GROWING CONTAINER IN KUUJJUAQ, NUNAVIK (NORTHERN QUEBEC).

Member Accomplishments

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Rasel, H. M., Al Mamun, M. A., Hasnat, A., Alam, S., Hossain, I., Mondal, R. K., Good, R. Z., Alsukaibi, A.K., & Awual, R. (2022). Sustainable futures in agricultural heritage: Geospatial exploration and predicting groundwater-level variations in Barind tract of Bangladesh. *Science of The Total Environment*, 161297. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.scitotenv.2022.161297>

Our paper tries to understand the current status of groundwater levels and associated geological conditions. In addition, it determines critical zones, recharging paths, and changing the nature of the Barind topology. It also forecasts future groundwater levels and critical zones for sustainable Agri-heritage practice. Besides, the paper assumes sustainable Agri-heritage futures help local communities become resilient.



FJSASS Update

By Dr. Brittany D. Jones

The Food Activist-Scholarship/Scholar Activist community of practice (FJSAAS) is gearing up for AAG Denver 2023! Our members have planned to deeply engage in food scholarship and activism, in addition to highlighting emerging trends in the field. The main session, Making Changes Together toward Food Justice: A Participatory Panel takes place on March 27 beginning at 4:30 PM (Mountain Time). This is a hybrid session. Join us as we hear from our panel about their personal experiences studying food scholarship and activism, and discuss how academics can better position themselves as scholar-activists. You can find more information about the session here: <https://aag.secure-platform.com/aag2023/solicitations/39/sessiongallery/6668>.

Other sessions featuring our Steering Committee and FJSAAS members are:

- Radical Food Geography 1 (In-Person)
- Radical Food Geography 2 (Virtual)
- Participatory Justice in Agro-Food Systems Governance
- Towards (Just) Food Geographies: Networks, Nourishment, and Disasters

We are always looking to continue collaboration outside of AAG, so please join us for our April meeting, beginning at 11am. These meetings are on a monthly basis. Sign up for our listserv to receive meeting notifications at fjscholaractivists@gmail.com. If you want to learn more about our group, please visit our website at <https://gfasg.wordpress.com/activist-scholarship/>. We also have a monthly blog and are looking for frequent submissions. Consider sending your pieces!

We look forward to seeing you in-person or virtually at AAG!



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