

INFORMATION SESSION

Transnational Approaches to Sustainable Food Futures



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture



PROJECT GOALS

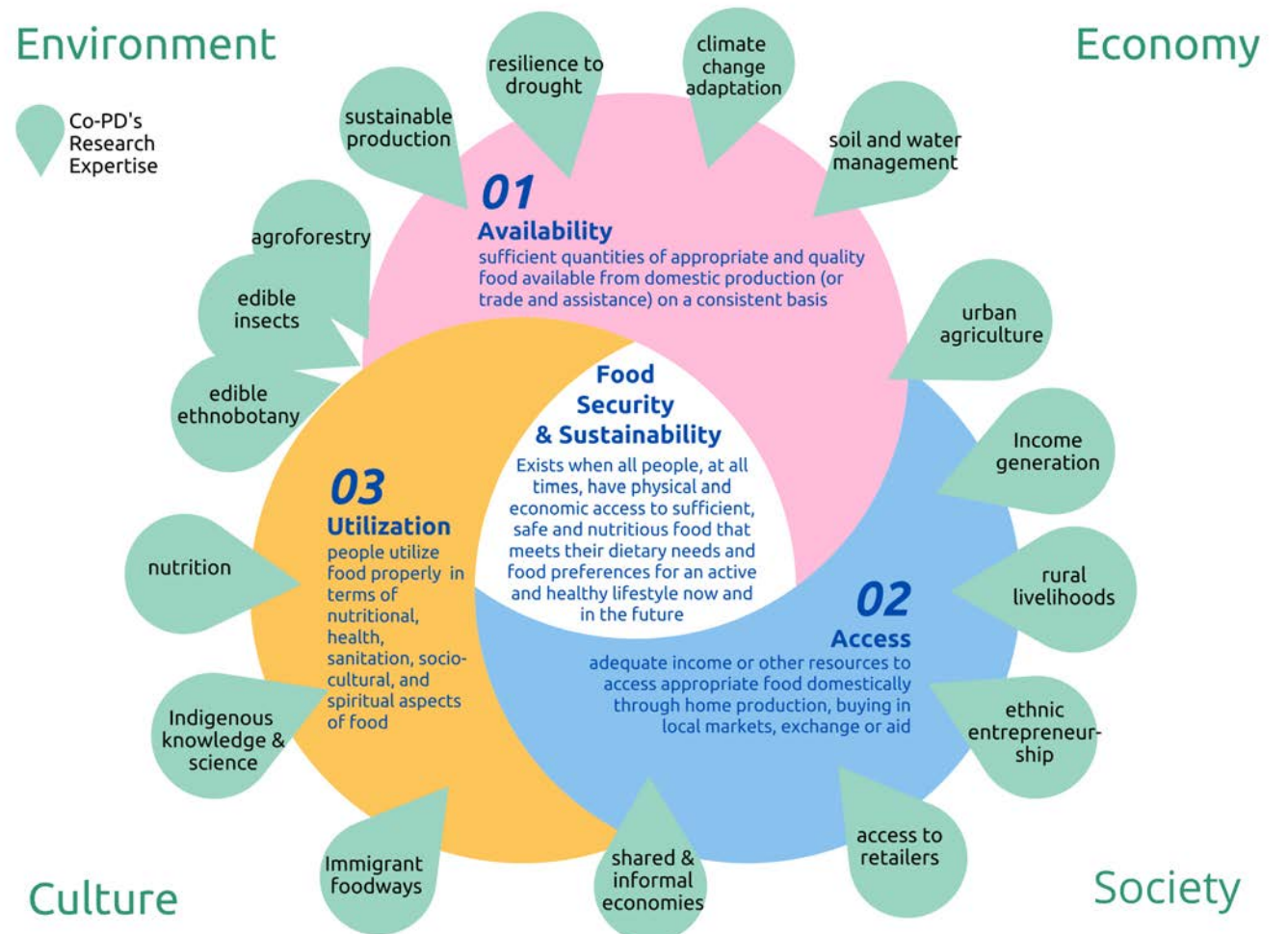
Recruit and support diverse student body into food and agriculture

- Increase student diversity
- Promote an interdisciplinary approach (humanities, business, social sciences, natural sciences)
- Provide high-impact learning opportunities (internships, research)
- Support and mentor undergraduate and graduate students (cohort near-peer mentoring)
- Funded by a USDA HSI collaborative educational grant

MAIN FOCUS

Food security and sustainability

Indigenous and immigrant food and agricultural practices on both sides of the Mexico-US border



ACTIVITIES

- **New team-taught course:** *CAL400: Transnational Approaches to Sustainable Food Futures* (Spring 2023, Thursdays, 4-6:40pm)
 - Introduction to sustainable food system
 - Preparation for summer internships
 - Open to undergraduate and graduate students
 - Check with your advisor for credit for major/minor
- **Summer Internships** (more on next slides...)
 - Baja California (TBA – late June 2023)
 - Oaxaca (TBA – early to mid June 2023)
 - San Diego (TBA – July or early August 2023)
 - Possible xxx499/595 for credit: discuss with faculty and advisor

ACTIVITIES (continued)

- **Research**
- **Partnership** with Mesa College
- **Colloquium** Series
 - October 28: Presentation, SH 119, 3:30pm
 - November 8: Garden Party at Mesa College

Colloquium

Hunger, Survivance,
and Imaginative
Futures:
A Racial Analysis of
the “Right to Food”

Dr. Adam Pine
Associate Professor of Geography
University of Minnesota Duluth

Dr. Pine is a human geographer (Ph.D. Rutgers) with teaching and research interests in urban policy, race, and the global food system. His principle research projects examine the relationship between white supremacy and US urban planning, the interconnections between housing precarity and food insecurity, and how anti-racist food activists are fighting to institute the right to food in the US.



FRIDAY

October 28, 2022
3:30 PM
SH 119

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& the Center for Better Food Futures

For the last half century, the “right to food” (RTF) framework has been promoted by the United Nations as an important policy framework to end hunger. However, the RTF assumes that states view all of their population as worthy and deserving of food security. Given the legacy of racism in the United States, racialized minorities have not been viewed by the state as deserving of food security. Rather than work to support food security for all, the state instead has used its power to create two food systems, separate and unequal. In this talk, Dr. Pine explores how the U.S. government has used agricultural, food and nutrition, and urban planning policies to deny food to communities of color. Grounded in these historical patterns, he defines equity principles to guide work on the racialized food system and discusses six reparative public policies that will significantly decrease hunger and build political power in racialized communities.



San Diego Internship

- Urban agriculture
- Sustainable agriculture
- Immigrant food livelihoods
- Food access



John Love, Chemistry, Environmental Studies
Changqi Liu, Exercise and Nutrition Sciences

Pascale Joassart-Marcelli, Geography, Urban Studies, Food Studies

Baja California, Mexico Internship

- Ethnobotany
- Kumiai food practices



Lluvia Flores-Renteria, Biology, Ecology

Oaxaca, Mexico Internship

- Agroecology
- Indigenous food cultures
- Adaptation to climate change



Ramona Perez, Anthropology, Latin American Studies

STUDENT SUPPORT

- **Undergraduate scholarships**

- \$2,000 (spring and summer 2023)
- Must take course + one (or more) internship(s)
- Apply at <https://bff.sdsu.edu> (due December 1)
 - Online application form
 - Essay
 - Reference (contact)

STUDENT SUPPORT (continued)

- **Travel support** for Mexico internships (graduate and undergraduate): application due in spring
- **USDA conference**: application due in spring
- **Graduate funding** (starting Fall 2023)
 - Research Assistantship (7 MA/MS, 3 PhD): stipend, tuition
 - Contact potential advisers in relevant programs (see next slides)

QUESTIONS

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