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News & Announcements

Swetland Center Staff & Affiliates Publish in American Journal of Preventative Medicine

Swetland Center congratulates authors Tim Ciesielski ScD, MD, MPH, David Ngendahimana PhD, MS, Abigail Roche MS, RDN, Scott Williams PhD, and Darcy Freedman PhD, MPH on their article [Elevated Dietary Inflammation Among Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Recipients Provides Targets for Precision Public Health Intervention](#) that was published in the American Journal of Preventative Medicine in May 2021. This paper found Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program recipients had elevated Dietary Inflammatory Index scores, implying higher diet-driven inflammation. This was due, in part, to low intake of 4 anti-inflammatory food components, which were higher yet still nutritionally insufficient among nonrecipients. Findings highlight

Produce Perks Response to COVID-19: Changes in Ohio's Nutrition Incentive Programming and Farmers' Market Operations



Take a moment to read the recently released [Data Brief](#) that overviews Ohio's SNAP incentive program (Produce Perks) and discusses Produce Perks response to COVID-19, farmers' market as an essential service, and next steps for the program. Learn more about the Ohio Produce Perks Statewide Evaluation work on our [website](#).

Indicators of readiness and capacity for implementation of healthy food retail interventions published in the Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development

Published in May 2021, this study from the Building Capacity for Obesity Prevention (BCOP) project discusses healthy food retail (HFR) interventions as a recommended strategy to improve the dietary behaviors of low-income residents with limited access to healthy food, but acknowledges that tools are needed to assess, tailor, and implement HFR plans to local contexts. The study identifies factors influencing HFR implementation and presents findings related to identifying, operationalizing, and prioritizing facilitators of and barriers to implementing HFR interventions within low-resource rural and urban contexts. Practitioners and community residents, recruited from nine counties in Ohio, participated in semi structured interviews and focus groups. Read the full article [here](#).

Events & Opportunities

June Swetland Seminar: A Roundtable Discussion of Environmental Health Equity

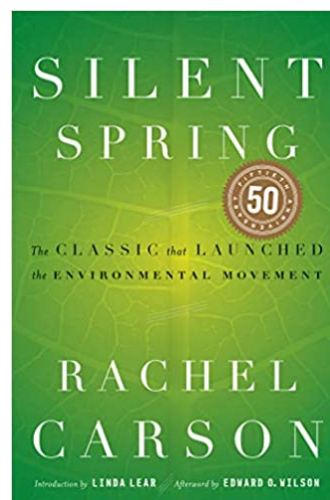
June 22, 2021 | 9:00–10:00 am

Join Panelists Nicole Burt, Cleveland Museum of Natural History; Crystal Davis, Alliance for the Great Lakes; and Heather Taylor–Miesle, Ohio Environmental Council to hear a discussion about "hot issues" in environmental health equity, local and statewide. [Register today!](#)

Swetland Book Club: Silent Spring

June 25, 2021 | 10:30–12:00 pm

Our Summer 2021 book selection is "Silent Spring" written by Rachel Carson, published in 1962. In the 1950's, David W. Swetland and Mary Ann Swetland felt that not enough was understood about the unintended health consequences of chemical, agricultural, and industrial products in our environment. Their resolve to change the world's perception of environmental threats was reinforced by Rachel Carson's book "Silent Spring." Join us and our summer interns in reading this pivotal environmental sciences book! [Sign up today!](#)



Food Systems Change Fellows Virtual Showcase of Opportunities

July 28, 2021 | 10:30–12:00 pm



The Showcase of Opportunities features the [2021 Cohort of Food Systems Change Fellows](#) and their ideas for community-driven food systems change. During the Showcase, the Fellows will pitch their ideas and Reviewers will give prizes for these impact-oriented visions. Following the Showcase, there will be an opportunity to join small group sponsorship meetings for all those interested in sponsoring through time, talent, treasure, or teamwork. See below for registration links for the virtual event:

- 10:30–12:00 pm [Showcase of Opportunities](#)

Swetland Spotlight

Welcome Back Callie Ogland–Hand to the Swetland Center!

Callie is re-joining the Swetland Center as a Pre-Doctoral Scholar working on BCOP and FM Tracks. Learn more about her below!

Where are you from? I am a Midwesterner at heart -- I was born in Des Moines, Iowa, raised in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and before moving to Cleveland for graduate school, I went to college in Wooster, Ohio.

What is your background in? My undergraduate training was in mathematics and sociology. I enjoy mixing both fields of study to create interdisciplinary projects. I am broadly studying social epidemiology and am more specifically interested in food systems.



What excites you about re-joining the Swetland Center? During my work at the Swetland Center during Summer/Fall 2020, I admired the inclusivity and creativity of everyone here. I am excited to learn from people's diverse skills and to be part of a multidisciplinary team. Thank you for warmly welcoming me!

What is your favorite outdoor space in Cleveland or place you want to explore? There are some beautiful trails within Cuyahoga Valley National Park that I have enjoyed exploring. Most recently, I went on a hike at the Harriet Keeler Memorial Picnic Area; being surrounded by trees with the river nearby was a great reset. There are some great hammock spots there, too!

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What is a piece of advice you have been given or quote/statement that is significant to you? Teddy Roosevelt's "Comparison is the thief of joy" has centred me for many years. This quote reminds me to find my confidence inwards and to celebrate others' strengths and skillsets.



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