

**CRP 5850 Food System Planning**  
**Mildred Warner**  
**Spring 2011**

**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

Reading: Hinrichs, Clare and Elizabeth Charles. Local Food Systems and Networks in the US and the UK: Community Development Considerations for Rural Areas, In *Rural Transformations and Rural Policies in the UK and US, (forthcoming)* ed. By Mark Shucksmith, David L. Brown, Sally Shortall, Jo Vergunst and Mildred Warner, Routledge. December 2010.

February 1, 2011: Food Systems and Planning

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

Reading: Policy Guide on Community and Regional Food Planning, 2007. American Planning Association

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*

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Reading:

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*

Reading: Levine, Linda. Farm Labor Shortages and Immigration Policy, Congressional Research Service, <http://www.ilw.com/immigrationdaily/news/2010,0818-crs.pdf>

Recommended: (Interviews) Lyons, Mark and August Tarrier, eds. "Mirrors and Windows (Espejos y ventanas): Oral Histories of Mexican Farmworkers and Their Families, New City Community Press, 2004, pgs 160-198.

(Local News) Bernstein, Nina. 2006, 24 December. Immigrants Go From Farms to Jails, And a Climate of Fear Settles In. *New York Times*.

Goodman, James. 2008, 25 May. Farming in Fear. *Rochester Democrat and Chronicle*.

(Human rights reports that examine immigration detention) Chiu, Bess; Egyes, Lynly; Markowitz, Peter L.; and Vasandani, Jaya. "Constitution on Ice: A Report on Immigration Home Raid Operations." *Cardozo Immigration Justice Clinic* (2009) Web. 15 Aug 2009. p. 1-22. Available at:

[http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/uploadedFiles/Cardozo/Profiles/immigrationlaw-741/IJC\\_ICE-Home-Raid-Report%20Updated.pdf](http://www.cardozo.yu.edu/uploadedFiles/Cardozo/Profiles/immigrationlaw-741/IJC_ICE-Home-Raid-Report%20Updated.pdf)

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*

Reading: Schmit, T.M., Gómez, M.I. Developing viable farmers markets in rural communities: An investigation of vendor performance using objective and subjective valuations. *Food Policy*. 2010. doi:10.1016/j.foodpol.2010.10.001

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*

Reading: Slocum, Rachel, 2006. Anti-racist Practice and the Work of Community Food Organizations, *Antipode*. 38(2): 327-349.

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Recommended: Christine Quinn, Speaker of the New York City Council: “Food Works: A Vision to Improve NYC’s Food System”.

[http://www.council.nyc.gov/html/food/files/foodworks\\_fullreport\\_11\\_22\\_10.pdf](http://www.council.nyc.gov/html/food/files/foodworks_fullreport_11_22_10.pdf)

### 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*

Reading: ERS Report, June 2009. Access to Affordable and Nutritious Food, Measuring and Understanding Food Deserts and Their Consequences.

Gallagher, Mari. 2009. A New Day in the Garden: A Food Desert and Food Balance Analysis of Savannah, GA.

Recommended: The Public Health Effects of Food Deserts: Workshop Summary, Paula Tarnapol Whitacre, Peggy Tsai, and Janet Mulligan, Rapporteurs; National Research Council, 2009. <http://www.nap.edu/catalog/12623.html>

### 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*

Reading: REAL FOOD, REAL CHOICE, Connecting SNAP Recipients with Farmers Markets, Authored by: Suzanne Briggs | Andy Fisher | Megan Lott | Stacy Miller | Nell Tessman, Community Food Security Coalition | Farmers Market Coalition, June 2010  
[http://farmersmarketcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/EBT-SNAP\\_Final\\_Web.pdf](http://farmersmarketcoalition.org/wp-content/uploads/2010/07/EBT-SNAP_Final_Web.pdf)

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*

Reading: Just, David R, Payne, Collin R. Obesity: Can Behavioral Economics Help? *Ann. Behav. Med.* 2009. 38 (Suppl 1): S47–S55.

### 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*

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Reading: Izumi, Betty T, Wright, D. Wynne and Hamm, Michael W. Farm to school programs: exploring the role of regionally-based food distributors in alternative agrifood networks. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 2010. (27)3: 335-350.

Recommended: Vallianatos, Mark, Gottlieb, Robert, Haase, Margaret A. Farm-to-School Strategies for Urban Health, Combating Sprawl, and Establishing a Community Food Systems Approach. *Journal of Planning Education and Research*. 2004. 23(4): 414-423.

Bagdonis, Jessica M, Hinrichs, C. Clare, and Schafft, Kai A. The emergence and framing of farm-to-school initiatives: civic engagement, health and local agriculture. *Agriculture and Human Values*. 2009. 26(1-2): 107-119.

### April 12, 2011: Community Gardens/Urban Agriculture

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

Reading: Marianne E Krasny and Keith G Tidball (2011). Civic Ecology: a social-ecological resilience perspective on environmental education as a practice and system, Chapter to be published in *Environmental Education Reader* (Eds: Russell, Dillon, Breunig)

### 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