Course Description: This graduate, multi-disciplinary seminar examines a range of planning, socio-economic, nutrition and political issues related to food and food systems planning in the United States. Through readings, guest lectures and student presentations students will be exposed to the myriad issues planners must address in food systems planning. The course will provide a discussion forum for students interested in research on local food systems and expose students to opportunities for cross-campus research and collaboration. An additional goal of this seminar is to assist students to identify exit project topics, summer internship opportunities and faculty who may serve as advisors on related research.

Time: 1:25-2:40pm on Tuesdays, 211 W. Sibley. Attendance required
1 credit – background readings and guest lectures
2 credits – write a short research paper on a topic of your choosing

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Course readings will be available through Blackboard. All readings are to be completed before class on the date listed below.

January 25, 2011: Course Overview


February 1, 2011: Food Systems and Planning

Speakers: Duncan Hilchey, Editor, Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development


February 8, 2011: Agricultural Policy

Speaker: Dr. Andrew Novakovic, E. V. Baker Professor of Agricultural Economics, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University
February 15, 2011: Farmworker and Labor Issues in Food Systems

Speaker: Dr. Mary Jo Dudley, Director, Cornell Farmworker Program and Senior Extension Associate, Department of Development Sociology, Cornell University


February 22, 2011: Supply Chains (marketing, distribution, and processing – farmer and consumer issues of access)

Speakers: Miguel Gomez, Assistant Professor, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University; and Todd Schmit, Ruth and William Morgan Assistant Professor, Charles H. Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University


March 1, 2011: Ithaca Food System Initiatives

Speakers: Monika Roth, Agriculture Program Leader, Cornell Cooperative Extension of Tompkins County; and Joanna Green, Director, Groundswell Center for Local Food and Farming, Ithaca

March 8, 2011 Grocery Stores and Food Deserts

Speaker: Dr. Bill Drake, Senior Extension Associate, Director of Executive Education, Food Industry Management Program, Cornell University


March 15, 2011: Farmers Markets, EBT Program, and the NYS Food Policy Council

Speaker: Diane Eggert, Executive Director, NYS Farmers Market Federation; Task Force Member, NYS Food Policy Council; and farmer


March 22, 2011: NO CLASS – Spring Break

March 29, 2011: Nutrition and Policy

Speaker: Dr. David Just, Associate Professor, Director of Graduate Studies, Dyson School of Applied Economics and Management, Cornell University


April 5, 2011: Farm-to-School Initiatives, Slow Food, and Local Food Systems

Speaker: Dr. Jennifer Wilkins, Senior Extension Associate, Department of Nutritional Science, Cornell University


April 12, 2011: Community Gardens/Urban Agriculture

Speaker: Dr. Marianne Krasny, *Professor and Chair, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University*


April 19, 2011: Cornell Small Farm Program – specific challenges and opportunities for small farmers in the U.S.

Speaker: Anu Rangarajan, *Director, Cornell Small Farm Program; and Senior Extension Associate, Department of Horticulture, Cornell University*

Reading:

April 26, 2011: Student Presentations

May 3, 2011: Student Presentations (if needed)

May 9, 2011. Papers due