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OPENING WELCOME
MARCH 2, 2021 × 11 AM - 12 PM

Key Note Speaker: Ruth Orta
Elder of the Jalquin/Saclan/Ochejamne
(Ohlone/Bay Miwok, Plains Miwok)

Land Acknowledgement: Phenocia Bauerle
Director of Native American Student Development at UC Berkeley

Bay Area Indigenous Land & Food Justice Actions
- San Francisco Bay Area’s Sogorea Te’ Land Trust
  Led by urban Indigenous women
- If you are a resident on Lisjan Ohlone land, here’s how to pay your annual Shuumi Land Tax
- Vision for the West Berkeley Shellmound
- Drop charges against Indigenous People’s Day 5
- Protect Juristac: Amah Mutsun’s campaign to stop the mining UC Berkeley.
- Strengthen Ohlone food sovereignty in the East Bay through mak-’amham-Cafe Ohlone
- Learn more about CA native Soaproot

University Land Grant History
- UC’s land grab history workshop series
- California Morrill Map: Allocations for the UC Endowment by Tribal Group
- High Country News article on Land Grab Universities

Locate which indigenous lands you live on

Access notes for this session and watch the recording here

ANCESTRAL HEALING THROUGH FOOD AND LAND:
A PEER-TO-PEER WORKSHOP
MARCH 2, 2021 × 2 - 4 PM

Moderator: Wanda Stewart
Founder of Common Vision

Cole Rainey
Graduate Student, UC Berkeley
Agroecology Lab
Gill Tract Farm

Leslie Wiser
Farmer and Founder of Radical Family Farms
Radical Family Farms

Zion Davidson
Community Contributor with The Refuge
The Refuge
More on Zion

Alfred Melbourne
Farmer and Founder of Three Sisters Garden
Three Sisters Gardens

Josefina Chavez
Farm to Market Specialist
Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Community Alliance with Family Farmers

Resources from the Audience:
Corinne Okada Takara
Kitazawa Seed Co.

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**Innovative Land Access for Urban Farming: Private Partnerships**

**March 3, 2021 ⋆ 10 AM - 12 PM**

**Moderator:** Gail Myers  
Co-Founder of Farms To Grow, Inc.  
Dr. Myer’s film: *Rhythms of the Land*  
Donate to help complete the documentary [here](#)

**Corrina Gould**  
Tribal Spokesperson for the Confederated Villages of Lisjan/Ohlone  
Co-Founder/Co-Director of the *Sogorea Te’ Land Trust*  
For residents on Lisjan Ohlone land, calculate your annual Shuumi Land Tax [here](#)  
Explore the vision for the *West Berkeley Shellmound*

**Raul Lozano**  
Founder and Executive Director of *Valley Verde*  
Learn more about Raul and Super Jardineros [here](#)

**Rev. Dr. Melinda McLain**  
Pastor  
*The Good Table of the United Church of Christ*  
Partnership with *Planting Justice*

**Mai Nguyen**  
Farmer & Co-Founder of Minnow  
*Minnow*, part land trust, part land acquisition, aimed at land justice  
Learn more about Farmer Mai

**Resources from the Audience:**

**Kelly Rae Kirkpatrick**  
*Rochester, MN Seed Library*  
*Rochester, MN City Council*  
*Urban Agriculture State Legislation*

**Rob Bennaton**  
*USDA Urban Natural Resources Stewardship*

**Jade Quizon**  
*San Jose, CA Urban Agriculture Incentive Zone Ordinance*

**Resources from the Audience:**

**Mariel Borgman**  
*ZooCity Food and Farm Network*  
in Kalamazoo, MI

**Julio Contreras**  
Masanobu Fukuoka’s *Natural Farming*

**Jennifer Trevis**  
Ecology Center’s blog post titled *“Pulling Arsenic from the Santa Fe Right-of-Way”*

**Marit Doshi**  
*Sustainable Economies Law Center*

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**Innovative Land Access for Urban Farming: Public Partnerships**

**March 4, 2021 ⋆ 10 AM - 12 PM**

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Co-Founder of Farms To Grow, Inc.  
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CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDUCATION IN URBAN AGROECOLOGY
MARCH 4, 2021 × 2 – 4 PM

Moderator: Kelly Carlisle
Founder and Executive Director
Acta Non Verba - Urban Youth Farm Project

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Resources from the Audience:

Jennifer Sowerwine
Urban Tilth

Marit Doshi
UC Berkeley Native Student Development Action Required: Using A Land Acknowledgement (1 hr video)

Benjamin Fahrer
US House Agriculture Committee addressing climate solutions through regenerative agriculture (4 hr video)

Jrressources from the Audience:

Jeanette Koncikowski
Executive Director Grassroots Gardens of Western New York

Gail Wells
Founder Buffalo Freedom Gardens New York state’s Black Farmers United

Richard Garcia
Co-Founder & Executive Director Alma Backyard Farms

View and notes session agenda and notes

JUST TRANSITION TO AGROECOLOGY:
TRANSFERRING POWER AND RESTORING SOVEREIGNTY TO BIPOC LAND STEWARDS
MARCH 8, 2021 × 2 – 4 PM

Moderator: Charisma Acey
Associate Professor of City & Regional Planning at UC Berkeley Faculty Director, Berkeley Food Institute

Julio Contreras
Cooperative Extension Community Education Specialist UC ANR Assistant Beekeeper of his family’s business, Joe’s Honey

Lisa ‘Tiny’ Gray-Garcia
Co-Founder POOR Magazine & Prensa POBRE/PoorNewsNetwork Race, Poverty, and Media Justice Institute Read more about Tiny Contact: poormag@gmail.com

Vincent Medina & Louis Trevino
Founders Cafe Ohlone by mak-amham

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INNOVATIVE LAND ACCESS FOR URBAN FARMING:
LEGAL & POLICY DIMENSIONS
MARCH 9, 2021 × 3 - 5 PM

Moderator: Nina F. Ichikawa
Executive Director, Berkeley Food Institute
BFI Policy Briefs

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CA State Senator Sydney Kamlager
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Resources from the Audience:
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US Composting Council

STRENGTHENING AGROECOLOGICAL RESILIENCE
IN THE CITY
MARCH 10, 2021 × 10 AM - 12 PM

Moderator: Tim Bowles
Associate Professor in Department of Environmental Science, Policy and Management (ESPM) at UC Berkeley

Cole Rainey
Graduate student at UC Berkeley
Agroecology Lab & Gill Tract Farm

Natalia Pinzón
Graduate student at UC Davis
CAFF’s Disaster Clearinghouse Before Disaster Strikes
“Farmers Build Wildfire Resilience,” online course for farmers facing the future of fires
Support Nuestra Communidad farmworker disaster response efforts

Tanamá Varas
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Josh Arnold
Professor of Sustainable Agriculture at Warren Wilson University
Read Josh’s recent blog on beneficial & pest insects “the good, the bad, and the bugly”

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Learn more about soil pH

Evan Wiig
Director of Membership & Communications
Community Alliance with Family Farmers
Letter to the new US secretary of Agriculture (15 min video)

Resources from the Audience:
Liz Carlisle
Research paper on Bettering our Ecologically Skilled Workforce
Research paper on Investing in new entry sustainable farmers

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Closing Session: Connecting the Dots
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Key Note Speaker: Valentin Lopez
Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band
President of the Amah Mutsun Land Trust

Growing Roots Collaborative
- Growing Roots website
- East Bay Area Growing Roots Collaborative Newsletter
- Current Growing Roots research & extension project (2018-2021)
- Current Growing Roots team members
- The sustainable urban farming project that inspired this conference
- Other resources & publications

Resources from the Audience:
- Paul Rogé
  Learn more about the Ohlone People of Santa Cruz, CA
- Rob Bennanton
  Land Grant University Policy Brief (2013)
- Cole Rainey
  Instagram: @savetheshellmounds
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Thank you for attending!

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