

Food, Farming, and Faith

A LAMP Symposium on Growing Community

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Leadership and Multifaith Program (LAMP) History & Vision

With the far-reaching religious pluralization of the contemporary United States, people of many different faiths (or no faith commitment) spend more time together on a daily basis than at any previous period in American history. Schools, hospitals, businesses, recreational facilities, and shopping malls have all become multifaith spaces, yet we often do not understand our neighbors' personal or social identities, religious or spiritual sensibilities, or the communal and institutional practices we may individually embrace. Despite productive efforts in multifaith understanding and community building in Atlanta and the Southeast, considerable work remains to be done, particularly among those who hold positions of leadership and influence in government, business, the nonprofit sector, the health sector, educational arenas, and religious communities. There is no singular challenge more compelling than the charge of discerning how we can live, learn, and lead peacefully, productively, and well in the complex, multifaith world of the twenty-first century.

The Leadership and Multifaith Program (LAMP), a collaborative endeavor of the Candler School of Theology at Emory University and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Institute of Technology, seeks to meet this unique challenge. Through the LAMP initiative, we aim to strengthen multifaith understanding and community leadership in order to enhance the capacity of our city and region to contribute to the common good. The Candler School of Theology brings to LAMP expertise in Christian encounters with diverse religious traditions. The Ivan Allen College brings expertise in robust cross-disciplinary and cross-arena engagement. Both institutions hold longstanding commitments to excellence in research, education, and community service with the shared goal of exploring the intersections of faith, leadership, and civic engagement.

LAMP launched in February of 2015 with its inaugural symposium, "Compassion and Leadership in a Multifaith World." The LAMP series of public events is designed to offer a regular forum for engaging the challenges and opportunities of leadership and multifaith relations. We invite you to join us in this ambitious quest.



Jacqueline Jones Royster
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The 2016 Leadership and Multifaith Program (LAMP) symposium will explore issues of food and farming from religious, scientific, historical, and public policy perspectives. LAMP seeks to provide a forum for students, scholars, and community members in Atlanta to consider the current practices and ethical challenges of food production and consumption, from small-scale local agriculture to the global food supply. In keeping with the LAMP vision to promote multifaith understanding in a religiously plural society, speakers will address the unifying concerns for food justice and sustainability and the distinct practices of food preparation and eating that have sustained historical and contemporary religious communities. Through attention to the health of the body, soul, and natural environment, this second annual LAMP symposium aims to work across religious and academic boundaries to promote strong communities, a vibrant nation, and a peaceful and prosperous world.

LAMP is made possible through the generous support of H. Bruce McEver, The Foundation for Religious Literacy, and The Arthur Vining Davis Foundations.

Symposium Program

10:30 A.M. - 5:30 P.M.

10:30 A.M. - 11:00 A.M.

COFFEE GATHERING

11:00 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.

PANEL 1: LOCAL FARMING INITIATIVES

Opening Remarks

Deanna Ferree Womack

*Leadership and Multifaith Program
Director, Assistant Professor at Candler
School of Theology*

Facilitator & Respondent:

Mindy Goldstein

Emory Law Professor and Director of Turner Environmental Law Clinic

Panelists:

Nathan Stucky

Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ

Amirah AbuLughod

Farm Apprentice at Stony Point Center Farm in Stony Point, NY

Jennifer Kraft Leavey

Georgia Tech Biologist and director of The Urban Honeybee Project

Carl DiSalvo

Georgia Tech Research Designer

K. Rashid Nuri

*Founder and Chief Executive of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban
Agriculture in Atlanta*

12:45 P.M. - 1:45 P.M.

LUNCH

2:00 P.M. - 3:15 P.M.

KEYNOTE

Welcoming Remarks

Jacqueline J. Royster

*Dean, Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts
Georgia Institute of Technology*

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Symposium Program

Introduction of Speaker

Deanna Ferree Womack
*Leadership and Multifaith Program
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Keynote Address
"Can One Eat Enough?"

Rabbi Jonathan K. Crane
*Professor of Bioethics and Jewish
Thought at Emory University*

3:15 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M. - 5:15 P.M.

PANEL 2: INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES ON FOOD AND FARMING

Facilitator & Respondent:

Jenny Leigh Smith
Assistant Professor of History at Georgia Institute of Technology

Panelists:

Jacob L. Wright
Professor of Hebrew Bible at Candler School of Theology

Sumayya Allen

Community Agriculture Programming and Design Specialist, Atlanta

Jennifer R. Ayres

Assistant Professor of Religious Education at Candler School of Theology

Pramod Parajuli

*Professor and Director of Program Development for Sustainability at
Prescott College in Prescott, AZ*

Bill Winders

Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia Institute of Technology

5:15 P.M. - 5:30 P.M.

CLOSING REMARKS

Rabbi Jonathan K. Crane
Professor of Bioethics and Jewish Thought at Emory University

Symposium Biographies



AMIRAH ABULUGHOD

Farm Apprentice at Stony Point Center Farm in Stony Point, NY

Amirah AbuLughod is an apprentice at Stony Point Center Farm, a small-scale farm in the Hudson River Valley of New York state. Her formal educational background is in Environmental Geography from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Her hands-on farming education began as a child in her backyard garden, continued with a certificate in Master Gardener training, and currently as a farm apprentice.

Amirah first came to Stony Point Center to participate as a student in the summer intensive “Farm the Land, Grow the Spirit.” The program focuses on multifaith community building, social justice, nonviolence, and earth care through the lens of the Abrahamic faith traditions. She later returned to Stony Point Center to become a farm apprentice and join the multifaith intentional community. She has worked on developing educational material and experiences that connect the Islamic faith and earthcare teachings. Amirah also participated in the Natural Leaders Legacy Camp training with the Children and Nature Network co-founded by Richard Louv, and she apprenticed with the Partnership of the National Trail System at the National Historic and Scenic Trail Conference.



SUMAYYA ALLEN

Community Agriculture Programming and Design Specialist, Atlanta

Sumayya Allen is a certified permaculture designer, an urban agriculturalist, and educator working to design, implement and support regenerative agro-ecosystems. Her commitment to growing healthy soil, food, and community has benefited the Atlanta community through her work with various organizations including Truly Living Well's Center for Natural Urban Agriculture, Global Growers Network, The Wylde Center, Gaia Gardens, and Emory University's Educational Garden Project. As a permaculture designer she has worked with Sustenance Design, applying ecological principles in the conscious design of diverse, resilient, productive and beautiful landscapes on various scales, from residential to city parks to educational facilities. She currently works as Community Agriculture Programming and Design Specialist with Farmer D Consulting on projects which span the U.S.

Sumayya studied ecology at Emory University, where she earned her B.S. in Environmental Science and is currently working on her Master's degree in Agroecology at the University of Florida. Sumayya serves as a guide for permaculture, sustainable agriculture, and natural living with SacredService, an Islamic faith-based organization aiming to build and heal

people and communities, where she leads a monthly SacredHike in and around Atlanta. She serves on the local advisory board for the Emory University Center for Ethics CREATE (Culture, Religion, Ethics and the Environment) Program. Since 2002, Sumayya has been a regular contributor to *Azizah*, a Muslim women's magazine, on topics of environmentalism, food and faith.



JENNIFER R. AYRES

*Assistant Professor of Religious Education,
Candler School of Theology*

Jennifer R. Ayres came to Candler in 2011. Her research interests include religious environmental education, social activism and religious identity, faith formation in the context of popular culture, and feminist practical theology. She is the author of two books: *Waiting for a Glacier to Move: Practicing Social Witness* (Wipf and Stock, 2011), and *Good Food: Grounded Practical Theology* (Baylor Univ. Press, 2013). Her current research, for which she received a grant from Emory's University Research Committee, investigates the educational task of cultivating Christian faith that is deeply rooted in our ecological context, with attention to the kinds of religious leaders needed for this work.

A frequent speaker on topics of faith formation, religion and food, and Christian ecological theology and practice, Ayres also serves on the steering committee of the Green Seminaries Initiative and the Emory University Sustainable Food Committee. Over the years, her work has been supported by grants from the Association of Theological Schools Lilly Research Grants, the Louisville

Institute, and the American Academy of Religion. Ayres is an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).



JONATHAN K. CRANE

*Professor of Bioethics and Jewish Thought at
Emory University*

Jonathan K. Crane holds a BA (summa cum laude) from Wheaton College in Massachusetts, an MA in International Peace Studies from the University of Notre Dame in Indiana, and an MPhil in Gandhian Thought from Gujarat Vidyapith in Ahmedabad, India. As a Wexner Graduate Fellow, he received both rabbinic ordination and a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion. He completed a PhD in Modern Jewish Thought at the University of Toronto. He currently serves as the Raymond F. Schinazi Scholar in Bioethics and Jewish Thought in the Center for Ethics at Emory University.

The immediate past-president of the Society of Jewish Ethics, he has presented at conferences and taught around the world on such themes as Jewish ethics, bioethics, social and political ethics, warfare ethics, eating ethics, comparative religious ethics and interfaith relations, and Gandhian philosophy.

He is the author of *Narratives and Jewish Bioethics* (2013) and *Ahimsa: The Way to Peace* (2007, with Jordi Agusti-Panareda), co-editor with Elliot Dorff of *The Oxford Handbook of Jewish Ethics and Morality* (2012), and editor of *Beastly Morality: Animals as Ethical Agents* (2015). Forthcoming books include *Eating Ethically: Religious, Philosophical and Scientific Perspectives on Eating Well*, and an edited

volume tentatively entitled *Race with Jewish Ethics*. He founded and co-edits the Journal of Jewish Ethics. He received a Doctor of Letters, honoris causa, from Wheaton College in Massachusetts in 2014.



CARL DISALVO

Georgia Tech Research Designer

Carl DiSalvo is an Associate Professor in the Digital Media Program in the School of Literature, Media, and Communication at the Georgia Institute of Technology. At Georgia Tech he directs the Public Design Workshop, which is a design research studio that explores socially-engaged design practices and civic media.

DiSalvo's work explores and analyzes the social and political qualities of design. He publishes regularly in design, science and technology studies, and human-computer interaction journals and conference proceedings. His first book, *Adversarial Design*, is part of the Design Thinking, Design Theory series at MIT Press. DiSalvo's experimental design work has been exhibited and supported by the ZKM (Center for Art & Media), Grey Area Foundation for the Arts, Times Square Arts Alliance, Science Gallery Dublin, and the Walker Arts Center. DiSalvo holds a Ph.D. in Design from Carnegie Mellon University (2006). From 2006–2007 he was a post-doctoral fellow at Carnegie Mellon University with joint appointments in the Studio for Creative Inquiry and the Center for the Arts in Society.



MINDY GOLDSTEIN

Emory Law Professor and Director of Turner Environmental Law Clinic

Clinical Professor of Law Mindy Goldstein is director of the Turner Environmental Law Clinic and interim director of the Environmental and Natural Resources Law Program at Emory Law School. She has represented clients in complex environmental litigation before judicial and administrative tribunals; in legislative and policy matters at the local, state, and federal levels; and in land use and real estate transactions. Her work focuses on matters related to sustainable energy and climate change, land use and conservation, sustainable agriculture and urban farming, protection of natural resources, and access to information. She has successfully litigated cases before the D.C. Circuit Court of Appeals and various district courts, and she has testified before several federal agencies. Her representations have been covered extensively by the media, including National Public Radio, The Economist, and The New York Times.

In addition to her legal work, Professor Goldstein has given lectures and presentations on a wide variety of environmental issues around the country. She sits on the board of several environmental nonprofit organizations, including Wholesome Wave Georgia and Global Growers. She is the co-chair of the Georgia Public Interest Environmental Law Coalition and a member of the Institute for Georgia Environmental Leadership class of 2015.

Professor Goldstein graduated with honors from the University of North Carolina, earning a BS in biology with a minor in chemistry. She received her JD from the University of Maryland, where she graduated magna cum laude with a concentration in environmental law.



JENNIFER KRAFT LEAVEY

Biologist at Georgia Institute of Technology and director of The Georgia Tech Urban Honeybee Project

Jennifer Leavey is the Integrated Science Curriculum Coordinator for the Georgia Tech College of Sciences, where she has served as a faculty member in the School of Biology since 2005. She grew up in Decatur and earned her B.S. from Georgia Tech in 1995 and Ph.D. from Emory in 2001. She is the director of the Georgia Tech Urban Honey Bee Project, an interdisciplinary educational initiative with the goal of recruiting and retaining students in STEM careers through the study of how urban habitats affect honey bee health and how technology can be used to study bees. She is also the director of the Science and Math Research Training (SMART) Living Learning Community, a National Science Foundation-funded program that provides scholarship and academic support to students with demonstrated financial need who wish to pursue STEM careers.



K. RASHID NURI

President and Chief Executive of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture in Atlanta

K. Rashid Nuri is the founder and CEO of Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture. In his forty years of global food growing experience, Rashid has observed local food economies around the world while managing public, private and community based food and agriculture businesses in over 35 countries. He now lends his experience to urban areas, promoting good nutrition, health and economic development. Rashid obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science from Harvard and a Master's Degree in Plant and Soil Science from the University of Massachusetts. During his college years, Rashid helped to install some of the first organic community gardens in San Diego.

Following graduation, Rashid journeyed to the state of Georgia, where he managed 13,000 acres of farm land for the Nation of Islam. Later, he managed operations in Asia and Africa for the Cargill Corporation, a global agribusiness conglomerate. Following nearly a decade with Cargill, Rashid returned to the U.S. to become a Senior Executive in the Clinton Administration, serving as Deputy Administrator in the U.S. Department of Agriculture and Senior Advisor in the Department of Commerce. Rashid is a Board Member of Georgia Organics, the Atlanta Local Food Initiative and the Urban Food Abundance Movement.



PRAMOD PARAJULI

Professor and Director of Program Development for Sustainability at Prescott College in Prescott, AZ

Born and raised in the Nepalese Himalayan foothills, Professor Pramod Parajuli is an award-winning sustainability educator, visionary, and curricular and social innovator. Over the last 30 years, he has designed and developed various programs in critical literacy, sustainability studies, farm and garden-based ecological literacy, and “soil-to supper pedagogy” with schools in Portland, Oregon, Prescott, Arizona, Peruvian Amazon and Nepal.

Dr. Parajuli currently serves as Associate Faculty for the PhD Program in Sustainability Education at Prescott College and is exploring the next phase of academic and community engagement, including founding of the Annapurna Pluriversity. For the last eight years, he served as a core faculty member and director of program development for Sustainability Studies/Education at Prescott College.

A contributor to two volumes in the World Religions and Ecology series, he is co-editor of the forthcoming book, *Religion and Sustainable Agriculture: World Spiritual Traditions and Food Ethic* (University of Kentucky Press, 2016). One of the key elements of Dr. Parajuli’s writings is the use of food, gardens, and agriculture as a platform for learning, cultivating leadership, and nurturing processes of social change that are not only “deep” but also “delicious.”



JENNY LEIGH SMITH

Assistant Professor of History at Georgia Institute of Technology

Jenny Leigh Smith is an assistant professor of history at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Her work focuses on food, agriculture and the environmental impact of farming and food distribution. Her first book, *Works in Progress: Plans and Realities on Soviet Farms, 1930-1963* (Yale University Press, 2014), examined the environmental legacy of agricultural industrialization in the Soviet Union. Her new project is a global history of emergency famine relief over the course of the 20th century.



NATHAN STUCKY

Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary, NJ

Nathan Stucky serves as Director of the Farminary Project at Princeton Theological Seminary. Nathan grew up on a farm in Kansas where his love for the Christian faith and agriculture first took root. After earning a BA in Music from Bethel College (KS), Nathan spent six years doing ecumenical youth ministry on the eastern shore of Maryland and two years farming back in Kansas. After

farming, Nathan earned an MDiv and a PhD (Practical Theology, Christian Education and Formation) from Princeton Theological Seminary. His most recent scholarship considers the integration of theological education and agrarianism, and he sees the Farminary as a locus for enacting that integration. Ordained in the Mennonite Church (USA), Nathan engages Farminary work as an integral part of his calling to teaching ministry. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey, with his wife and three children.



BILL WINDERS

Associate Professor of Sociology at Georgia Institute of Technology

Bill Winders is an Associate Professor of Sociology in the School of History and Sociology at Georgia Tech. He studies national policies, social movements, and the world economy, with a focus on food and agriculture. His book, *The Politics of Food Supply: U.S. Agricultural Policy in the World Economy*, won the 2011 Book Award from the Political Economy of the World-System section of the American Sociological Association. He also received the Bernstein & Byres Prize for his 2009 article in the *Journal of Agrarian Change* comparing American and British food regimes.

Winders is currently working on a few projects. The first project is a book titled *Grains* that will be published by Polity Press in late 2016. This book explores the geopolitics of grains, particularly corn, rice, and wheat. The second project examines food crises in the world economy, such as the 2007-2008 food crisis that saw food prices and world

hunger rise dramatically. He has published articles on this topic in journals such as the *Brown Journal of World Affairs* and *Agriculture and Human Values*. He is beginning a new project that examines the political economy of global meat.



DEANNA FERREE WOMACK

Director of the Leadership and Multifaith Program, Assistant Professor at Candler School of Theology

Deanna Ferree Womack is Assistant Professor in the practice of History of Religions and Multifaith Relations at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and director of the Leadership and Multifaith Program (LAMP). She coordinates public programming for LAMP, acts as the faculty liaison between Candler and the Ivan Allen College of Liberal Arts at Georgia Tech, and teaches on Islam in America, Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations, and global religions. Womack came to Candler from Princeton Theological Seminary, where she earned her MDiv, ThM, and PhD. Her research combines commitments to interreligious understanding, Christian-Muslim dialogue, and American-Arab relations. Her current scholarship explores the encounters between American missionaries and Arab residents of Ottoman Syria in the pre-World War I period, particularly Syrian women writers and preachers who navigated cultural and religious boundaries in their experiences with missionaries. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Womack spent two years in Lebanon working as a Christian educator and an associate minister. She has lectured and published widely and is the recipient of numerous awards for

her scholarship, including honors from the American Academy of Religion and the Fund for Theological Education.

of God in the Hebrew Bible, as well as comparative work with the New Testament.



JACOB L. WRIGHT

Professor of Hebrew Bible at Candler School of Theology

Jacob L. Wright serves as Associate Professor of Hebrew Bible at Candler School of Theology at Emory University, the Director of Graduate Studies in Emory's Tam Institute for Jewish Studies, and an associate faculty member at Emory's Center for the Study of Law and Religion. He is the author of *Rebuilding Identity: The Nehemiah Memoir and Its Earliest Readers* (de Gruyter, 2004), which won a 2008 Templeton prize. Wright published his enhanced e-book, *King David and His Reign Revisited* (iTunes, 2013), billed as the first publication of its kind in the humanities. In 2015, his book, *David, King of Israel, and Caleb in Biblical Memory* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), won a Nancy Lapp Popular Book Award from the American Schools of Oriental Research and received an honorable mention in the theology and religious studies category at the 2015 PROSE Awards, administered by the Association of American Publishers.

Wright delivered the prestigious 2010-11 lecture in Milieux biblique at the Collège de France in Paris, and was awarded a 2011-2012 National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship. In 2015, he received a \$50,000 Templeton Foundation grant to underwrite a new research project with the Herzl Institute in Jerusalem, which will examine the highly developed discourse regarding the knowledge



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