Food Studies Newsletter
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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)!

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.

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. 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*

“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.”

Dani Lucia Ortiz  
*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…”

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!”

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