

# DESIGNING INTEGRATED LAND MANAGEMENT Call for Cornell Student Applications

**Intensive Week-long Workshop: Land Management in Theory and Practice**  
(May 11-17, 2017, Cornell campus)

**Application deadline: Friday 5/5/17 at 5:00 pm.**

**Eligibility:** This free workshop is open to Cornell M.S. students, early Ph.D. students (1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> year), and graduating senior undergraduates from any related Cornell program (including but not limited to natural resources, development sociology, earth sciences, engineering, applied economics, law, history, atmospheric & earth sciences, hydrology, plant and soil sciences, policy analysis, ecology, etc.). The workshop is open to both continuing and graduating students.

## **Research Skills Workshop Overview**

Cornell's new initiative in Integrated Land Management is excited to invite Cornell graduate students and graduating seniors to participate in a week-long workshop that will provide an integrated, interdisciplinary set of skills, capacity-building, and experiences around the multi-faceted topic of land management. The workshop will include research training sessions on themes related to the question of how to approach land use from a perspective that integrates history, hydrology, atmospheric science, development sociology, economics, and more. Specific research skills discussed will include historical and archival research methods, systems level analysis, interview methods, integrated watershed management, and land use and climate interactions. Speakers at the workshop include Cornell faculty and invited off-campus guests.

The workshop will run May 11-17, 2017 between 9-5:00, plus dinners and evening activities on Thursday 5/11 and Friday 5/12. Lunches will be provided. No activities will be scheduled for Sunday 5/14. Some sessions will be at Cornell and others downtown, with field trips on Friday afternoon to local farms. Participants are excused from any sessions that conflict with their final exams.

The workshop will engage students in a concurrent [Farm-to-Plate Conference](#) bringing together multiple sectors of our food system (practitioners, scholars, and community members) to celebrate the vibrant food and farming culture of the Finger Lakes region and link theory with practice on the themes of agroecology, food justice, and general wellbeing through panel keynote dinners, discussions, workshops, field trips, and more. Confirmed conference Keynote speakers and panelists include Malik Yakini, Executive Director of the Detroit Black Food Security Coalition; Karen Washington, Rise and Root Farm; Ernesto Mendez, Associate Professor of Agroecology & Environmental Studies, UVM; Hannah Wittman, Academic Director, Center for Sustainable Food Systems, UBC; Jamila Simon, NYS 4-H Citizenship & Civic Engagement Specialist & Project G.I.V.E.; and Rafael Aponte, Rocky Acres Community Farm.

## **Application Instructions:**

To apply for the workshop, please complete these two steps by **Friday 5/5/17 at 5:00 pm:**

1. Fill out this online application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/r0RGjbCOGoXwdeDt2>
2. Submit the following documents in one email to program manager Nina Chaopricha at [ntc24@cornell.edu](mailto:ntc24@cornell.edu):
  - a. An application letter (M.S. Word or PDF document) containing the following information: an explanation of your reasons for applying, relevant prior experience, and career goals
  - b. A transcript or list of courses taken
  - c. Your CV or resume. Questions may be addressed to Nina Chaopricha at [ntc24@cornell.edu](mailto:ntc24@cornell.edu).

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## Draft Workshop Schedule—May 11-17, 2017

### Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> – Warren Hall 173

**9:00 – 10:00** Workshop overview and participant introductions

**10:00 – 12:00** Methods 1 (Rachel Bezner Kerr, interviewing)

**12:00 – 12:45** Lunch (Latin American tacos from the Bickering Twins)

**12:45 – 2:45** Methods 2 (Hannah Wittman from UBC, historical/archival research)

**3:00 – 5:00** Methods 3 (Ernesto Mendez from UVM, participatory action research with farmers)

### Thursday evening through Saturday afternoon:

### The Farm to Plate Conference: Uniting to Create, Educate, and Celebrate a Sustainable and Just Local Food System

Africana Center, Cornell University, 310 Triphammer Rd., Thurs. 5:30PM – 8:30PM

**5:30 – 6:00 PM** – Registration

**6:00 – 7:00 PM** – Dinner (*Suggested Donation: \$10*)

**6:30 – 8:30 PM** – Food Justice and Public Policy: A Panel Discussion with:

- **Malik Yakini**, Director, Detroit Black Food Security Coalition
- **Karen Washington**, Rise and Root Farm
- **Rafael Aponte**, Rocky Acres Community Farm
- **Jamila Simon**, Civic Engagement Specialist

Moderated by **Noliwe Rooks**, Interim chair and associate professor, Africana Studies, Cornell University and **Bobby Smith II**, PhD Candidate, Development Sociology, Cornell University

### Friday, May 12<sup>th</sup> – check for any [schedule updates here](#)

The Space at Greenstar, 700 West Buffalo Street Ithaca, 8:30AM – 5:00 PM

**8:30 AM** – Registration and Refreshments *provided by Greenstar Cooperative Market and Organic Valley Farm*

**9:00-10:30 AM** – Agroecology, Food Sovereignty and Sustainability: Challenges and Possibilities: A Panel Discussion with:

- **Raj Patel**, Writer, Activist and Research Professor, University of Texas at Austin,
- **Austin Ernesto Mendez**, Associate Professor, Department of Plant and Soil Science, University of Vermont,
- **Hannah Wittman**, Academic Director, Center for Sustainable Food Systems, University of British Columbia,
- **Thor Oechsner**, Organic grain farmer, Oechsner Farms, Co-Owner, Farmer Ground Flour,
- **Erica Frenay**, Program Manager, Cornell Small Farms Program, and Owner/Operator, Shelterbelt Farm

Moderated by **Alison Power**, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology and the Department of Science and Technology Studies, Cornell University

**10:30 – 10:45 AM** – Break

**10:45 – 11:45 AM** – Roundtables Discussions on the topics of: Food Policy, Urban Agriculture, Educational Farms/Gardens, Food movements, Land access and Ownership, Food Recovery/ Waste and more

**11:45 – 12:15 PM** – Roundtable Report Backs

**12:15 – 1:00 PM** – Lunch

**1:00 – 2:00 PM** – Keynote Talk: “Reparation Ecology” with Raj Patel, Award Winning Writer, Activist and Academic

**2:00 – 5:00 PM** – Farm Tours

**2:00 – 3:30 PM** — Workshops/Paper Session 1

**3:30 – 5:00 PM** — Documentary Film Screening of “Ingredients”

## **Friday Evening, May 12<sup>th</sup>**

**BJM Elementary School, 302 West Buffalo Street, Ithaca, 5:30PM – 9:30PM**

**5:30 – 6:30 PM** – Farm to Plate Dinner: Fundraiser for Roots Rising Farm

**6:30 – 7:30 PM** – Ceremony Honoring Our Elders

**7:30 – 9:00 PM** – Keynote Talk: Malik Yakini, Director, Detroit Black Food Security Coalition

**9:00 – 9:30 PM** – Musical Performance

## **Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**

**BJM Elementary School, 302 W. Buffalo St., Ithaca and GIAC, 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

All day tabling for organizations, small business and food vendors

**8:45 – 9:00 AM** – Welcoming Remarks and Libations

**9:00 – 10:30 AM** – Workshops/Paper Session 2

**10:30 -12:00 PM** – Workshops/Paper Sessions 3

**11:00 – 12:00 PM** – Cooking Demonstrations

**12:00 – 1:00 PM** – Food vendors

**1:00 – 3:30 PM** – Workshops/Paper Sessions 4

**3:30 – 5:00 PM** – Action Planning

## **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – no workshop activities**

## **Monday, May 15<sup>th</sup> – Warren Hall B73 unless otherwise noted**

**9:00 – 10:00** debrief from weekend conference with discussion questions

**10:00 – 12:00** Methods 4 (Natalie Mahowald, land use and climate interactions)

**12:00 – 1:00** Lunch catered in Warren B73 by Tal of Bali Cravings

**1:00 – 3:00** Methods 5 (Vidhya Sriram and Michael Johnson from CARE USA, Programmatic approaches to gender integration)

One of CARE's unique niches in development practice is its focus on gender awareness and gender integration in its work. Our CARE visitors will discuss the CARE organization, the CARE-Cornell Collaboration, and how CARE uses research. They will then engage our group in a gender awareness exercise that the CARE gender team leads during workshops.

**3:00 – 5:00** Methods 6 (Kimberly Pfeifer from Oxfam America, "Influencing")

"Influencing" can take many forms beyond simply public policy advocacy. Oxfam has made a decision and commitment to shift all of its programming to having a focus on "influencing"—that is, programming is now less about delivering services to marginalized communities and now focused on engaging various stakeholders and decision-makers whose engagement and changes in positions are needed to bring about the change marginalized communities and supporting local civil societies organizations seek. The activity will be a truncated version of a training we do on developing influencing programming. We will also discuss research at Oxfam and the kinds of research needed to support an influencing programming agenda.

## **Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> – Warren Hall B73**

**9:00 – 12:00** Methods 7 (Tammo Steenhuis, integrated watershed management analysis & river measurement)

**12:00 – 12:45** lunch catered by Bickering Twins

**12:45 – 2:45** Methods 8 (Rebecca Nelson and Francoise Vermeylen, preference ranking)

**3:00 – 4:30 pm – Mann Library Stone Classroom (inside library, 1<sup>st</sup> floor on left)**

Methods 9 (Life Sciences Librarian Sarah J. Wright: literature reviewing tips, Q&A, and work time)

→ Bring along a research topic to explore in the library computer classroom (perhaps your thesis research or summer internship topic?) A Cornell librarian will give tips on writing a literature review, including mentioning citation management software, databases available at Cornell, and reference search strategies. The main focus will be answering your individual literature reviewing questions. After an introductory presentation and discussion, this session will provide you with time to work on your own research while a librarian circulates around to meet with students. The room is reserved until 5:00 pm for you to stay and work if desired. Bring questions about your own research!

## **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Warren Hall B73**

**9:00 – 12:00** Methods 10 (Miguel Gomez, identifying best strategies to control invasive species)

**12:00 – 12:45** Lunch catered by Tal of Bali Cravings

**12:45 – 2:45** TBD

**3:00 – 5:00 pm** Workshop wrap-up, guided reflections, and feedback to guide the planning of next year's workshop