

Discovery at Ohio State: New Thought for Food - AUGUST 2020

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## InFACT-Funded Study Results in New Publication on Racial Inequality in Food Systems

An InFACT Linkage and Leverages grant awarded to **Ayaz Hyder**, assistant professor in the College of Public Health's Division of Environmental Health Sciences, and partners in five Ohio State Colleges as well as Columbus Public Health, has led to a new publication, "Explaining Racial Inequality in Food Security in Columbus, Ohio: A Blinder-Oaxaca Decomposition Analysis," in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*.



The interdisciplinary study, co-authored by four Ohio State researchers in three colleges and a faculty member at the University of Hong Kong, takes a deep dive into food mapping data to look at racial inequality in food systems.

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## Growing Community Through the Mansfield Microfarm

Just four years ago, InFACT-affiliate **Kip Curtis**, an environmental history professor at The Ohio State University at Mansfield, introduced the concept of a sustainable and productive urban farming system to solve challenges of social justice and ecology. Today, with support of seed grants from InFACT and Sustainability Institute and the support of a \$2 million Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research grant, the project has helped launch the farms of nine microfarmers in Mansfield and has created a marketing co-op for the farmers. Read more about the status of the project to date in a recent article published by the Sustainability Institute.

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## Victory Gardens Restarted During Pandemic

During World Wars I and II, American families stepped up to fight food insecurity by growing their own “victory gardens.” The COVID-19 pandemic has ushered victory gardens back into popularity as families look to save money on food, protect the environment and seek new hobbies they can safely do at home.

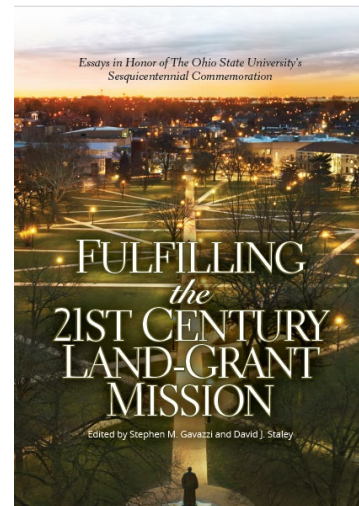


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## Read an Excerpt from *Fulfilling the 21st Century Land-Grant Mission* and Order Your Copy

*Fulfilling the 21st Century Land-Grant Mission: Essays in Honor of The Ohio State University's Sesquicentennial Commemoration*, edited by Stephen M. Gavazzi and David J. Staley, is now available for purchase. Check out an excerpt of



the chapter written by InFACT leaders **Casey Hoy** and **Brian Snyder**. [Click here](#) to read part of "Food and Nutritional Security, Still the Grand Challenge for Land-Grant Universities"—then use code OSU21ST to take \$9.95 off the list price, now through December 21.

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[Regenerative Food Systems Investment Forum](#)

September 15-16, 2020

[CURA Webinar: The Impacts of COVID-19 on Food Security and Long-term Implications and Adaptations](#)

September 18, 2020

[Land Use Actions for the Future of Our County](#)

September 24, October 22, November 19 & December 3, 2020

[10th Annual Montgomery County Food Summit: Bytes of Connectivity](#)

October 16, 2020

[Acres U.S.A Eco-Ag Conference & Trade Show](#)

December 1-4, 2020

[OEFFA's 42nd Annual Conference, Our Time: Essential Links for a Strong Food Chain](#)

February 10-15, 2021

[The Power of Food: Cultivating Equitable Policy through Collective Action – Kansas City, MO](#)

September 20-22, 2021

## FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[Take the Ohio Soil Health survey by Green Umbrella](#)

[Ohio State's Seed Grants for Racial Justice](#)

Deadline: September 15, 2020 for Round One Concept Papers

[Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems and Center for Interdisciplinarity Call for Citations for their Eighth Edition of An Annotated Bibliography on Structural Racism in the U.S. Food System](#)

Deadline: September 21, 2020

[Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development Call for Papers on COVID-19 and the Food System](#)

Deadline: September 30, 2020

[Foundation for Food and Agricultural Research Plant Protein Enhancement Project RFA](#)

Deadline: October 9, 2020

[NSF Dynamics of Integrated Socio-Environmental Systems \(DISES\)](#)

Deadline: November 16, 2020

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