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Local responses to global problems



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This issue features a unique collection of papers presented at the University of Vermont’s 2014 Food Systems Summit, the theme of which was “local-level responses to globalization in the food system.” UVM has held its Food Systems Summits since 2012, drawing scholars, practitioners, and food systems leaders throughout the country to engage in dialogue on critical food systems issues. JAFSCD was a cosponsor of the Summit last year, and managing editor Amy Christian and I enjoyed attending presentations, meeting with authors and offering some of them suggestions. Jane Kolodinsky, professor and chair of the Community Development and Applied Economics department, and Alison Nihart, assistant for the UVM Food Systems Initiative, managed the front end of the UVM Food Systems Summit papers—working with authors in presubmission preparation, editing commentaries, and helping keep folks on track. The commentaries of keynote speakers and accepted papers are summarized in Jane’s thoughtful editorial. We are pleased with the hard work authors put into their papers, and the quality shows. We look forward to sponsoring the summit this year and publishing more presenters’ papers in the future.

In addition to our UVM Summit papers, in this issue we offer two columns, five open-call papers, and a couple of book reviews, much of which coincidentally address UVM’s Food Systems Summit theme. Starting us out are our columnists. In her Digging Deeper column, **Kate Clancy** challenges us to adopt and adapt to credible research that questions some of the food movement’s cherished ideals. **John Ikerd** argues in his Economic Pamphleteer column that we need to move beyond food security and adopt food sovereignty as the core mandate for U.S. food and agricultural policy.

Next, **Amy Copen** and **Monica Cuneo** provide a candid post-mortem case study of a failed food policy council in *Dissolved: Lessons Learned from the Portland Multnomah Food Policy Council*.


In *The Relationship Between Different Approaches to Multifunctionality of Agriculture and Choice of Methods: A Critical Review*, **Monika Korzun** identifies patterns in how the various approaches to multifunctionality are studied and argues for greater diversity and triangulation in methodology.

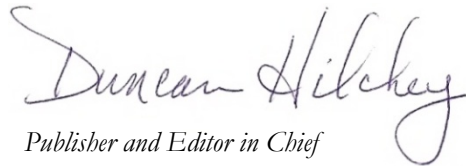
Brian Schilling, Dixon Esseks, Joshua Duke, Paul Gottlieb, and Lori Lynch compare samples of two generations of farmers of deed-restricted farmland and find that land generally continues to stay in production after succession in *The Future of Preserved Farmland: Ownership Succession in Three Mid-Atlantic States*.

Food insecure families with limited space in urban slums are finding creative alternatives to grow food as documented in *Creating Space: Sack Gardening as a Livelihood Strategy in the Kibera Slums of Nairobi, Kenya* by **Courtney Gallaher, Antoinette WinklerPrins, Mary Njenga, and Nancy K. Karanja**.

Jeanne Pourias, Eric Duchemin, and Christine Aubry introduce a new participatory tool (the “harvest booklet”) for research and self-study of the impact of urban food production in *Products from Urban Collective Gardens: Food for Thought or for Consumption? Insights from Paris and Montreal*.

Finally in this issue we offer two book reviews. **Linda Young** reviews *Rethinking Food Systems: Structural Challenges, New Strategies and the Law*, edited by Nadia C. S. Lambek, Priscilla Claeys, Adrienna Wong, and Lea Brilmayer, and finds the analysis comprehensive but wanting in terms of answering their own question: can existing institutions lead us to a just, equitable and sustainable food system?

Similarly **Rachael Kennedy** finds Goodman, Dupuis and Goodman, *Alternative Food Networks: Knowledge, Practice, and Politics*, theoretically dense, but not without practical messages for those working on the front lines of the food movement resisting the global industrial food system. 



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