Combining Scholarship and Activism: An Intergenerational Exchange

About the Speakers and Moderators:

Guest Speakers

Marion Nestle is Paulette Goddard Professor of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health, emerita, at New York University in the department she chaired from 1988-2003. She earned a Ph.D. in molecular biology and an M.P.H. in public health nutrition from the University of California, Berkeley. She writes books about food politics, most recently, Slow Cooked: An Unexpected Life in Food Politics. She blogs almost daily at foodpolitics.com, where she also posts information about her books, other publications, and lectures.

Robert Gottlieb is Professor Emeritus of Urban and Environmental Policy and the Founder and Former Director of the Urban & Environmental Policy Institute at Occidental College. He is the author and co-author of fourteen books, including Food Justice and his most recent book, Care-Centered Politics: From the Home to the Planet. Professor Gottlieb is the co-editor of two MIT Press series, "Urban and Industrial Environments" and “Food, Health, and Environment,” and has been a long-time food and environmental justice researcher and activist.

Moderators

Ivonne Quiroz is a first-generation Nicaraguan American researcher and academic, currently working on her PhD. Ivonne’s research interests are food justice and access, and how that intersects with race/ethnicity and health. Ivonne is also a Research Assistant at the CUNY Urban Food Policy Institute and an Adjunct Instructor at CUNY SPH.

Lo Anderson is a 30-YO 2nd Generation AfroLatinx creative and activist studying Paralegal Studies/Public Interest at Hostos Community College. Lo recently returned to school to pursue their education after working as a Peer Counselor and Head Case Manager with young adults in NYC's only LGBTQ+ Transitional Housing Center for single adults. Their work in Case Management sparked an intense interest in prioritizing the biopsychosocial needs of community members including but not limited to BIPOC and other disproportionately affected people. Lo's advocacy works sit at many intersections and they are passionate about creating accessibility between leaders in social service systems and community members. Lo currently works with CUNY Research Foundation as a Team Leader for the CUNY Health Advocates Program where they engage Students about utilizing resources available to them on their campus.