



UVM FOOD SYSTEMS SYMPOSIUM

Davis Center, University of Vermont – Monday, November 1, 2010

This event was intended to:

1) build awareness of food systems research, scholarship and outreach that is underway at UVM and in our community; 2) identify emerging opportunities for food systems research; 3) develop specific recommendations for the implementation of UVM food system planning grants; and 4) create opportunities for communication that will lead to collaboration.

8:30 [Poster presentations.](#)

9:00 **Welcome.**

Domenico Grasso, Vice President for Research

9:10 [Overview of the Day and Follow Up Actions.](#)

Vern Grubinger, Extension

9:15 [A Path to Excellence for the UVM Food Systems Spire.](#)

John Bramley, President, Windham Foundation

9:30 [Vermont Digital Foodways Initiative.](#)

Elizabeth Berman, Libraries

9:45 [Collaboration between UVM and the Center for an Agricultural Economy in Hardwick.](#)

Joe Speidel, Federal, State and Community Relations

Carrie Williams Howe, Community-University Partnerships and Service Learning

10:00 [Transdisciplinary Research at the Global Health and Food System Interface.](#)

Jon Erickson, Gund Institute for Ecological Economics

10:35 [Initial Funding for Food Systems Planning Grants.](#)

Doug Lantagne, Dean of Extension

10:40 [Small group brainstorming:](#) key criteria to be included in a UVM transdisciplinary food system planning grant RFA.

11:00 [Remarks on a Food Systems Spire of Excellence at UVM.](#)

Roger Allbee, Vermont Secretary of Agriculture

11:15 [Student-Driven Research to Solve Engineering Problems on Farms.](#)

Mike Rosen, Engineering

- 11:30 [Food Systems Research at the UVM Proctor Maple Research Center.](#)
Abby van den Berg, Proctor Maple Research Center
- 11:45 [The Journey of Sustainable Food at Fletcher Allen Health Care.](#)
Diane Imrie, Fletcher Allen Health Care
- 1:00 [Transdisciplinary Research for a Healthier Vermont.](#)
Wendy Davis, Vermont Commissioner of Health
- 1:15 [The Effects of Obesity on Innate Immune Response.](#)
Benjamin Suratt, Medicine
- 1:30 [A Local Food Curriculum for Low Income Populations.](#)
Rachel Schattman, Extension Center for Sustainable Agriculture
Amy Davidson, EFNEP Coordinator for Extension
- 1:45 [Development of an Assay for Contaminants in Fermented and Distilled Products.](#)
Dwight Matthews, Chemistry
- 2:10 [Small group discussion:](#) transdisciplinary research focus areas with best fit to UVM and highest potential to benefit Vermont.
- 2:30 **Food Systems Research Needed to Strengthen Vermont's K-12 Education.**
Armando Vilaseca, Vermont Commissioner of Education
- 2:45 [Child Nutrition Implications of Vermont Farm-to-School Programs.](#)
Linda Berlin, Nutrition and Food Science
- 3:00 [Family Business and the Evolution of Land-Based Industries.](#)
Rocki-Lee DeWitt, Business Administration
- 3:15 [The UVM Food Systems Research Collaborative Projects and White Papers.](#)
Jane Kolodinsky, Community Development and Applied Economics
- 3:30 [Closing Remarks.](#)
Chuck Ross, State Director, Office of Senator Patrick Leahy

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