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News & Announcements

foodNEST Research Published in the International Journal of Health & Place

A relational approach to evaluate food environments finds that the proximate food environment matters for those who use it has been published in the Journal of Health & Place in April 2021! The study, funded by the [Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research](#), used a relational approach to investigate whether shopping close to home moderates the relationship between the proximate food environment and diet. Congratulations to authors and [foodNEST 2.0](#) team members Darcy Freedman, PhD, MPH, Jill Clark, PhD, and Alannah Glickman, MS. Read the full article [here](#).



Karen Mulloy, DO, MSCH has been recognized for her dedication to Case Western's medical students and the IQ program and received the 2021 Edmond S. Ricanati, M.D. IQ Facilitator Award. Dr. Mulloy is a Associate Professor at the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health School of Medicine and the Department of Population and Quantitative Health Sciences School of Medicine. Congrats!

Be sure to keep up with Swetland news through our online [News & Events](#) page!

Events & Opportunities

May Swetland Center Seminar
**Pipeline to Practice: Uncovering the Pathways
to a Career in Environmental Health**
May 25th | 9:00 – 10:00 am



Join our panel of current and past Environmental Health Research trainees of the Swetland Center, in a discussion of their journey through their training experience, current and future career goals, and how they harness their passion for the field of environmental health. [Learn more about the panelists](#) or register for the event [here](#)!

Swetland Spotlight

Welcome Brooke Kahl to the Swetland Center!

Please extend a warm welcome to our newest team member, Brooke Kahl! Brooke has stepped into the role of foodNEST 2.0 Program Manager and is excited to continue the legacy of the Modeling the Future of Food in Your Neighborhood Study (foodNEST 2.0). You can learn more about Brooke's education and experience on [our website](#) or by reading below!

Where are you from? I am a fourth-generation Clevelander, who grew up on the west side of Cleveland. I have spent the last 7 years living in Michigan, Arizona, and Colorado, and I am excited to return home and join the Swetland Center.

What is your background in? I dove into food

systems work during my undergraduate study at the University of Michigan. At that time, I explored the field through volunteering and lectures on food justice. To attain more hands-on experience, I decided to work on a farm -The Chef's Garden in Milan, Ohio - and in a family nutrition center in Buenos Aires. These experiences, solidifying my commitment to food systems and food justice, led me to support research at the University of Michigan on the impact NAFTA had on small- and mid-size growers in Mexico. I then worked as a FoodCorps Service

Member in Flagstaff, Arizona in an elementary school community to advance nutrition equity and food sovereignty. Through FoodCorps, I developed a no-cost grocery program, supported the Coordinated School Health Committee, oversaw the certified school garden in conjunction with Indigenous elders, and came to understand the challenges of the school food system in America. Most recently, I supported philanthropists interested in advancing regenerative agriculture and representative agricultural leasing in Boulder County, Colorado.



What excites you about joining the Swetland Center? There are many things that excite me about joining the Swetland Center. The chance to collaborate with the impressive individuals currently at the Swetland Center, the mission that embodies my values, and the opportunity to work on issues related to food systems equity in my hometown are some of the things I am most excited by.

What is your favorite outdoor space in Cleveland? My favorite outdoor space in Cleveland is Edgewater Park. I love the lakeshore with the backdrop of the city skyline. I also love that it is a space where our community comes together to enjoy the lake, the green space, and the oversized porch swings.

What is a piece of advice you have been given or quote/statement that is significant to you? "Everybody is a genius. But, if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it'll spend its whole life believing it is stupid." -Albert Einstein

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