

Racism and Food Access and Nutrition Culture: Discussion Series

Join us for a two-part virtual discussion series to explore how racism, oppression, and colonialism have shaped American food access and nutrition culture and what providers can do to challenge these systems.



PART 1

One Bad Apple: How the Lack of Knowledge about Black and Indigenous Food Histories Informs our Nutrition Work

September 15th, 10:00–11:00 AM CST

PART 2

Eating with Our Neighbors: How to Identify Injustices and Create Change in Food and Nutrition Programs

September 27th, 10:00–11:30 AM CST



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Part 1 Speaker

Dr. Psyche Williams-Forson



Dr. Psyche Williams-Forson is Professor and Chair of the Department of American Studies at the University of Maryland College Park. Dr. Williams-Forson is the author of *Eating While Black: Food Shaming and Race in America* (UNC Press 2022); *Taking Food Public: Redefining Food in a Changing World*, a co-edited collection w/Carole Counihan, (Routledge 2013); and, the award-winning *Building Houses out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, and Power* (UNC Press 2006). She is known nationally and internationally for her pioneering work in building the scholarly subfield of Black food studies and has published articles numerous on this aspect of the material lives of African Americans in the United States from the late 19th century to the present.

Part 2 Speakers

Moderator

Dr. Angela Odoms-Young



Angela Odoms-Young, PhD (she/her/hers) is an Associate Professor and Director of the Food and Nutrition Education in Communities Program (FNEC) and New York State Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP). Dr. Odoms-Young's research explores the social and structural determinants of dietary behaviors and related health outcomes in low-income populations and black, Indigenous and people of color.

Jen Falck - Panelist



Jen Falck is an Oneida Nation tribal member. Jen works for the Menominee Tribe's Department of Agriculture & Food Systems, where she works on several food sovereignty efforts including the Wisconsin Tribal Elder Food Box Program and the USDA's Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations 638 pilot project.

Dr. Saria Lofton - Panelist



Dr. Saria Lofton is a health disparities nurse researcher at the University of Illinois at Chicago in the College of Nursing. She is deeply committed to research focused on health promotion in the Black community, locally and internationally. Her work has recently focused on understanding local food environments as essential in addressing chronic disease risk inequities for Black American youth and adults.

Sandra Botello - Panelist



Sandra Botello is currently working as a business administrator and caregiver for MKM Caregivers. She is a Certified Domestic Violence Advocate and Interpreter (Spanish/English) helping men, women and families find emergency resources. Sandra has almost 30 years' experience as a recipient user, case worker and volunteer of various U.S. food pantries, soup kitchens, and SNAP benefit (food stamps) services.

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