

Presenter and Steering Committee Bios

Onika Abraham has been crafting communications as a senior-level professional for more than a decade. A founding member of Black Urban Growers, Onika has had her hands deep in the soil for years, including training with the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and the Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems at the University of California, Santa Cruz. Onika graduated from Georgetown University and completed her MBA in marketing at Baruch, City University of New York.

Jane Akre is an independent journalist, investigative reporter, and 2001 Goldman Environmental Award recipient. In the 1990s she was in a lawsuit with the Fox Television affiliate in Florida over suppression of her and her partner's story on the negative impacts of rBGH in dairy production.

Peter Allison is the network director for Farm to Institution New England (FINE), a six-state collaboration working to support our regional food system by increasing the amount of regionally grown and processed food served in schools, colleges, and hospitals. Peter is the founder of the Upper Valley Farm to School Network and has more than 30 years of experience with private, public, and nonprofit organizations on leading edge sustainability initiatives.

Molly Anderson holds the Partridge Chair in Food and Sustainable Agriculture Systems at College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, where she teaches on hunger and food security, fixing food systems, sustainability and system dynamics. She is especially interested in multi-actor collaborations for sustainability, sustainability metrics and assessment, food system resilience, human rights in the food system, food security and the right to food in the U.S. and other industrialized countries, and the transition to a post-petroleum food economy. She is also interested in bridging the interests and concerns of academicians and community-based activists.

She participates in the national Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability and the regional Food Solutions New England network. She was a coordinating lead author on the International Assessment of Agricultural Knowledge, Science and Technology for Development. She has worked as a private consultant for domestic and international organizations, with Oxfam America, and at Tufts University, where she was the founding director of the Agriculture, Food and Environment graduate program in the School of Nutrition Science and Policy and directed Tufts Institute of the Environment for two years. Molly earned an interdisciplinary Ph.D. in systems ecology from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a B.S. and M.S. in Natural Resource Management and a certificate in Latin American Studies from Colorado State University.

Michelle Bamberger is a veterinarian in private practice and a researcher who investigates the links between animal health and unconventional fossil fuel extraction. She is the author of *The Real Cost of Fracking: How America's Shale Gas Boom Is Threatening Our Families, Pets and Food*.

Hilary Baum produces educational programs and public awareness campaigns on critical food and farming issues. She is the founding director of Chefs for the Marcellus, co-leader of Businesses Against Fracking New York, and project director for the American Sustainable Business Council.

Amanda Behrens manages the Maryland Food System Map Project for the Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future, which aims to geographically assess and improve the food system in Maryland. Previously, she worked with an organic farm and a growers cooperative in Montana. She holds a master's in public health and an M.S. from Tufts University.

Dr. Linda Berlin has been with the University of Vermont (UVM) since 1992. She currently serves as director of the UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture, and is an Extension faculty member focused on food systems. Her statewide roles include facilitating the Vermont Sustainable Agriculture Council and co-chairing the Farm to Plate Food Access Cross-cutting Team. She is also on the Consumption, Education, and Outreach teams of the Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast project.

Gary Bloss is a member of the NESAWG steering committee and has more than 30 years experience in the field of community planning and landscape architecture, including watershed conservation, greenways, open space, and trails. He has co-managed an organic vegetable farm and CSA since 2006.

Brandy H. M. Brooks is the acting director for the Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness, a citywide partnership dedicated to improving community health through a focus on equity in access to healthy food and to safe environments for active living. Brandy holds a bachelor's in design studies from Boston Architectural College and a master's in public administration from Suffolk University. She believes that food systems work is a powerful lens for highlighting and addressing social, economic, and environmental justice issues in the U.S. and around the world.

Joanne Burke is the Thomas W. Haas Professor in Sustainable Food Systems at the University of New Hampshire. Her work at the UNH Sustainability Institute has focused on food access, sustainable food systems, and state and regional food system planning. Recent efforts are focused on addressing the role of racial equity and food justice in food system transformation.

Erica Campbell is the Farm to Plate program director at the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund, the organization that developed the statewide food system plan and serves as the backbone entity for the Farm to Plate Network. Prior to her job with Farm to Plate, Erica led the development of the Regional Food System Plan for Vermont's Northeast Kingdom. She is involved with several other planning processes and networks, including Food Solutions New England, NESAWG Food Systems Planning work group, American Planning Association's FIG leadership committee, and her local planning commission.

Kate Clancy is a food systems consultant, visiting scholar at the Center for a Livable Future, Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health, an adjunct professor at Tufts University, and a senior fellow at the Minnesota Institute for Sustainable Agriculture, University of Minnesota. She is the deputy director of the USDA-funded five-year Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast (EFSNE) project and is engaged with many initiatives, including Agriculture of the Middle and It Takes a Region.

J. Stephen Cleghorn, along with his late wife, Dr. Lucinda Hart-González, established an organic farm and goat dairy in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania in 2005. In the name of his wife, whose ashes rest in the farm's soil, Dr. Cleghorn has recorded a unique conservation easement that declares certain Rights of Nature to be protected in perpetuity, prohibiting any industrial activity that threatens natural communities and ecosystems present at the surface or below the surface of his farm.

Stacia Clinton, RD, LDN, is a Healthy Food in Health Care program coordinator for the global nonprofit Health Care Without Harm, guiding local and sustainable institutional purchasing and program development for the six-state New England region. Nationally she directs the organizations' Healthy Beverage Program and drives clinical advocacy and policy efforts to improve the food system. She brings her experience as a registered and licensed dietitian in Massachusetts, serving as chair of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics' Environmental Nutrition dietetic practice group. Stacia also has extensive experience in the field of food service and clinical nutrition management with past positions in small- and large-scale health care facilities. She speaks nationally on topics of sustainable food systems and obesity prevention strategies.

Cris Coffin is director of the New England office of the American Farmland Trust. Cris co-leads the New England Food Policy Project.

David Conner is an associate professor in the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics at the University of Vermont. David's professional interests span the economics of sustainable food systems from farm to fork. He holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from Cornell and a master's in extension education from UVM.

Jeff Dvorkin is director of the journalism program at the University of Toronto at Scarborough and former NPR vice president of news and information and news ombudsman. His academic career includes appointments at Ryerson University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, and the Missouri School of Journalism. His journalism career began with CBS News in London while attending graduate school at the London School of Economics. In 1974, he returned to Canada and worked for CBC TV as a reporter, editor, and producer in Montreal, Ottawa, and Toronto. In 1991, he was named managing editor and chief journalist for CBC Radio.

Dvorkin was NPR's vice president of news and information in Washington, D.C., and from 2000 to 2006 he was NPR's first news ombudsman and the first broadcasting ombudsman in the U.S. He has been president of the Organization of News Ombudsmen (ONO) and its executive director (2008-2013). In 2006, Dvorkin left NPR to teach, write, and blog on media issues and ethics at www.nowthetdetails.blogspot.com.

Laura Edwards-Orr is the associate director of Red Tomato. She began her career in family farm activism at Farm Aid, where she staffed and managed a national farm crisis hotline, developed a web-based platform to connect thriving farmers with farmers in need and penned a monthly consumer advice column "Ask Laura." At Red Tomato, Laura manages an innovative pilot with Kings Food Markets in New Jersey, designed to shorten the supply chain from farm to shelf to within 24 hours.

Jeremy Emmi is managing director of the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition (NSAC) and oversees operations, capacity building of the coalition, fundraising, and strategic planning. He previously worked as network coordinator for the RE-AMP Network, a systems mapping and alignment effort focused on climate change advocacy in the Midwest. He holds a law degree from Lewis and Clark College and a B.S. in botany and plant pathology from Michigan State University.

Susan Futrell has been involved in food and sustainable agriculture endeavors for more than 30 years. She spent 25 years in distribution, sales, and marketing, most recently as director of marketing for Blooming Prairie Warehouse, a Midwest organic and natural foods wholesale cooperative. She is director of marketing for Red Tomato and divides her time between Massachusetts and Iowa.

Wes Gillingham is a farmer and co-founder and program director of Catskill Mountainkeeper, an environmental advocacy organization dedicated to protecting the Catskill region in New York State. Wes serves on the New York State Forest Preserve Advisory Committee providing advice and guidance to the State Department of Environmental Conservation, which manages the 3.4 million acres of the state forest preserve; is on the board of directors for the Sullivan County Farm Bureau; and the Legislative Policy Committee for NOFA-NY.

Steve Gilman farmed organically for more than 30 years in the Saratoga, NY area, growing for farmers markets, restaurants, and later a CSA—sometimes wondering why he ever was a poli sci major. Since 2007 he has worked on organic farming and food system initiatives as the policy coordinator for the seven state chapters of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, Interstate Council (NOFA-IC). He also leads the NESAWG Food Safety work group.

Christina Mitchell Grace is a food systems consultant with more than 20 years of management experience, including 14 years dedicated to developing regional farm-to-market infrastructure. She collaborates with not-for-profits, government agencies, and businesses to implement food systems strategies that address climate change, loss of farmers and farmland, hunger, obesity, and unemployment. She is co-coordinator of the Farm to Institution New York State (FINYS) initiative, a program of the American Farmland Trust.

Vern Grubinger is an extension professor at the University of Vermont. Vern has worked with farmers for decades on issues related to sustainable food production. He is an Extension specialist and coordinator of the Northeast SARE program.

Doug Gurian-Sherman is director of sustainable agriculture and senior scientist at the Center for Food Safety in Washington, D.C. He previously worked as senior scientist at the Union of Concerned Scientists, and as science director and co-director of the Biotechnology Project at the Center for Science in the Public Interest. He also worked as a scientist for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, regulating genetically engineered microbes and crops. Doug holds a Ph.D. from the University of California, Berkeley, in plant pathology, and did extensive research in molecular biology and genetic engineering there.

Michael Hansen has been sharing his scientific expertise with Consumers Union (CU) for more than 20 years. A biologist and ecologist who did his Ph.D. in the techniques of integrated pest management, he has identified many an insect for concerned CU staff. He develops policy, testifies before government agencies, speaks widely at conferences in the U.S. and abroad, and talks frequently to the media on critical food safety and environmental health issues, including mad cow disease, genetic engineering, and pesticide use.

Karen Hansen-Kuhn is director of International Strategies at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP). She has published articles on U.S. trade and agriculture policies, the impacts of U.S. biofuels policies on food security, and women and food crises. She coordinated the Alliance for Responsible Trade, a U.S. multisectoral coalition promoting just and sustainable trade. After that, she was policy director at the U.S. office of ActionAid, an international development organization until 2009.

Dr. Tyrone Hayes is professor of integrative biology at the University of California, Berkeley. He has studied and written about the toxic affects of the pesticide atrazine. His research focuses on the threat posed to frogs by pesticides and the role of chemical pollution in the decline of amphibian species worldwide. Syngenta/Novartis have tried to discredit Dr. Hayes and his work (see “A Valuable Reputation,” by Rachel Aviv, in the *New Yorker*, February 10, 2014).

Elizabeth Henderson farmed at Peacework Farm in Wayne County, New York, producing organically grown vegetables for the fresh market for more than 30 years. She is a member of the board of directors of NOFA-NY, co-chairs the policy committee, and writes on sustainable agricultural issues.

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Becca Jablonski is a post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Agriculture and Resource Economics at Colorado State University. Becca’s research and extension efforts focus on evaluating regional economic development initiatives and policies, with an emphasis on identifying strategies to improve agribusiness performance and enhance regional food systems. She holds a Ph.D. in city and regional planning from Cornell University and a master’s in development studies from the University of London’s School of Oriental and African Studies.

Betsy Johnson is a member of the Springfield, Massachusetts Food Policy Council, working on improving school food and expanding urban agriculture. She was executive director of the American Community Gardening Association and former president of the South End/Lower Roxbury Open Space Land Trust, an all volunteer neighborhood-based urban land trust that owned and managed 16 community gardens in Boston. Betsy has 30 years of community activism experience in urban open space improvement, air quality, occupational health, recycling, and neighborhood development issues. She is a former teacher and has worked for Chefs Collaborative.

Joel Kenneth Kaplan is associate dean for professional graduate studies at the Newhouse School of Communications, Syracuse University, and has served as ombudsman for the Corporation for Public Broadcasting since 2011. Joel teaches investigative reporting, advanced reporting, and communications law. Prior to that he covered city hall for the *Chicago Tribune* and contributed to several articles in the paper’s 1987 Pulitzer Prize-winning investigation of Chicago’s city council. From 1979 to 1986, he covered the state legislature for the *Tennessean* in Nashville. In 1986, he was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in investigative reporting for a series on then U.S. Representative Bill Boner.

Ruth Katz is the NESAWG coordinator. She has worked on farm and food issues in education, advocacy, program development, and fundraising roles, and was a co-founder and executive director of Just Food in NYC. She originally became interested in these issues as a Peace Corps volunteer in Gabon, Central Africa, and wrote her 1988 master's thesis on "Some Relationships Between Schooling, Food and Underdevelopment in Gabon."

Tom Kelly is the founding director of the Sustainability Institute at the University of New Hampshire and its chief sustainability officer. He collaborates with faculty, staff, students, and community members in the development of policies, programs, and practices related to the Sustainability Institute's four educational initiatives in biodiversity, climate, culture, and food. Tom is co-editor and co-author of *The Sustainable Learning Community: One University's Journey to the Future* (2009). His work includes developing regional approaches to sustainable food through Food Solutions New England and energy systems through Climate Solutions New England, incubating sustainability science, and emphasizing the central place of culture in sustainability and sustainability education and pedagogy. He was a founding member of the Inter-institutional Network for Food and Agricultural Sustainability (INFAS). Tom holds a Ph.D. in international relations from the Tufts University Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

Kathy Lawrence is program director for School Food FOCUS, a national collaborative leveraging the procurement power of large urban school districts to make school meals healthier and strengthen regional food production. A national consultant and educator on sustainable ag and food systems, she was executive director of the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture and the founding director of Just Food (NY).

Tracy Lerman works on policy advocacy and organizing for NESAWG. She has more than a decade of experience in the sustainable agriculture and food systems movement. In addition to her work with NESAWG, she is the coordinator of Poughkeepsie Plenty, a grassroots-based coalition working to address the root causes of food insecurity and hunger in the city of Poughkeepsie. Tracy has a master's in community development from the University of California at Davis.

Arthur Lerner has been active in the fields of sustainable agriculture and food systems since he was a student at Hampshire College in 1991. He has participated in projects to grow farms and gardens in both rural and urban areas, and endeavors to connect environmental stewardship with social justice and public health. He co-founded FRESH New London in 2004.

Chelsea Bardot Lewis is an agricultural policy administrator with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture. She has an M.S. in agriculture food and environment from the Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition Science and Policy, where she conducted the research for "A Capacity Assessment of New England's Large Animal Slaughter Facilities as Relative to Meat Production for the Regional Food System," published in 2011. In addition to her work with the meat industry in Vermont, she is also the director of the Vermont Food Export Program, and VAAFM's federal policy liaison. She and her husband own an organic fruit and garlic operation.

Amy Little has been organizing for social change on the local, state, and national levels for more than three decades, doing community organizing, coalition building, legislative and electoral campaigns. She founded the National Campaign for Sustainable Agriculture, has been a senior advisor for members of Congress, was national staff for Citizen Action/U.S. Action and Progressive Action Network, and coordinated national fieldwork on three presidential campaigns.

Drew Love is the assistant Northeast coordinator for the Real Food Challenge, a national student-led initiative to shift \$1 billion of university dining hall purchasing to local, sustainable, and fair trade food.

Margaret Mellon, J.D., Ph.D., is an expert on biotechnology, antibiotics, and food safety. She holds a doctorate in molecular biology and a law degree from the University of Virginia. She founded the Food and Environment Program at the Union of Concerned Scientists and stepped down in 2014 after almost 20 years there. She is co-author of *Ecological Risks of Engineered Crops and Hogging It!: Estimates of Antimicrobial Abuse in Livestock* and co-editor of *Now or Never: Serious New Plans to Save a Natural Pest Control*. She served three terms on the USDA's Advisory Committee on Biotechnology and 21st Century Agriculture and for many years taught a popular course on biotechnology and the law at the Vermont Law School. Margaret is now a science policy consultant in the areas of antibiotics, genetic engineering, and sustainable agriculture.

Qiana Mickie is a member of the NESAWG steering committee and a staff member of Just Food (NY). Her journey with Just Food began in 2011 when she took the community advocate training course. That experience inspired her to engage with people across the Northeast region to learn more about the Farm Bill and its effect on our daily lives, and to offer ways to advocate for more fair and equitable policies.

Vivien Morris is director of the Office of Racial Equity and Health Improvement at the Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC). She develops and directs policy and strategic planning, coalition building, partnership development, and community relations, as well as oversees Commission-wide efforts to reach the Boston Health Equity goals.

Abbie Nelson is the NOFA-VT, education coordinator and program director of VT Food Education Every Day (VT FEED), a 14-year-old statewide farm to school project of NOFA-VT and Shelburne Farms. Abbie serves as a statewide school food system consultant and trainer, involved in local purchasing and professional development with school food service. She works with statewide partners to increase access to local foods in schools and other institutions as a member of Farm to Plate, and the FTS Network. She is also on the leadership team of the Farm to Institution New England (FINE) project, and is a member of the Board of VT School Nutrition Association.

Riley Neugebauer is the farm to college project manager for Farm to Institution New England (FINE) and works on other food system consulting projects, primarily in Maine where she lives. She was formerly a sustainability coordinator in higher education and is a senior fellow in the Environmental Leadership Program.

Juli Obudzinski is a senior policy specialist at the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition, a grassroots advocacy organization based in Washington, D.C. Juli coordinates NSAC's broad policy portfolio and leads the coalition's work on research policy and beginning and minority farmer initiatives. Juli has also worked on organic research at the USDA and at the Leopold Center for Sustainable Agriculture, helping to develop a statewide local food policy platform.

Curtis Ogden is a senior associate with the Interaction Institute for Social Change (IISC) based in Boston, through which he provides collaborative capacity building support to social change leaders, organizations, and networks. Curtis has worked on several food system initiatives, including Food Solutions New England, Vermont Farm to Plate Network, Rhode Island Food Policy Council, Connecticut Food System Alliance, Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness, and the Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability.

Dr. Robert Oswald is a professor of molecular medicine at the Cornell College of Veterinary Medicine and a faculty fellow of the Atkinson Center for a Sustainable Future at Cornell University. He is the co-author of *The Real Cost of Fracking: How America's Shale Gas Boom Is Threatening Our Families, Pets and Food*.

Kathy Ozer has worked on farm, rural, and fair-trade policy for more than 20 years at the National Family Farm Coalition (NFFC). She represents NFFC on the boards/coordinating committees of the Citizens Trade Campaign, Jobs with Justice, and the U.S. Food Sovereignty Alliance.

Anne Palmer is program director in the Food, Communities and Public Health Program at the Center for a Livable Future at Johns Hopkins University. She is also a Consumption team leader for the Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast project.

Scott J. Peters is faculty co-director of Imagining America: Artists and Scholars in Public Life. In January 2015, he'll join the Department of Development Sociology at Cornell University. His latest book is *Democracy and Higher Education: Traditions and Stories of Civic Engagement* (2010).

Jeff Piestrak was directly engaged in food production and supply chains for many years. Now he plays a supporting role through his outreach work at Cornell University's Mann Library and consultancy/leadership activities with community and regional food systems groups. That includes helping those groups find, use, and share information relevant to their work and advocacy. He is a leader on the NESAWG Research and Assessments Working Group and the Northeast Food Knowledge Ecosystem (NEFKE) project, currently working on WealthWorks value chain development, which builds and protects community assets in an inclusive and systems-oriented manner.

Jennifer Porter is a graduate student in the Food Systems master's program at the University of Vermont (UVM). She's involved with the implementation of the Real Food Campus Commitment at UVM and has been conducting research about the Real Food Challenge at UVM as part of her thesis.

Diana Robinson is the campaign and education coordinator of the Food Chain Workers Alliance. At Local 1500, Diana played dual roles as a worker organizer and the food policy coordinator of the Building Blocks Project for Good Food, Good Jobs, and Good Health. She was a leader of the union's 2011 campaign to organize workers at Target stores on Long Island. Diana is a member of the Brooklyn Food Coalition governing board.

Monika Roth is the agriculture marketing educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension South Central NY ag team. She is a board member of the Farmers Market Coalition and has been an advisor to NY Federation of Farmers Markets since its inception. She has been actively engaged with supporting and starting producer-only markets in Ithaca and the surrounding counties. Monika has been working with and advocating for farmers markets since 1980.

Michael Rozyne is the founder and executive director of Red Tomato, a decentralized food hub that represents 40 Northeast fruit and vegetable growers. Before that, Michael was the co-founder of Equal Exchange.

Kathy Ruhf is a senior fellow and former coordinator of NESAWG. Kathy co-leads the New England Food Policy Project and is the outreach team leader of the Enhancing Food Security in the Northeast Project and the executive director of Land for Good.

Karen Spiller is principal of KAS Consulting, providing mission-based consulting with a focus on resource matching and strategic planning for health and equity-focused initiatives. She has worked with diverse stakeholders, including community residents and businesses, state and local agencies, policy makers, corporations, foundations, community-based organizations, and healthcare providers in Massachusetts. Karen also serves as a team leader for national and regional equitable public health and sustainable food systems initiatives for the Society for Public Health Education and the University of New Hampshire's Food Solutions New England. In her previous role as project director of the Boston Collaborative for Food and Fitness, Karen did capacity-building work that included the coordination, promotion, and branding of the Boston Farmers Markets, Circle the City, Leaders in Health, and Celebrate the Fruits of Our Ocean, a sustainable seafood awareness and advocacy campaign.

Brett Tolley is the community organizer for the Northwest Atlantic Marine Alliance (NAMA). He comes from a four-generation commercial fishing family out of Cape Cod. He has worked in the fishing industry hanging nets, working on boats of various gear-types, and doing commercial shellfishing. Brett lives in Brooklyn, where he's worked as an advocate and community organizer, fighting in housing court for low-income tenants and organizing campaigns around immigrant and human rights. He wrote and produced an award-winning documentary about the migrant experience along the U.S./Mexico border titled *Dying to Get In*. He was selected to the We Are All Brooklyn Fellowship Program and completed the Rockwood Leadership Institute's Art of Leadership program.

"Local fishermen and fishing communities are disproportionately left out of the policy decisions that impact their lives," says Brett. "This undermines our coastal communities, the health of the ocean, access to healthy food, and ensuring a fair price to fishermen. We can do better."

Stephen "Steve" Vogel is an agricultural economist in the Farm Economy Branch of the Resource and Rural Economics Division, and also serves on the "Know Your Farmer Know Your Food" Task Force (KYF), an interagency committee charged with promoting collaboration between USDA agencies and partner agencies outside the USDA. In this capacity, he is working to identify future USDA research and data needs with respect to local and regional food systems. He holds a Ph.D. in agricultural economics from the University of California at Berkeley.

Dale Willman is an award-winning correspondent previously with National Public Radio, CNN, and CBS, and a member of the Society for Environmental Journalists. Dale is a public speaker and teaches on college campuses on numerous topics, from environmental journalism to media diversity. Dale was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Indonesia in 2010-2011.

Dale spent more than 10 years at NPR. His work was included in NPR's receipt of the 1991 duPont-Columbia Award for Excellence in Broadcast Journalism and he shared a Peabody Award for his work on the "Lost and Found Sound" series broadcast on *All Things Considered*.

As a correspondent he won a national Edward R. Murrow Award for Investigative Reporting in 1998 for his CNN Radio series, "Broadway's Dirty Little Secret." He was the only environmental correspondent in the history of CNN Radio. Dale has covered the White House, Capital Hill, the Pentagon, and State Department for CBS radio stations, and served as field producer and correspondent for many major events. Dale began his career in Ohio, and has anchored at WCBS in New York City and WTOP in the nation's capital.

Mark Winne was the executive director of the Hartford Food System (1979-2003), a Connecticut non-profit food organization, where he developed the City of Hartford Food Policy Council (1993) and the State of Connecticut Food Policy Council (1998). He co-founded the Community Food Security Coalition, was a Kellogg Foundation Food and Society Fellow, a Johns Hopkins School of Public Health Visiting Scholar, and a member of the U.S. delegation to the 2000 Rome Conference on Food Security. He is the author of *Closing the Food Gap: Resetting the Table in the Land of Plenty* and *Food Rebels, Guerrilla Gardeners, and Smart Cookin' Mamas*.