

# 2021 SERA – 47 Virtual Annual Meeting Agenda

“Engaging New Frontiers”

December 13– 15, 2021

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The **SERA-47 Local & Regional Foods Collaborative** annual meeting allows colleagues that are engaged in research and outreach activities in the Southern region to come and share the great work they are doing and explore how it might be expanded throughout the region. The objectives of the 2021 Annual Meeting are:

- Highlight the vision and priorities for the new 5-year proposal for SERA-47.
- Discuss work completed, identify future action plans, and select leadership for each working group.
- Learn what is happening around local and regional foods in the region and how colleagues can better collaborate across disciplinary and state lines.

<b>Monday, December 13</b>	
10:00AM <b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<p><b>Welcome &amp; SERA-47 Overview</b> Virginie Zoumenou, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Chair</p> <p><b>Minutes from 2020 Annual Meeting</b> Jayesh Samtani, Virginia Tech, Secretary</p> <p><b>Administrative Advisor Updates</b> Ed Jones, Virginia Tech</p>
10:20AM <b>SRDC Updates</b>	<p><b>Southern Rural Development Center Updates</b> John Green, Director, SRDC</p>
10:30AM <b>2021 SERA-47 Working Group Introductions and Highlights</b>	<p><b>Strengthening Impact Evaluation WG</b> Hannah Dankbar, North Carolina State University, WG Chair</p> <p><b>Resource Bank WG</b> Janie Burnie, University of Tennessee, WG Co-Chair Russ Garner, SRDC, WG Co-chair</p> <p><b>Successful Models WG</b> Quisto Settle, Oklahoma State University, WG Co-Chair Dave Lamie, Clemson University, WG Co-chair</p> <p><b>Learning Communities WG</b> Iris Crosby, University of Arkansas – Pine Bluff, WG Chair</p>

10:50AM <b>Food System Resources</b>	<p><b>SERA-47 Resource Bank</b> Janie Burnie, University of Tennessee, WG Co-Chair Russ Garner, SRDC, WG Co-chair</p> <p><b>Iowa State University Food System Database</b> Courtney Long, Food Systems Program Manager, Iowa State Univ.</p>
11:10AM <b>Opportunities for Engagement</b>	<p><b>Food Distribution Research Society</b> Jonathan Baros, FDRS President, North Carolina State Univ.</p> <p><b>Southern Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education</b> Jeff Jordan, SSARE Program Director</p> <p><b>USDA AMS Minority Farmer Project Update</b> Virginie Zoumenou, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore</p>
11:50AM <b>Opportunities for Engagement in Urban Agriculture</b>	<p><b>APLU Extension Committee on Organization and Policy Urban Agriculture Initiative</b> Brent Hales, Penn State University Extension</p>
12:00PM	<b>Adjourn</b>

<b>Tuesday, December 14</b>	
1:00 - 2:00PM <b>New SERA-47 Proposal Highlights &amp; Working Group Information</b>	<p>The purpose of this session is to discuss the new SERA-47 proposal and develop the working groups that will serve for the next 5 years.</p> <p><b>Proposal Objective 1:</b> Increase interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary collaborations and networking efforts among extension and research food system professionals across the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed Working Group(s):</b> Resource Bank; Learning and Engagement</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposal Objective 2:</b> Identify current and emerging issues specific to food system development in the Southern region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed Working Group:</b> Food System Resiliency and Development</li> </ul> <p><b>Proposal Objective 3:</b> Assess local food system policy, opportunities for expansion, environmental change, and economic development issues, make policy recommendations, and develop best practices for communities across the region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed Working Group:</b> Policy, Systems, and Environmental Change</li> </ul>

<b>Wednesday, December 15</b>	
10:00AM	<p><b>Welcome</b> Virginie Zoumenou, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Chair</p>
10:15AM <b>USDA Updates</b>	<p><b>USDA NIFA Updates</b> Carrie Castille, Director USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture</p> <p><b>USDA AMS Investments in Local/Regional Food Systems</b> Betsy Rakola, Acting Deputy Administrator Transportation and Marketing Program USDA Agricultural Marketing Service</p> <p><b>USDA Center for Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships</b> Alex Cordova, Community Outreach Specialist USDA Office of Partnerships and Public Engagement</p>
10:45AM <b>FCS Community Engagement</b>	<p><b>Innovative Ways to Connect Consumers in FCS</b> Mike Whitesides, Utah State University</p>
11:00AM <b>Regional Food System Highlights</b>	<p><b>Health Communities Initiative</b> Denise Holston, LSU AgCenter</p> <p><b>North Carolina State University Local Foods Program</b> Dara Bloom &amp; Hannah Dankbar, North Carolina State University</p> <p><b>Center for Food Systems and Community Transformation</b> Kim Niewolny, Director, Virginia Tech</p>
11:45AM <b>2021 SERA-47 Close Out</b>	<p><b>Reflections</b> Virginie Zoumenou, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Chair</p> <p><b>Nomination/Election of a Secretary</b> Virginie Zoumenou, University of Maryland-Eastern Shore, Chair</p> <p><b>Moving Forward</b> Marcus Coleman, Tulane University, 2022 Chair-Elect</p>
12:00PM	<b>Adjourn</b>