

# Food Studies Newsletter

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# Food Studies Program Updates

## A Note from Molly Anderson

Welcome to the final newsletter of this semester and thanks to Celia Hoffman for her work on these! We'll miss her while she is on Study Abroad (Copenhagen and Italy) next year. If you'd like to be the next Newsletter Editor, please see me ([mollya@middlebury.edu](mailto:mollya@middlebury.edu))!

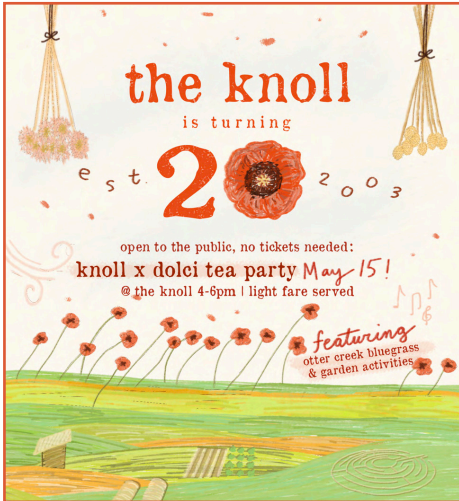
I'll be on half-sabbatical during the fall and winter and hope to finalize edits on a book about food system transformation narratives that I've been writing. I'll also be working on a report for IPES-Food about delinking food systems from fossil fuels---an urgent need, given the big contribution of food systems to greenhouse gas emissions (about 1/3 of the total). Professor Mike Sheridan (Anthropology) will be serving as Academic Director of Food Studies during Fall 2023 and Winter 2024. So he's the person to go to, if you have any questions about the Minor or transfer of credit for courses from other institutions.

## Upcoming Classes Fall 2023

Upcoming classes are easy to find now on the [Food Studies Minor website](#)

- ARBC 0230** - Food Security in Lebanon - how global and local systems have impacted Lebanese food systems
- BIOL 0140** - Ecology and Evolution - introduction to ecology and evolutionary biology
- BIOL 0203** - Biology of Plants - introduction to plants, their life cycles, and their relationships to the environment
- BIOL 204** - Entomology - examining aspects of organismal biology in insects
- ECON 0228** - Economics of Agricultural Transition - looking at the history, causes, and results of consolidation
- ECON 0466** - Environment and Development - exploring relationships between environment and development
- ECSC 0161** - Earth's Oceans and Coastlines - examining our reliance and impact on the oceans
- ENVS 0112** - Natural Science and the Environment - exploring current environmental issues and challenges
- ENVS 0209** - Gender Health Environment - how resources influence environmental and health outcomes
- ENVS 0215** - Contested Grounds - investigating a varied and contested stories pertaining to the environment
- ENVS 0332** - The Perennial Turn - exploring notions of perennial thinking and actions
- ENVS 0442** - Transnational Feminist Conservation - exploring a transnational feminist approach to conservation
- GEOG 0206** - The Global Environment - introduction to physical environment and environmental systems
- GEOG 0216** - Rural Geography - exploring intersections between demographics, economics, and the environment
- GEOG 0225** - Environmental Change in Latin America - social, political, and ecological underpinnings of change
- GHLT 0257** - Global Health - introduction to basic issues and initiatives in contemporary global public health
- PSCI 0304** - International Political Economy - examining the politics of global economic relations
- PSCI 0452** - Ecocriticism and Global Environmental Justice - analyzing sustainable management

# Updates from the Knoll



## Celebrate 20 Years!

This year, the Knoll is turning 20 years old. On May 15, the Knoll and Dolci will host a tea party to celebrate the Knoll, eat good food, and gather before the end of the year. Come to the Knoll May 15 from 4-6 for live music, good food, and amazing people!

## Spring Volunteer Hours!

Spring Knoll Volunteer hours have started and will run through finals week! Check hours at [go/knollhours](http://go/knollhours). If you are interested in receiving PE credit, sign in when you get to the Knoll and come to four volunteer sessions. Students must attend four volunteer hours to receive PE credit.

Mondays BIPOC Affinity hours\*\*: 1-3pm

Tuesdays: 8:30am - 10:30 am

Thursdays: 1-3pm

Fridays: 1-3pm



# Knoll Interns

Each year, the Knoll hires students to work on the farm during the school year and for the summer. This year, six fall/spring interns and seven summer interns will join in the yearly cycle of food production and regeneration. As a team, they will help maintain and develop the gardens, outdoor kitchen, and serenity garden, including all aspects of market gardening and sales. Interns help foster a welcoming learning environment and introduce the site and mission to peers and visitors. Interns participate in a mix of hands-on earth work, shared learning experiences, and program development work. Come visit them at the Knoll!

## Meet Some of the Knoll Fall/Spring and Summer Interns



Charlotte Xu

*Spring/Fall Intern*

"I'm a baby Feb from Plainsboro, New Jersey, about an hour from the shore, where I love to watch for shorebirds! My favorite fruit is persimmons, but a close second would be citrus: grapefruit, lemon, clementines, cara cara, navel, sumo, blood oranges..."



Dani Lucia Ortiz

*Spring/Fall Intern*

"Hi! My hometown is Montgomery, New York in the Hudson Valley. My favorite artist right now is the Fleet Foxes (they're great to garden to!) I love springtime in the Northeast because it means baseball/softball season is here, in addition to all of the green returning."



Zoe Gieger

*Summer Intern*

"Hi Knoll fans! I'm a sophomore pursuing food studies, architecture, and psychology. I love cooking and being creative in the kitchen recipe-free. I spent my gap year working outside and last summer teaching kids on a farm. I'm excited to see you all out at the Knoll this summer!"

## Spring/Fall Interns

Numi Moreno Calderon  
Ruby Taylor  
Charlotte Xu

Kiara Dookie  
Hayley Fenton  
Dani Lucia Ortiz

## Summer Interns

Adia Smith  
Cassia Park  
Hayley Fenton  
Aishworya Thapaliya

Zoe Gieger  
Sheila Athena Camacho  
Claudia Etrillard