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News & Announcements

Nourishing Power Advisory Council Selected

We are thrilled to announce the Nourishing Power Advisory Council. These impressive food justice leaders bring a broad range of experiences and skills to the Nourishing Power Network. They represent Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, East Cleveland, Euclid, and Garfield Heights – the cities where Nourishing Power is focused.

Congratulations! Nourishing Power Advisory Council



Angelina Bell

Founder,
Humble Morning Coffee Co



Dawn Glasco

Advisor and Project Supporter,
Nourishing Power



Julian Kahn

Network Builder,
Neighborhood Connections



Shirley Bell-Wheeler

Urban Farmer,
Revolutionary Love Community Garden



Teela Patterson

Executive Director,
Healing Spaces



Ismail Samad

Founder,
Loiter



Lindsey Lott

Development Coordinator,
Birthing Beautiful Communities



Michael Walton

Facilitator, Catalyst,
Coach, Urban Farmer



Shawn Brown

National Director of Organizing,
The Humane League



Shelby McGhee

Associate Director of Health,
United Way of Greater Cleveland

Learn about the wonderful Nourishing Power Advisory Council members and more on our [website](#).

Emergency Food Assistance and Food Security team hosts photo exhibition; 'What We Bring to the Table: Exploring Community Food Access and Experience'

The Emergency Food Assistance and Food Security (EFAFS) study team, in coordination with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, was delighted to welcome attendees to "What We Bring to the Table: Exploring Community Food Access and Experience," a photo exhibition at the MLK Jr. branch of the Cleveland Public Library.



Attendees were able to enjoy several speeches from Dr. Owusua Yamoah, the EFAPS primary investigator, Ms. Joyce Lester, a participant of the study, City Council President Blaine Griffin, Ms. Jacqueline Dolata, from the Center for Reducing Health Disparities, and Ms. Kristen Mikelbank, from the Greater Cleveland Food Bank.

Read more and see photos from the exhibition [here!](#)

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

Events & Opportunities



November Swetland Seminar: The SUSHI Project

November 15 | 9:00 – 10:00 am

Dr. Brandy E. Phipps will share about one of her current projects – the SUSHI project – a \$10 million USDA Sustainable Agriculture Systems project focused on the following goals: a) investigating methods to decrease the cost and environmental impact of nutrient-dense food production; b) increasing domestic markets for hemp grain and aquaculture to positively impact environmental footprint and equity/access issues within food production in the US; c) contributing to the diversity of the agriculture workforce; and d) supporting the food sovereignty and public health efforts of a low-resourced minority community.

Learn more and register [here!](#)

Nourishing Power Networking: St. Martin de Porres High School

December 6 | 6:00 – 8:00 pm

You're invited! Learn more about the work of movers and shakers in the food justice space, including representatives from St. Martin de Porres and the Nourishing Power Advisory Council. All gifts and voices are needed to make a change and we can't wait to learn about your work as well!

Learn more and register [here!](#)

Spring Online Speaker Series: Anti-Colonialism, Anti-Racism, & Climate Change

Various Dates | 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Organized with support from the Departments of Earth Environmental and Planetary Sciences, History, Philosophy, and Political Science; the Environmental Studies program; the Swetland Center for Environmental Health, the Social Justice Institute and the Office of Sustainability; and the College of Arts and Sciences at Case Western Reserve University as well as from the Cleveland Museum of Natural History.

Thursday, Feb. 9th, 6:30–8PM EST

Thomas Nail

Christine J. Winter

Wednesday, March 22nd, 6:30–8PM EST

Romy Opperman

Thursday, April 6th, 6:30–8PM EST

Dipesh Chakrabarty

Register by emailing bendik-keymer@case.edu.

Hot Off the Press

Faculty Affiliate, Sadeer Al-Kindi, MD and Swetland Director, Darcy Freedman, PhD, MPH published article in the journal *Nutrition*

The article, "Food Insecurity and Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease Risk in Adults with Diabetes," studied adults with diabetes who are at high risk of atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease (ASCVD). The research team theorized that food insecurity may be a major and underappreciated risk compounder in this population. Therefore, they analyzed the prevalence of food insecurity and its association with ASCVD in adults with diabetes.

Read the article [here](#)!

Swetland Spotlight

Ravin Award winner, Anirudh Prabu, supports Data, Policy and Analytics at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services



This past summer, Anirudh Prabu interned at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services in the Office of Minority Health. He worked in the Data, Policy, and Analytics Group and examined tobacco use disparities among patients enrolled in Medicare fee-for-service. He also looked at the role that environmental factors such as climate-related disasters play in exacerbating chronic diseases such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, and depression. Prabu integrated this data into the existing work of the group and developed recommendations to mitigate the health disparities caused by climate change.



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