

Discovery at Ohio State: New Thought for Food - MAY 2021

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InFACT-Funded Study Connects Farmers to New Soil Health Indicators

InFACT faculty hire **Christine Sprunger**, assistant professor in the School of Environment and Natural Resources, and an interdisciplinary research team have wrapped up work on their **Linkage and Leverage grant** titled, "How can soil health indicators inform



Christine Sprunger



Prabhjot Singh

farmers' soil conservation practices and climate adaptation strategies?" Click below to read about their project and the impact it is having on Ohio farmers.

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Ohio State Lima Initiates Regenerative Agriculture Vision

Something very special is happening at **The Ohio State University at Lima** campus, and we wanted you to know about it. Much of the “extra” land owned by Ohio State surrounding the Lima campus had been farmed in a conventional manner for many years, but a fortunate meeting between Dean and Director **Tim Rehner** and **David Brandt**, one of the Buckeye State’s premier regenerative farmers, occurred that would change all that, initiating a vision that is now playing out on what



could be called those “fields of dreams.” InFACT is closely monitoring the project, and will be very interested to see the eventual opportunities that develop. We are also excited to see the strong relationship being developed between the landowner and leasing farmer in this case, which is a model that could be followed by others in similar situations. Ultimately, the transformation of an underutilized resource into a research and teaching tool is the fruit of this innovative and forward-thinking food-system project.

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Update on Racial Justice Project: Toward Truth & Reconciliation with Dispossessed Native American Tribes

Our December 2020 newsletter [article](#) described a fledgling effort to come to terms with the fact that Native tribal lands had been taken and sold to create the original endowments for The Ohio State University and 51 other land-grant universities (LGUs) through the Morrill Act of 1862. Click below for an update, co-written by Lead PI **Stephen M. Gavazzi** and InFACT Executive Director **Brian Snyder**, on the initiative to push these LGUs to "step out" of their comfort zones and "step up" to the responsibilities inherent to the ignoble roots of their foundational finances.



[Read the Essay](#)

InFACT AFFILIATE ACHIEVEMENTS

Shoshanah Inwood Published in *The Conversation*

InFACT faculty hire Shoshanah Inwood, assistant professor in the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences' School of Environment and Natural Resources, co-authored the [article](#), "Family farms are struggling with two hidden challenges: health insurance and child care," published May 11 in *The Conversation*.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

[The Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability \(INFAS\) webinar: "Resilient Centers and Institutes: Creating and Keeping Them"](#)

May 27, 2021, 3:00 pm

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[Ohio Food Policy Network Policy Agenda Launch](#)

June 11, 2021, 9:30 am - 10:45 am

[Nourishing Life Conference](#)

June 18-19, 2021

[The Inter-Institutional Network for Food, Agriculture and Sustainability \(INFAS\) webinar: "Resilient Centers and Institutes: Creating and Keeping Them](#)

June 22, 2021, 3:00 pm

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

Kansas City, MO

September 20-22, 2021

FUNDING & OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

[USDA's Farmers Market Promotion Program](#)

Deadline: June 21, 2021

[USDA's Local Food Promotion Program](#)

Deadline: June 21, 2021

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Education and Workforce Development](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2021

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Sustainable Agricultural Systems](#)

Deadline: July 1, 2021

[USDA's Regional Food System Partnerships Program](#)

Deadline: July 6, 2021

[NIFA's Agriculture and Food Research Initiative - Foundational and Applied Science](#)

Deadline: July 29, 2021

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