

2021 SAFSF Forum

Event Schedule

Mon, May 03, 2021

10:00 AM

Reckoning a Way Forward: Co-Creating Philanthropy's Course toward a More Just and Sustainable Food System

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, May 3

OPENING SESS...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF) and The John Merck Fund

Coronavirus infection rates are down, vaccination rates are up, stress on the healthcare system is easing, schools are reopening, and our struggling economy is stabilizing. Five months into the Biden-Harris Administration and the 117th Congress, USDA, FDA, EPA and other agencies are getting back to their regulatory and programmatic duties, and legislators are getting back to the business of lawmaking.

A return to normalcy is at hand. But is that what we want?

2020 highlighted deep injustices in every one of our systems—health care, politics, economics, education, law enforcement—and, of course, food and agriculture. Such upheaval and disruption is an opportunity to reimagine and improve systems. SAFSF's 19th Annual Forum will help agriculture and food system funders and investors examine how our practices have perpetuated the systems that have failed us, especially in this last tumultuous year, and amplify the voices of those who have kept their neighbors fed by growing their own food, supporting their local farms, changing their businesses on the fly, and advocating for authentic redress of entrenched food system injustices. These leaders are showing us the way toward a more just, equitable, and sustaining food system. Join us at the Forum—and during this opening session—as a first step in following their lead.

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🗨️ Speakers



Keoni Lee
CEO
Hawaii Investment Ready



Rev. Mariama White-Hammond
City of Boston



Kat Gilje
Executive Director
Ceres Trust

1:00 PM

Start Your Forum Experience Off Right: Newcomers Welcome

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, May 3

NETWOR...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

Is this your first time attending the SAFSF Forum or participating in an SAFSF event? Or have you participated in the network for many years and are interested in learning how to make the most of this year's online format to make peer connections and customize your engagement?

We invite you to join us for an informal welcome to the SAFSF network, and an opportunity to connect with peers and connect with friendly peer faces you'll be able to recognize on Zoom throughout the rest of the Forum. We'll also share some tips and tricks to help you take full advantage of the online Forum experience.

Speakers



Renee Catacalos

Vice President, Strategy and Impact
Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)



Virginia Clarke

SAFSF

Tue, May 04, 2021

10:00 AM

Food Without Borders: The Interconnectivity of U.S. and Mexico Food Systems

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, May 4

WORKSHO..

Presented by International Community Foundation

Food systems in the United States and Mexico are inextricably linked. This session will explore, educate, and generate thoughtful dialogue around the interconnectivity of these systems including: farm labor on both sides of the border, production practices, food insecurity, public health and food waste. The goal of this presentation is to both generate awareness and highlight innovative solutions to current cross-border challenges. This session will begin with a virtual trivia game where participants will work in teams to answer questions in various categories such as: Imports, Farm Labor, Food Waste and Culinary Traditions. We will then move into short presentations and Q&A with experts in each field and will conclude in small breakout groups for continued networking and discussion.

Session goals:

- Participants will have a greater understanding of the connectivity of food systems between the U.S. and Mexico.
- Discuss timely emerging issues/themes connecting the US/Mexico food systems with a focus on innovative and actionable solutions.
- Participants will have the opportunity to meet and engage with allies and potential project partners interested in cross-border food systems.

Speakers



McKenzie Campbell

BCS Program Officer
International Community Foundation



Luis Fernando Garduño

Executive Director
The Southern Baja Food Security Alliance



Robert Ojeda

Chief Program Officer
Community Food Bank of Southern Arizona



Rupal Patel

Founder
California Harvesters

11:35 AM

Movement Break with Radically Fit

🕒 11:35 AM - 12:05 PM, May 4

MOVEMENT BR...

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1:00 PM

Community Connections: Networking Tables

🕒 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, May 4

Join us for an online version of informal networking in small groups, complete with virtual tables; listen in to what others are thinking about and learning at the Forum, connect with others in the SAFSF network, and join the dialogue.

Wed, May 05, 2021

9:00 AM

Food and Farm Policy Helpdesk

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, May 5

NETWOR...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

Have questions about food and farm policy? We've got answers and connections. Connect with SAFSF's public policy director and members of the SAFSF Policy Committee during this un-programmed, informal space. Bring your questions—big and small—about local, state, Tribal, and federal food and farm policy, or join just to listen in about what's on the mind of your peers. We'll do our best to give you answers, connections, and ideas of how you can best amplify and support policy and advocacy strategies

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Speaker



Traci Bruckner

Senior Director, Public Policy
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders

11:00 AM

Creating and Safeguarding a Better Food Future through the Law

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM, May 5

WORKSHO..

Presented and Sponsored by Frost Family Foundation



Courts have arisen as one of the best tools through which to effect meaningful social change and environmental protection across the food system. In many instances, litigation is the only effective way to halt illegal, damaging regulatory decisions promulgated to benefit corporations rather than public health and biodiversity. Litigating can result in stopping the approval and use of damaging industrial agricultural practices and resulting in protections for farming and impacted communities, pollinators, endangered species, and public health. Litigation strategies also have the extra-legal benefits of raising public awareness, raising consciousness, and focusing appropriate public anger around destructive regulatory decisions. Litigation catalyzes public debate and encourages shifts towards organic and regenerative farming. This session will feature leading attorneys in the food and farming advocacy sector. Presentations will include a focus on integrating disadvantaged communities in litigation processes; examples of recent successful impact litigation; how litigation complements policy and grassroots organizing campaigns; successful litigation collaboration on cases; etc.

Session goals:

- Understand the power of litigation.
- Understand how litigation fits into social movements.
- Learn from frontline cases and attorneys.

👤 Speakers



Ashley Lukens

Executive Director
Frost Family Foundation



Karen Allston

Senior Assistant Attorney General
Quinault Indian Nation



George Kimbrell

Legal Director
Center for Food Safety



Quinton Robinson

Attorney
Rural Coalition



Sylvia Wu

Senior Attorney
Center for Food Safety

2:30 PM

Cook Along with Kitchenistas®: The Power of Communities to Use Food as a Platform for Change

🕒 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM, May 5

NETWOR...

Presented by International Community Foundation

Grab a snack or cook along with **Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center** and the **International Community Foundation (ICF)** as we experience authentic connections that mirror the important ways we connect over food and how food can be used as a tool for change.

We invite participants to pull up a chair in our virtual kitchen to cook along with the Kitchenistas®. Don't want to cook? No problem, feel free to watch the recipe demo, ask any questions, and store that recipe away for later! We'll also enjoy a screening of The Kitchenistas® of National City documentary trailer to see the impact of Olivewood's Cooking for Salud® and Kitchenista® programs. Then, enjoy our snack and an opportunity to get to know colleagues better through meaningful conversations about the power of community as it relates to food, equitable and nutritious food access, community building through peer led education, and how to inspire impact through cross-border partnerships.

If you'd like to cook along, click the links below to find the two recipes that we'll be making together. If you don't have all the ingredients, don't worry - this is a very forgiving meal that you can easily sub in whatever you have on hand. Quesadillas aren't your thing? Don't fret, you're welcome to bring any snack you'd like.

- [Happy Quesadillas - Recipe + Ingredients](#)
- [Molcajete Salsa - Recipe + Ingredients](#)

Session goals:

- Session participants will learn about Olivewood's Cooking for Salud® and Kitchenista® programs.
- Participants will have an opportunity to network and get to know each other in a more informal setting while enjoying a snack or meal.
- Participants will leave seeing the potential impact of collaborative community-based nutrition programs.

👤 **Speakers**



McKenzie Campbell

BCS Program Officer
International Community Foundation



Callie Brust

Director of Programs
Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center



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Olivewood Gardens and Learning Center

Thu, May 06, 2021

9:00 AM

Coffee Chat: Nuts and Bolts of Grantmaking and Investing

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM, May 6

NETWOR...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

This informal, unscripted morning session provides a space to connect with peers and discuss the tools needed to effectively implement funding programs and collaborations in the food and agriculture system space. How are you translating knowledge about critical issues in the food system into support of transformative change, and moreover, ensuring that your application and review processes and board are aligned with this work?

This session may be of special interest to those new to philanthropy and those from small-staffed foundations looking for additional peer support, but all are welcome, no matter how much of a novice or expert you might consider yourself to be in this space. Come share the tools in your toolkit, discuss the stumbling blocks that are proving challenging, offer your learning to your colleagues, and make valuable peer connections to support you moving forward.

🔊 Speakers



Virginia Clarke
SAFSF



Lenore Beyer
Director of Conservation Initiatives
Kinship Foundation

11:00 AM

Decolonizing Food Philanthropy: Moving Toward More Racially Just Funding – Pre-Registration Required

🕒 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, May 6

WORKSHO..

Presented by GRACE Communications Foundation and Ceres Trust

Limited to those who pre-registered for this session

In the midst of the 2020 Uprising in defense of Black lives, a group of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and other People of Color) leaders in the movement for just and sustainable food and agriculture systems published an Open Letter calling on foundations and philanthropic leaders to examine their own funding trends. They urged grantmakers to acknowledge – and invest in – the expertise and action led by BIPOC in their own communities, and to consider participatory grantmaking processes that consulted BIPOC, grassroots leadership. A handful of foundation program officers joined their calls for racial justice in philanthropy. In this session, we’ll hear from three of the Open Letter’s co-authors, and program staff who are pushing their foundations toward racial justice will facilitate confidential, small-group breakouts, where we’ll explore some of the challenges and opportunities for program officers and philanthropic leaders to take steps toward more racially just and equitable grantmaking practices.

Session goals:

- To hear from BIPOC movement leaders more about their vision for a more equitable relationship between funders, grantors and NGOs, and about the challenges they have encountered.
- To foster open dialog regarding specific practices like research/scans and participatory grantmaking, and host confidential discussions on challenges faced by funders challenging white supremacy culture and structural racism in philanthropy.
- To build relationships among funders committed to addressing systemic racism in philanthropy and the Black, Indigenous and People of Color movement leaders pushing for more just and equitable food systems.

🔊 Speakers



Navina Khanna
Executive Director
HEAL (Health, Environment, Agriculture, Labor) Food Alliance



Kat Gilje
Executive Director
Ceres Trust



Edna Rodriguez
Executive Director
Rural Advancement Foundation International-USA (RAFI-USA)



Stephanie Morningstar
Executive Director, Relationship & Reciprocity Co-Director
Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust (NEFOC)



Mark Winston-Griffith
Executive Director
Brooklyn Movement Center

1:05 PM

Movement Break

1:05 PM

MOVEMENT BREAK

🕒 1:05 PM - 1:35 PM, May 6

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Fri, May 07, 2021

9:00 AM

Solidarity Not Charity: How Mutual Aid Groups Fed Millions of Neighbors During the COVID-19 Pandemic

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, May 7

Presented by Ioby and Claneil Foundation

Mutual aid organizations bloomed in the spring of 2020 as neighborhoods sought ways to feed their most vulnerable during covid-19. Whether they found roots in the queer disability movement or in the Black Panthers or simply mimicked other groups, mutual aid's success was often tightly connected to its liberating structures and rejection of typical nonprofit requirements. The mantra "Solidarity not Charity" was a direct rejection of the professionalization of the social sector, and allowed groups to build authentic relationships and participation from the community. Hear directly from the leaders of several mutual aid groups to understand their lived experiences in feeding tens of thousands of people — from building infrastructure, volunteer networks, support and feedback loops, from the ground up.

Session goals:

- Learn about the ways that unincorporated groups found success in delivering to neighbors in need, building from the ground up.
- Hear first-hand accounts of the ways that groups listened to their communities and adapted to community needs throughout the pandemic (so far).

🗣️ Speakers



Erin Barnes

CEO
ioby



Kelvin Taitt

Co-Founder
East Brooklyn Mutual Aid Group



Melissa Branfman

Executive Director
Wyckoff House Museum



Zach Strein

farm and community engagement manager
Wyckoff House



Kacy McGill

Co-founder / Co-director
Pittsburgh Restaurant Workers Aid



Elina Malkin

Supplier Representative
BCI Bonneté

11:00 AM

BIPOC Attendee Networking

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, May 7

NETWOR...

All Forum participants who identify as Black, Indigenous, and/or People of Color are invited to share a supportive and respectful space to foster connection and share experiences.

📣 Speakers



Renee Catacalos

Vice President, Strategy and Impact
Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)



Wendy Sosa

Program Associate
Sustainable Agriculture and Food System Funders



Stacy Nwokochah

Operations and Management Director
Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders

Sat, May 08, 2021

Sun, May 09, 2021

Mon, May 10, 2021

10:00 AM

Words Matter: How to Advance Racial Equity In Conversations with Decision Makers

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, May 10

WORKSHO..

Presented by Voices for Healthy Kids – American Heart Association

Voices for Healthy Kids, an initiative of the American Heart Association, works to make each day healthier for all children. Our work is steeped in equity through grant making, technical assistance to systems change efforts at the local, state and tribal policy and collaborations. But what does that mean in 2021? Voices for Healthy Kids has spent the last 18 months focused on how we can call more explicitly for racial equity in all parts of our work – including our tools, resources, operations and support of grantees. This session will discuss these efforts with a focus on the culmination of our work in 2020 – a messaging guide to support grantees to call for racial equity in policy change.

We will review a tool we created this year, the [Racial Equity in Public Policy Message Guide](#) that provides readers with guidance on how to talk effectively about racial equity in policy and systems change. We will also share how we are supporting grantees and how some have used the Message Guide in their local efforts.

This session offers an opportunity to learn successful approaches that participants will be able to apply to their own work and a chance to review and practice messages.

Findings will be relevant to funders working on policy and systems change.

Session goals:

- Review the equity efforts within the Voices for Healthy Kids initiative – including grant making and supporting grantees– that lead to a more overt call for racial equity in our grant and policy efforts.
- Discuss the importance of being overt that policies and funding must prioritize communities that have been impacted by structural racism.
- Review and practice messages from the Voices for Healthy Kids Racial Equity in Public Policy Message Guide that are call for racial equity with decision makers.
- Identify ways funders can best support advocates as they talk about racial equity within their work.

🗣️ Speakers



Christine Compton

Policy Engagement Manager
American Heart Association/Voices for Healthy Kids



Terra Hall

Media Advocacy Manager
American Heart Association



Jennifer Messenger

Senior Executive VP
Metropolitan Group



April Wallace

Director of Health Equity Strategies
Voices for Healthy Kids-American Heart Association

4:00 PM

Crafting with Fibers + Cocktails or Mocktails

🕒 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM, May 10

NETWOR...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

SAFSF has a long-time tradition of welcoming those among us who are crafters to bring their crafts to our tables when we meet in person.

For our virtual convening, connect with other crafters online and learn more about the [SAFSF Fibers Roadmap](#) while working on projects together.

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🗣️ Speaker



Virginia Clarke

SAFSF

Tue, May 11, 2021

9:00 AM

Integrated Capital for Self-Determination and Resilience in Regenerative Agriculture

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, May 11

WORKSHO..

Presented by Swift Foundation and Guidelight Strategies

How can we fill the critical gaps in financing the transition to regenerative agriculture that supports the economic self-determination of Indigenous, Black, and other communities of color?

Now is the time to ensure that the “regenerative” capital structures we develop center community economic and Indigenous Peoples’ rights and self-determination at their core. How do we guarantee that these funds explicitly address equity and structural racism that Indigenous Peoples, farmers of color, and other marginalized groups face, especially regarding land access; and ensure that regenerative agriculture investments do not only strengthen white farmers, who already own 98% of farmland in the US?

We will hear from speakers working on integrated capital structures across our landscapes, and explore opportunities to create new financial entities necessary to support the growing needs of these sectors, ensure equity, and ensure that access to patient, blended capital is equitable and available through creative strategies such as blended finance, loan loss revenues, CDFIs and loan funds.

Session goals:

- Set context of current financial landscape and challenges and opportunities, centering economic self-determination and food sovereignty as integral to regenerative agriculture and Indigenous agriculture.
- Inspire other philanthropic organizations and institutions with financial power to move more money towards regenerative agriculture led by BIPOC communities, such as supporting loan loss reserves with grants alongside investments.
- Encourage more collaboration, conversation, and investment by funders and investors into innovative BIPOC-centered regenerative agriculture opportunities.

Speakers



Anthony Chang

Director
Kitchen Table Advisors



Suzanne Benally

Executive Director
Swift Foundation



Chrystel Cornelius

President & CEO
Oweesta Corporation



Skya Ducheneaux

Executive Director
Akiptan

12:00 PM

Community Conversations: Attendee-led Ad Hoc Networking

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, May 11

NETWOR...

Navigate to the Community Tab on the left side menu and join any attendee-initiated meet-up.

We know there are many important issues we could not fit into our Forum agenda. This time presents an opportunity for you to host or join a conversation on a topic we missed, go deeper on a discussion started earlier in the week, connect with peers who are located in your region or supporting similar issues, bring forward a question you’ve been grappling with, or build out a new collaboration.

Suggest an informal conversation topic you’d like to host—ranging from the professional to the fun—when you register for the Forum, or in the Forum web/mobile platform. Browse conversation topics that your peers plan to host in the Forum web/mobile platform, along with meeting room details.

Can’t make this time? You’ll also be able to host other side meetings and ad hoc conversations at any time throughout the two-week Forum using Whova.

Supporting Pathways to Careers in Agriculture for BIPOC Students

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, May 11

NETWOR...

Presented by Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS) and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

Join leadership from Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources, and Related Sciences (MANRRS) and Virginia Clarke, SAFSF's executive director, for a dynamic discussion about opportunities to support pathways to careers in agriculture, food systems, and philanthropy for BIPOC students. MANRRS promotes academic and professional advancement by empowering BIPOC youth in agriculture, natural resources, and related sciences. How can SAFSF members support this mission and work; promote careers in philanthropy, sustainable agriculture, and food systems; and continue to shift power for a more inclusive and equitable future?

Speaker



Antomia Farrell
Past President
MANRRS

Wed, May 12, 2021

10:00 AM

A State-level Case Study in Advancing Food Systems Equity

🕒 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM, May 12

WORKSHO..

Presented by The Thornburg Foundation

This session will provide a state-level case study from New Mexico highlighting systemic efforts centered on equity, shared power, and direct representation to transform the local food ecosystem. Presenters will discuss efforts to facilitate market opportunities for smaller-scale farmers – primarily through values-based institutional purchasing – while simultaneously providing fresh, local food to lower-income populations in rural, frontier, urban, and tribal regions across the state. This work has been resourced through public-private partnerships, direct support of advocacy to increase state legislative funding for local purchasing, and investments in Value Chain Coordination positions and other human capital needed to strengthen the food system. As a result, New Mexico Grown for Schools, Senior Centers, and Early Childhood Sites and Double Up Food Bucks have emerged as instruments critical to the evolution of the local food ecosystem. Through this session, funders will therefore learn about a place-based model that could be applicable in other contexts.

Session goals:

- To highlight successful collaboration among a variety of stakeholders in New Mexico that is providing new market opportunities for farmers and local, nutritious food to lower-income populations.
- For funders to learn about strategic initiatives in New Mexico that are incentivizing local food system development, and how philanthropy, state, and federal dollars support and fund this collaborative work.
- To demonstrate how value chain coordination, public-private partnerships, and advocacy can advance equity across the food system.

Speakers



Bryan Crawford-Garrett
Policy Officer
Thornburg Foundation



Helga Garza
Executive Director
Agri-Cultura Cooperative NetworkLa Cosecha CSA



Denise Miller
Executive Director
New Mexico Farmers' Marketing Associatio



Kendal Chavez
Healthy Schools Coordinator
New Mexico Public Education Department



Alma Maquitico
Manager
Anthony Youth Farm

11:35 AM

Movement Break

🕒 11:35 AM - 12:05 PM, May 12

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12:00 PM

Community Connections: Networking Tables

🕒 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM, May 12

Build a break into your day by enjoying your coffee, a snack, a meal, or just some nourishing dialogue as a community. No slides, no presentation, nothing formal—just an online version of small group conversations. Our online platform will put you at a virtual 'table' with others in the network for a short, unstructured conversation, then move you into another group and conversation. Listen in to what others are thinking about and learning at the Forum, connect with others in the SAFSF network, and join the dialogue.

Thu, May 13, 2021

9:00 AM

A Window of Opportunity for Equitable Climate and Agriculture Policy: Possibilities and Pitfalls

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, May 13

WORKSHO..

Presented by Walton Family Foundation, Funders for Regenerative Agriculture (FORA), and Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

The agriculture industry has an enormous responsibility to reduce and reverse its greenhouse gas emissions (GHGs) in the face of climate change, all while reckoning with an industrial system that marginalizes historically underserved communities and identities.

With a new Administration, there is currently opportunity and political will to advance policies at the intersection of agriculture and climate change, as well as momentum in carbon markets both in the public and private realms. How might philanthropy effectively engage to drive policy and carbon markets towards real greenhouse gas reductions and regenerative practices that work for a broad spectrum of farmers and farm operations?

We will explore this critical question with an eye toward solutions that engage underserved communities, led by voices of farmers, community leaders, and policy experts. In an effort to favor engagement over presentation, the conversation will begin in plenary and move toward Q&A followed by breakout sessions.

Session goals:

- Discuss the possibilities and pitfalls of new agricultural policy.
- Educate funders around ways they can affect policy to support integrated and equitable policy solutions.
- Engage with key voices and perspectives to guide possible action.

🗣️ Speakers



Pipa Elias

Deputy Director, Environment Program
Walton Family Foundation



Maisah Khan

Policy Director
Mississippi River Network



Emily Bruner

Midwest Science Director
American Farmland Trust



Cristel Zoebisch

Policy Specialist
National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition



Kristin Duncanson

Highland Family Farms

10:35 AM

Movement Break

🕒 10:35 AM - 11:05 AM, May 13

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Fri, May 14, 2021

9:00 AM

Elevating and Resourcing BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Farmers and Producers

🕒 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM, May 14

WORKSHO...

Presented and Sponsored by The 11th Hour Project

All farmers and producers don't have the same opportunities. For the sake of healing the earth and being in right relationship with each other, we are confronting the systems that have encouraged climate chaos, environmental injustices, land theft, and forced and exploited work, including the white supremacy that fueled the disparities we see today around who 'owns' land, who works the land, and what that means for racial wealth inequities.

During this session, we will continue the work of listening to each other, particularly to Black, Indigenous, and folks of color who work and steward the land in culturally relevant ways. Efforts from across the landmass are bringing together multi-ethnic farmers, farming groups, and allies to root our food and farming system in practices and policies that support BIPOC land stewards and help build health equity. What does equity look like in action? How do we coordinate around resourcing support for Black, Indigenous farmers and stewards of color?

Join us in community and solidarity as we close out the Forum by grappling with these critical questions and taking on the truth and reconciliation work of our time.

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Speakers



Paola Diaz

Food & Agriculture Program Associate
The 11th Hour Project



Janssen Hang

Executive Director
Hmong American Farmers Association



Neely Snyder

Executive Director
Dream of Wild Health



Jason Lindsay

Farm Practice Research and Resource Coordinator
SAAFON



Josefina Lara Chavez

Farmer & Farm to Market Specialist
Community Alliance with Family Farmers (CAFF)

11:00 AM

Closing Reflections

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM, May 14

NETWOR...

Presented by Sustainable Agriculture and Food Systems Funders (SAFSF)

Close out your two weeks of participation at the 2021 SAFSF Forum by joining us for this informal closing networking session. Connect with your peers and share what's on your mind and what you're taking with you as you leave the Forum. What exciting connections have you made? What questions will you continue to grapple with? What actions or continued learning might these two weeks inspire?

Speakers



Virginia Clarke

SAFSF



Christine James

Executive Director
The John Merck Fund

12:30 PM

Next Generation Philanthropy Trivia 'Afterparty'

🕒 12:30 PM - 1:30 PM, May 14

NETWOR...

Presented and Sponsored by Frost Family Foundation



Young people across America are driving today's calls for radical societal transformation. Likewise, young trustees of family foundations are sparking new, and sometimes radical, conversations about how generational wealth is deployed through philanthropy.

Bring a drink or snack and a friendly sense of competition for a fun trivia 'afterparty' where you'll have the opportunity to connect with other next generation philanthropists, trustees, and staff in the SAFSF network. This session is intended for young SAFSF members seeking to connect with each other. It also provides a learning and connecting opportunity for foundation trustees and staff who are preparing to bring younger members into active foundation roles. **All are welcome!**

🗣️ Speaker



Ashley Lukens
Executive Director
Frost Family Foundation