

Curriculum vitae

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Agricultural Experience

- **Co-owner of UpTunket Farm in Pawlet, VT (1997-present):** Management and daily labor for grass-based herd of approximately 30-45 American Milking Devon heritage cattle. Products include breeding stock, beef, poultry, and timber.
- **Founder and Farm Manager of GMC College Farm (1997-2001):** Development and oversight of college's new 23-acre farm enterprise, including management of student labor, funding, budgets, and curricular development and integration.
- **Farm Manager at Clayton's Orchard and Nursery in Candor, NC (1995-96 and various summers):** Labor and oversight of 192-acre farm specializing in peaches, grapes, melons, and fruit tree nursery stock.
- **Farm Manager at Brunnenburg Castle & Agricultural Museum in the South Tirol region of Italy (1991-94):** Management of five-acre commercial vineyard, fruit and nut orchards, gardens, diversified livestock, construction projects, museum infrastructure, and student labor.

Education & Engagement

- **Principal at Food Solutions LLC (August 2022-present):** Provide consulting services to a variety of regional and international clients in food systems, regenerative/organic agriculture, conservation, higher education, innovative media, research, and grant writing. Offer online courses at www.freerangeprof.com.
- **Special Projects at The Lexicon & Lead Facilitator for The Lexicon's "Meat OS Activator" (May 2022-present):** Coordinate and facilitate development of multimedia projects at [The Lexicon](http://TheLexicon.com), including in-depth research and final proofing. Significant focus on collaborative inquiry through Lexicon activators on the development of new market and philanthropic opportunities that support not only climate solutions but also the stewardship of soil, water, air, biodiversity, and equity through the lenses and language of The Lexicon's [Ecological Benefits Framework](http://TheLexicon.com/EcologicalBenefitsFramework).

Facilitation of the [Meat OS Activator](#), a six-month accelerator of 40+ experts in the US meat sector, dedicated to developing an open-source toolkit for a more sustainable meat sector, with continued regional development in 2023-24.

- **Executive Director of Regen by Design (RxD) (February 2021-May 2022):** Management of a collaborative education, research, & consulting initiative focused on regenerative communities, with food and agriculture at the center.
- **Dean of Professional Studies & Faculty Member, School of the New American Farmstead at Sterling College (January 2019-January 2021):** Development and management of Sterling College's Professional Studies professional certificate programs, courses, study tours, and School of the New American Farmstead at Sterling College, including launch of college's first online class, with 200+ participants from 26 countries. Major funding procured for onsite and online curricula created to equip new farmers, food entrepreneurs, culinary and health professionals, nutritionists, advocacy experts, and community organizers with the skills and knowledge necessary to create regenerative and resilient food systems in the US and abroad. Target audiences included individuals in rural, urban, and underserved communities seeking accessible and affordable educational opportunities.
- **Full Professor, Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems (previously in Environmental Studies) at Green Mountain College (1999-2018):** Courses taught included *Contemporary Food Systems* (graduate level), *Sustainable Livestock Production* (graduate level), *Turning Traditions into Markets: Study Tour in the South Tirol* (graduate level), *History of American Agriculture* (graduate level), *Fundamentals of Organic Agriculture; Agroecology; Animal Husbandry; Sustainable Farming Systems; Agroecology in the Alps; Food, Agriculture, and Community Development in the Northeast; Biodiversity Issues in Agriculture: Seeds, Trees, & Livestock* (now divided into separate courses for *Seeds & Trees* and *Livestock*); *Farm Skills Intensive: Season Extension*; *Current Choices: Biography of a River*; *Images of Nature*; *Delicate Balance*; *Dimensions of Nature*; *Introduction to Environmental Studies*, *A Homesteader's Ecology*, and *Of Skill & Scale: Stories from the New Frontier*. Designed "Sustainable Agriculture & Food Production" (SAFP) major; served as SAFP program director (2002-2013).
- **Founder and Director of the Green Mountain College Masters in Sustainable Food Systems (MSFS) program (2010-2015):** Initiated the collaborative development and accreditation of the nation's first online masters program in Sustainable Food Systems, a 13-course graduate program that capitalizes upon students researching, comparing, and transforming their diverse regional food systems. Responsibilities included course development and management; program marketing; student recruitment; annual residency program; oversight of student capstone projects; faculty recruitment and oversight; curricular evaluation and revision. (Program now offered through Prescott College in Arizona)
- **Director of the Green Mountain College Farm & Food Project (2001-2017), renamed Director of Green Mountain College Sustainable Food Solutions Initiative (2017-18):** Responsibilities included development of integrated initiatives related to Sustainable Agriculture & Food Systems major, MSFS graduate program, college farm, dining hall, and associated outreach and education; oversight of GMC college farm; support for college dining hall's Sustainable Purchasing Initiative; oversight of related budgets; grant writing and administration; fundraising for and development of infrastructure for college farm and associated facilities (offices, teaching space, commercial kitchen, edible lawn project); research and development for masters program in Sustainable Food Systems; and outreach and education programs at regional, national, and international levels.
- **Founder & Director of the Sustainable Agriculture & Food Production Program (2001-2013):** Responsibilities included development and oversight of undergraduate coursework and major in

Sustainable Agriculture & Food Production, including the full development, teaching, and oversight of ten undergraduate courses in sustainable agriculture.

- **Coordinator for Green Mountain College Brunnenburg Castle & Agricultural Museum Programs & Internships (2005-2018):** Established and oversaw semester-long programs and internships at Brunnenburg International Study Center in the autonomous province of South Tirol in Italy. Responsibilities included budgeting, curricular oversight, student and faculty recruitment, and contractual agreements, as well as recruitment of interns for fall, spring, and summer positions.
- **Designer & Director of Vermont Food Systems Inaugural Summer Study Tour (May 2014-August 2015):** Contracted by the Vermont Food Systems Higher Education Consortium to develop a 21-day summer study tour (graduate and undergraduate credit) examining the Vermont food system through the lenses and faculty expertise of seven member institutions, including curriculum, recruitment materials, admissions management, and budget development and oversight.
- **Director of Environmental Initiatives at Green Mountain College (1997-2002):** Developed and managed several key sustainability initiatives during seminal stages of college's transition to an environmental liberal arts college, including recycling, composting, DEEP Scholars program, field-based coursework for Images of Nature, and creation of First-Year Programming with sustainability theme.
- **Founder of Green Mountain College's Cerridwen Farm (1997):** Established on-campus college farm, beginning with a ½ acre garden area that grew into an organic-certified 23 acre working farm featuring diversified vegetable & livestock farming, multiple season-extension structures, CSA, real-time & online farmers markets, dining hall sales and education, a Community Commercial Kitchen, a front-yard Kitchen Garden, cob oven, and community outreach and education.
- **History Instructor for Troy Academy (1997-98):** Program for accelerated high school students
- **Academic Director of Action English summer program for Meiji Gakuin University of Tokyo (1996-98)**
- **Instructor and Assistant Director of the English Language Institute at Green Mountain College (1996-97)**
- **Organizer and translator for U.S. lecture tour** of Austrian photographers Erika and Irmtraud Hubatschek on Alpine and Corsican agriculture
- **Organizer, curator, and fundraiser for photographic exhibit, bilingual catalog, and lecture series on Alpine farm life.** Arranged two-week lecture series and did all near-simultaneous translations (1995)
- **Liaison, curator, and editor for cultural exchange between Brunnenburg Agricultural Museum in Italy and Mountain Gateway Museum in North Carolina,** culminating in photographic exhibit and bilingual catalog on Southern Appalachian agriculture (1994)
- **Managing Director of Brunnenburg Castle International Study Program and Farm Manager in Dorf Tirol (autonomous province of South Tirol), Italy (1991-94):** Oversight of curriculum, international study tours, and residence life issues for various college programs based at Brunnenburg Castle. Courses taught include *Agro-archaeology*, *Medieval Literature and Iconography ("Saints and Heroes")*, *The Poetics of Space*, and *Survival German*
- **Staff for experimental "new Black Mountain College" (1989)**
- **Resident St. Andrews College faculty member at Brunnenburg Castle:** taught *Culture Through Composition* (Aug-Dec 1988)

- **Resident St. Andrews College faculty member at CET Chinese Language Training Center in Beijing, China:** taught *Modern Chinese Culture* and supervised 12 students' independent studies (Jan-May 1988)
- **Founder and Director of Supplemental Writing Tutorial Program at St. Andrews College (1986-87)**
- **Instructor at St. Andrews College (1986-87):** Courses taught include *SAGE (St. Andrews General Education)* courses in freshman composition, remedial writing, and peer-tutoring, as well as *English as a Foreign Language*
- **Editorial Assistant for St. Andrews Press (1987)**
- **Resident Director of college residence hall at St. Andrews College (1987-88)**
- **Assistant to President of St. Andrews College (1986-87)**

Academic Committee Service

Board of Trustees College Advancement Committee (Faculty representative, 2 terms, 2016-18), 2013-14 Task Force for Curricular and Schedule Revision, Faculty Council Executive Board (chair of faculty, two years), Faculty Development & Evaluation Committee (chair, two years), Presidential Search Committee, Graduate Programs Council, Environmental Liberal Arts Council, Program Directors Council, International Programs Committee, College Land Use Committee, Campus Greening Committee, and multiple faculty and staff search committees.

Professional Service

- **Board member of Vermont Farmers Food Center in Rutland, Vermont,** focused on the "access and availability of locally produced food in the Rutland Region through education, expanding markets and market access, aggregation, and distribution of locally produced and value added agricultural products" (2021-present)
- **Advisory Committee Member for Vermont State University's Agriculture & Food Systems Transformation,** providing perspective and network opportunities for curricular and facilities initiatives (June 2021-present)
- **Advisor to the Regenerative Food Network,** a B corporation intended to serve as "a catalyst for the Good Food System by identifying local partners doing great work in their communities and empowering them with finance, infrastructure, and technology" (2019-2022)
- **Program Models Team Chair for Vermont Technical College's Agriculture and Food System Transformation Project,** an initiative designed to assess and redesign the college's agricultural curriculum and infrastructure (2020-21).
- **Curriculum Developer for "Vermont Food Systems Scholars,"** an "innovative Summer 2015 food systems tour through Vermont as the key initiative for the Vermont Higher Education Food Systems Consortium (2014)
- **Manuscript Reviews** for *Journal of Mountain Research and Development*, University of Iowa Press, *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, & Community Development*, and UVM Food Systems Summit
- **Advisor and content specialist for Blue Ridge Seeds of Change and Heifer International** for their efforts in linking local food systems, regional economic development, poverty, and public health in five counties in NC/TN through a \$1.5 million grant from Heifer (one of two such projects in the US) (2013-2014)
- **Editorial Review Board for Sustainability: The Journal of Record** (2013-2016)

- **UVM Food Systems Steering Committee member** (2013-2017)
- **Board member of Vermont Sustainable Agriculture Council**, chaired by the VT Secretary of Agriculture in order to promote statewide initiatives in sustainable agriculture, including development of the Vermont Farm to Plate Initiative (2006-2016)
- **Founding member and officer of the Rutland Area Farm & Food Link (RAFFL)**, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization dedicated to building the services, outreach, and infrastructure necessary to increase the agricultural capacity of the region surrounding Rutland, VT (2003-2011)
- **Board member and officer of the Poultney-Mettowee Natural Resource Conservation District**, an organization dedicated to conserving the natural resources and agricultural production capacity of the Poultney-Mettowee Watershed (1998-2016)
- **Steward of The Nature Conservancy's North Pawlet Hills Preserve**, the most visited TNC preserve in Vermont (2004-present)

Graduate Education

M.S. in "Environmental Biology" (Conservation Biology) from Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH

Additional graduate study:

- George Mason University (literature)
- San Francisco Theological Seminary (theology)
- Northeastern University (teaching composition)

Undergraduate Education

B.A. in Philosophy from St. Andrews College in Laurinburg, NC

International Study

Navdanya Earth Journey to Garhwal region of Himalayas (October 2017)

CET Chinese Language Training Center in Beijing, China (Jan-May 1988)

Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France (Jan-May 1984)

St. Andrews in Greece Program (Jan 1984)

St. Andrews at Brunnenburg Castle in Italy (Aug-Dec 1983)

Language Abilities

German: High Intermediate (incl. Tirolean dialect)

French: Intermediate

Chinese: Beginning

Italian: Beginning

Honors

- Elected Faculty Chair for 2010-2012
- Methodist Award for Excellence in Teaching at GMC (2011)

- Robert W. Leonard Award for Excellence in Teaching (2010)
- Vermont Governor's Award for Environmental Excellence in Education (2008)
- Presidential Scholarship to San Francisco Theological Seminary (full tuition)
- Scholarship to Institute for American Universities in Aix-en-Provence, France
- Distinguished Scholarship to St. Andrews College (full tuition)

Publications

- Book Review: *Oaks and the Apennines: Truffle Cultivation, Heritage Foods, Sustainability and Well-Being in Italy*, *Mountain Research and Development* 38(1): 88-89, 2018.
<https://doi.org/10.1659/mrd.mm214>
- [*A Precautionary Tale: How One Small Town Banned Pesticides, Preserved its Food Heritage, and Inspired a Movement*](#): The story of how a group of unwitting activists in the small town of Mals, high in the Italian Alps, came together to confront the pesticide-intensive apple industry that sought to take over their valley, only to become the world's first pesticide-free township. The book is part of Toppling Goliath, a collaborative multimedia project (www.topplinggoliath.org) with [Douglas Gayeton](#) and Pier Giorgio Provenzano of the [Lexicon of Sustainability](#) and Michael de Rachewiltz of [Brunnenburg Agricultural Museum](#). (Chelsea Green Publishing: November 2017)
Recommended reading by Center for Biological Diversity (<https://therevelator.org/revelator-reads-november/>), FoodTank (<https://foodtank.com/news/2018/04/2018-food-tank-spring-reading-list/>), Sustainable Food Trust (<https://sustainablefoodtrust.org/articles/what-to-read-in-2018/>), Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development (<https://doi.org/10.5304/jafscd.2018.082.004>), and others.
- "Turning Bed Sheets into Banners: A Mountain Community Turns the Tide of Industrial Agriculture": *Resurgence & Ecologist*, Issue 306 (January/February 2018)
- "Veranschaulichte Nachhaltigkeit: Was wir von Erika gelernt haben" ("Documented Sustainability: What We Learned from Erika"): Chapter in *Erika Hubatschek: Ein Portrait im Spiegel* (Edition Hubatschek, 2017)
- ["Update: Mals, An Organic Italian Town."](#) Follow-up to Pesticide Action Network-UK Newsletter article from June 2017. (November 2017)
- "Agroecology & Diversity: Toward Poison-Free Farming & Earth Democracy in Action": A recounting of how the particularities of a mountain ecosystem made the choice for a poison-free future a rational political and ecological choice in the township of Mals in the South Tirol province in Italy. Appeared in *Bhoomi: Listening to the Mountains*, published by Navdanya Research Foundation for Science, Technology, & Ecology. (October 2017)
- ["Organic Uprising: How a Town in the Italian Alps Said "Yes" to a Pesticide-Free Future"](#): An overview of the story of how the town of Mals set a global precedent through a public referendum that led to the banning of all synthetic pesticides and a reclaiming of the town's organic future. Pesticide Action Network-UK Newsletter (June 2017)
- "Alpine Upstart: How a Little Town Fought For Its Right To A Pesticide-Free Future—And Won," *Rodale's Organic Life*. (July/August 2016)

- ["Ur-ganic: An Alpine Township Considers Banning Pesticides"](#): First article to appear in U.S. media on the global precedent of a town that voted to eliminate all pesticides in a municipality. (September 17, 2014)
- [Rebuilding the Foodshed: How to Create Local, Sustainable, and Secure Food Systems](#): An in-depth examination of transforming local food interests into community-based food systems, this book uses the lenses of food justice, food security, energy, ecological concerns, and market innovations to rethink the building blocks of healthier and more democratic "foodsheds." This Community Resilience Guide is a joint project between the Post-Carbon Institute and Chelsea Green Publishing. (February 2013)
- ["Educating our Future Farmers: Livestock & the Liberal Arts."](#) invited profile for Animal Welfare Approved Spring 2014 newsletter.
- ["Foodshed as New Democracy."](#) invited essay for *360° Analysis*. (October 23, 2013)
- ["A Foodshed View of Resilience."](#) invited essay for *Landscapes Blog for People, Food, and Nature*. (August 12, 2013)
- ["Cultivating Values on the College Farm, or, Revisionist History Has No Future."](#) invited article for *Pacific Standard Magazine*, republished by Resilience.org. (September 4, 2013)
- ["Open-Ended Turkey, Green Mountain College's Oxengate, and the Search for Food Sovereignty."](#) invited article for *Good* magazine. (November 27, 2012)
- "Request for Common Cause: A Public Letter": Circulated and posted by numerous organizations across the U.S.
- [Up Tunket Road: The Education of a Modern Homesteader](#): Written as a back-to-the-land narrative, this book examines the role of the modern homesteader—whether rural, suburban, or urban—in the context of contemporary ecological and cultural issues of the early 21st century. (Chelsea Green Publishing, 2010)
- "Mountain Farmers: Lives Etched in Landscapes" ("Bergbauern: Leben in die Landschaft gezeichnet") in *Bergwelt im Wandel* (Kaerntner Landesarchivs, 2007)
- *This Field On My Back*: Translations and introduction for bilingual catalog to accompany ethnographic photography exhibition of farm life in the German-speaking Alps. (1992)
- *Into Their Labors*: Introduction, design, and editing for bilingual catalog to accompany ethnographic photography exhibition of Southern Appalachian farm life. (1993)
- *Schalensteine auf den Langseeplatte*: Article in South Tirolean archaeological magazine on personal discovery of a Stone/Bronze Age cultic site at 2300 meters in the autonomous province of South Tirol, Italy. (*Der Schlern*, 1994)

Keynotes & Presentations

2025 Calendar Year

- **Keynote for the Northwest Arkansas Local Food Network**: "Sourcing Local Ingredients for Resilient Local Food Systems" in Springdale, AK (December 10, 2025)
- **Keynote for Farm Stop National Conference**: "The Future of Local is in the Middle" in Ann Arbor, MI (March 3, 2025)

2024 Calendar Year

- **Keynote for NOFA-New Hampshire Annual Conference:** “Hope is a Choice; Change is a Strategy” in Manchester, NH (February 10, 2024)
- **Workshop for NOFA-New Hampshire Annual Conference:** “Hindsight is Foresight: A 20-20 View of Livestock Farming” in Manchester, NH (February 10, 2024)
- **Presenter for FSNE Policy Solutions Webinar:** “USDA Investments in Conservation and Climate-Resilience in New England: Assessing the Impact and Advocating for the Future” (February 9, 2024)

2023 Calendar Year

- **Presentation & Panel Moderator at Vermont Farm to Plate Summit:** “Rebuilding the Middle: Collaborative Regional Value Chains in the Northeast” in Killington, VT (November 17, 2023)
- **Presentation & Panel Moderator at Google Food Lab:** “Meat: The Missing Middle” in Mountain View, CA (April 28, 2023)

2022 Calendar Year

- **Opening Keynote for “Dig In: The Atlantic Canada Food Systems Summit”** in Hebert, Nova Scotia (November 17, 2022)
- **Presenter for the International Workshop on Agritourism:** “Online Tools to Maximize Agritourism’s Educational Impact,” Burlington, Vermont (August 31, 2022)
- **Co-presenter for the International Workshop on Agritourism:** “Deep Agritourism with a Museum in the Middle,” Burlington, Vermont (August 31, 2022)
- **Closing Remarks for the International Workshop on Agritourism:** Burlington, Vermont (September 1, 2022)
- **Keynote Speaker for Vermont Farmers’ Food Center Annual Meeting** in Rutland, Vermont (July 15, 2022)
- **Keynote Address for Pitney Meadows Community Farm Annual Community Forum**, entitled “Regenerating Stewardship While Stewarding Regeneration,” in Saratoga Springs, New York (May 1, 2022)

2019-20 Academic Year

- [“Lift Off” hybridized presentation](#) at the Michelberger Hotel in Munich, Germany (June 2020)
- [Rebuilding the Foodshed: Musings & Models to Inspire the “New Mills 2030”](#) webinar presentation for the citizens of New Mills (UK) (April 2020)
- **Closing Keynote for New England Campus Farmer Summit** at Stonehill College in Easton, MA (February 2020)
- [“Empowering Citizens to Advance a Pesticide-Free Future”](#) presentation & panel presentation at Real Truth About Health Conference in Long Island, NY (January 2020)

2018-19 Academic Year

- **Opening Keynote for Undergraduate Academic Year at Sciences Po** in Reim, France, following first-year summer reading program featuring *A Precautionary Tale* (August 2019)

2017-18 Academic Year

- **Panelist on Food & Agricultural Entrepreneurship in VT for Vermont Young Professionals Summit:** Rutland, VT (September 9, 2017)
- **Guest lecturer for Agroecology A-Z course:** Navdanya Earth University and Biodiversity Conservation Farm in the Indian state of Uttarakhand (September 28-30, 2017)
- **Presenter for 2017 Bhoomi “Listening to the Mountains” Conference:** India International Centre in New Delhi (October 1, 2017)
- **Panelist on Food Systems Education in Vermont:** 2017 Vermont Farm to Plate Summit Killington, VT (October 26, 2017)
- **“A Precautionary Tale” Book Launch Presentation and Pop Up Show:** Northshire bookstore in Manchester, VT (November 19, 2017)
- **Keynote Speaker for Maine Federation of Farmers Markets:** “Hacking the Local Foodshed: Why Farmers’ Markets Matter More Than Ever” at the Augusta Convention Center (January 11, 2018)
- **“Say ‘Yes!’ to a Pesticide-Free Future”:** Presentation and pop up show of collaborative multimedia project at EcoFarm conference, Santa Cruz, CA (January 24-25, 2018)
- **Toppling Goliath Pop Up Show for CUESA (Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture):** San Francisco Farmers Market at the Ferry Terminal Building (January 27, 2018)
- **Presentation to the Berkeley Food Institute & Center for Diversified Farming Systems:** “Documenting A Precautionary Tale: How the Story of One Small Italian Town’s Fight for a Pesticide-Free Future Changed the International Narrative” at UC-Berkeley (January 29, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show for the University of Vermont Medical Center’s Healthsource Lecture Series:** “A Precautionary Tale” (February 6, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show:** “Biodiversity at the Core: How the Apple Created an Organic Revolution,” co-presented with Dr. Robin Currey for NOFA-VT Winter Conference in Burlington, VT (February 17, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show:** “A Precautionary Tale” at River Landing Retirement Community, Colfax, NC (March 8, 2018)
- **Presentations and Pop Up Show:** “Pesticide Free Communities” at the Organic Growers School in Asheville, NC (March 10 & 11, 2018)
- **Workshop & Pop Up Show:** “The Role of the Precautionary Principle and Direct Democracy in Securing an Organic Future” for the NOFA-NH Winter Conference in Concord, NH (March 18, 2018)
- **Workshop & Pop Up Show:** “A Precautionary Tale: A Visual Narrative of How One Small Town Banned Pesticides, Preserved its Food Heritage, and Inspired a Movement” for the NOFA-NH Winter Conference in Concord, NH (March 18, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show for University of Massachusetts-Amherst Global Food Studies class:** “A Precautionary Tale,” Amherst, MA (April 4, 2018)
- **Panelist for Beyond Pesticides Workshop:** “Creating Just, Local, Organic Food Systems” in Irvine, CA (April 14, 2018)

- **Closing Keynote & Pop Up Show for Beyond Pesticides Forum:** “A Precautionary Tale: How a Small Italian Town Set Out to Create a Pesticide-Free Future and Set Off an International Movement” in Irvine, CA (April 14, 2018)
- **Public Presentation, Pop Up Show, & Pesticide Overview for Food Policy Class:** “A Precautionary Tale: A Visual Narrative of How One Small Town Banned Pesticides, Preserved its Food Heritage, and Inspired a Movement” for Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT (April 18, 2018)
- **Presentation & Two-Week Pop Up Show Exhibit for Pawlet Public Library:** “A Precautionary Tale,” Pawlet, VT (April 22-May 8, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show for Ford Memorial Library:** “A Precautionary Tale,” Ovid, NY (May 14, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show for Buffalo Books:** “A Precautionary Tale,” Ithaca, NY (May 15, 2018)
- **Presentation & Pop Up Show at Cornell University’s Mann Library:** “A Precautionary Tale,” Ithaca, NY (May 16, 2018)
- **Keynote for Slow Living Summit:** “The Role of Organic Communities in the Future of Food,” Brattleboro, VT (May 31, 2018)
- **Presentation to EU Social & Economic Committee:** “Reflections on Mals as a Model for Pesticide-Free Communities,” Brussels, Belgium (June 8, 2018)
- **“Mals als international Sprichwort”:** Presentation (in German) to the community of Mals with French Senator Joel Labbé, Mals, Italy (August 20, 2018)

2016-17 Academic Year

- **Keynote Speaker for National NACDEP-ANREP Conference:** “*The Green Space Between: Resource Conservation & Community Development*” in Burlington, VT (June 27, 2016)
- **“Food Hubs for the Foodshed”:** Kickoff Presentation to the UVM Food Hub Certificate Program at University of Vermont (October 2016)
- **Keynote Speaker for “Future of Farming in a Changing World”:** Conference sponsored by the Cornucopia Project in Peterborough, NH (March 25, 2017)
- **“Toppling Goliath: The World’s First Pesticide-Free Town”:** Presentation and pop up show of collaborative multimedia project to PAN-Europe General Assembly and general public in Mals, Italy (May 2017)
- **Featured Speaker for online “Local Food Summit”:** Two discussions of local food systems in the US and abroad for a [ten-day web-based conference](#) (August 2017)

2015-16 Academic Year

- **“The World’s First Pesticide-Free Town: Mals & A Summer of Research”:** Faculty Colloquium Presentation at Green Mountain College (October 14, 2015)
- **“Food Hubs for the Foodshed”:** Kickoff Presentation to the UVM Food Hub Certificate Program (October 19, 2015)
- **“Why Local Can’t Trump Organic”:** Public Lecture at Meredith College in Raleigh, NC (November 5, 2015)
- **“The College Farm as Pedagogy & Praxis”:** Presentation for Chatham University (November 9, 2015)

2014-15 Academic Year

- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Webinar for North Central Michigan College (December 3, 2014)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Keynote for Leon County Food Summit in Tallahassee, FL (January 24, 2014) Available at <http://www.leoncountyfl.gov/summit/resources.html#1>
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Webinar for Central Ontario Agricultural Conference (February 27, 2015)
- **"A Homesteader's 20/20 Hindsight"**: Presentation for Mother Earth News Fair (April 11, 2015)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation for Mother Earth News Fair (April 11, 2015)
- **"The Practice of Conservation vs. Conservation Practices"**: Keynote for Merck Farm & Forest Annual Meeting in Rupert, VT (June 13, 2015)

2013-14 Academic Year

- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation for Shelburne Farms in Shelburne, VT (September 11, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation at Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, VT (September 14, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation at Hartland Public Library in Hartland, VT (October 23, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed: Lessons from a Year of Travel"**: Presentations at the Olympia Community Center and Evergreen State University in Olympia, WA (October 29-30, 2013)
- **"Food Policy and Foodsheds"**: Co-presenter for a preconference workshop for the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) in Durham, NC (November 15, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation at the Carolina Farm Stewardship Association (CFSA) in Durham, NC (November 16, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding Regional Food Systems"**: Keynote presentation at the 2013 Virginia Farm to Table Conference at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, VA (December 4, 2013)
- **Panelist for "Regional Food System Infrastructure: Fruits & Vegetables" and "Farm-to-School: School Gardens to College Farms"**: Virginia Farm to Table Conference at Blue Ridge Community College in Weyers Cave, VA (December 4, 2013)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed: What's Cooking Across the US?"**: Presentation at the Culinary Institute of America (December 11, 2013)
- **Webinar for Massachusetts College of the Liberal Arts: Kickoff presentation for local food series** (January 2014)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation for Fletcher Allen Healthcare's "Health Source Class" seminar series (February 2014)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentations at Organic Grower's School in Asheville, NC (March 2014)
- **Webinar for Hart Leadership Fellows at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy** (March 2014)
- **"What the Devil Do We Eat?"**: Guest speaker for Hart Leadership Program at Duke University's Sanford School of Public Policy (April 2014)
- **"Farm to Table: Learning About Food Systems In and About Vermont"**: Keynote Panel with Amy Trubek of UVM on emergent graduate programs and information technology in food systems for the U.S. Agricultural Information Network (USAIN) conference in Burlington, VT (May 2014)

2012-13 Academic Year

- **Speaker of the Week for All Star II Family Conference at Star Island, NH (July):** Five presentations based on the theme of “Transitions: Building Resilience in Changing Times”
- **Workshop at National Farm to Cafeteria Conference in Burlington, VT (August):** “Mapping Your Foodshed; Telling Your Story” (co-presented with GIS specialist Dr. John Van Hoesen)
- **Panelist for National Farm to Cafeteria Conference in Burlington, VT (August):** “Growing Up Local: Vermont Farm to Institution Pioneers Share Their Stories”
- **Presentations for Mother Earth News Fair in Seven Springs, PA (September):** “Retooling for Tomorrow: Tools and Technologies for the Modern Homestead” and “A Homesteader’s 20/20 Hindsight: 20 good ideas and 20 not-so-good ideas”
- **Workshop for Bioneers “Connecting for Change” conference in New Bedford, MA (October):** “Playfully Practical: A Homesteader’s Perspective”
- **Guest lecture at York College (October):** “Local Eyes: Visioning the Not-So-Distant Future of Food” in York, PA
- **Keynote Speaker for the Vermont Association of Conservation Districts (VACD) in Rutland, VT (October):** “Conserving Common Values and the Spirit of Dialogue”
- **“Looking Back at Tomorrow: A Homesteading Retrospective”:** Bugbee Senior Center in White River Junction (January 9)
- **Testimony to the Vermont Legislature:** One hour presentation with GMC farm staff and students on “extreme” animal rights organizational tactics directed toward Green Mountain College and the livestock sector in the Northeast (January 15)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed: A College’s Call”:** Williams College in Williamstown, MA (February 13)
- **“Mapping the Foodshed”:** Presentation for GMC the MSFS Residency on mapping local foodsheds with Dr. John Van Hoesen (February 19)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at Appalachian State University in Boone, NC (March 4)
- **“Perspectives on Rebuilding the Local Food Economy”:** Presentation to the Blue Ridge Seeds of Change network in Boone, NC (March 5)
- **Reading and reflections on *Rebuilding the Foodshed*:** A book and wine event co-sponsored by the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project (ASAP) and Battery Park Book Exchange (March 5)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at Clemson University in Clemson, SC (March 6)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at UNC-Chapel Hill in Chapel Hill, NC (March 7)
- **“Visualizing the Foodshed: Maps, Food, & Vision”:** Randolph Arts Guild in Asheboro, NC (March 8)
- **Panel presentation on “Farm Crisis Communications Management”:** New England Meat Conference in Concord, NH (March 23)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at the SVF Foundation in Newport, RI (March 27)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at Antioch New England Graduate School in Keene, NH (April 5)
- **“Rebuilding the Foodshed”:** Presentation at Paul Smiths College in Paul Smiths, NY (April 9)
- **Keynote address:** Rural Vermont annual meeting in Vergennes, VT (April 10)
- **Keynote address:** Real Food Week at Middlebury College (April 11)
- **“Food Justice Policy Levers”:** Presentation to Kellogg Fellows and community at University of Arizona (April 15)
- **Earth Week Keynote presentation:** “Rebuilding the Foodshed” at Colby-Sawyer College in New London, NH (April 23)

- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Presentation at Phoenix Books in Burlington, VT (April 25)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Public presentation and class/community visits at Luther College in Decorah, IA (April 29-May1)
- **Keynote address for Local Food Shift**: "Rebuilding the Foodshed" for Local Food Shift and "keynote listener" for Boulder, CO local food system summit (May 13)
- **"Rebuilding the Foodshed"**: Keynote presentation for Real Food/Real Local conference in Athens, Ohio (May 16)
- **"Community-Based Soils"**: Presentation for Real Food/Real Local conference in Athens, Ohio (May 16)
- **"Foodshed as New Democracy"**: Lightning presentation for the Agriculture, Food, Human Values Society/Association for the Study of Food & Society conference in Lansing, MI (June 21)
- **"Foodshed as New Democracy"**: Presentation and webinar for Middlebury College FoodWorks program with students in Middlebury, VT and Louisville, KY (July 8)
- **Local Food Systems & Regional Economic Development: Opportunities and Challenges**: Presentation for inaugural Blue Ridge Seeds of Change board meeting (sponsored in part by Heifer International) in Laurel Springs, NC (July 26)

2011-12 Academic Year

- **Workshop at Solarfest in Tinmouth, VT (July)**: "Season Extension for the Farm & Homestead" (co-presented with architect Lucas Brown)
- **Workshop at Solarfest in Tinmouth, VT (July)**: "Tools and Technologies for the Modern Homesteader"
- **Keynote Speaker for SolWest renewable energy & sustainable living fair in John Day, OR (August)**: "Modern Homesteading: Positively Practical?"
- **Workshop for SolWest fair (August)**: "Rare Breeds: A Primer"
- **Presentation for NOFA Summer Conference in Amherst, MA (August)**: "Modern Homesteading and the American Back-to-the-Land Tradition"
- **Keynote Speaker for Mother Earth News Fair in Seven Springs, PA (September)**: "Playfully Practical: A Homesteader's Perspective"
- **Workshop for Mother Earth News Fair (September)**: "Local Food: Redrawing the Lines"
- **Presentation for "Seeding the Future" Conference at Dickinson College in Carlisle, PA (October)**: "The Liberal Arts & the Practical Arts: Cross-Pollination on the College Farm"
- **Keynote Speaker for AERO Annual Meeting at Glacier Lake, MT (October)**: "Sustainability Begins at Home"
- **Panelist for Vermont Food Bank Annual Conference on local food initiatives in Vermont in Burlington, VT (May)**: Overview of GMC's Sustainable Food Purchasing Initiative
- **Panelist for Slow Living Summit in Brattleboro, VT (June)**: "Sustainability in Higher Education," with an overview of the GMC Farm & Food Project
- **Panelist for Slow Living Summit in Brattleboro, VT (June)**: "Taking the Plunge," with a focus on sustainable lifestyle choices

2010-11 Academic Year

- **Featured Speaker for Empire State College's "Adirondack Residency" at Raquette Lake (October)**: Guest lecture on "Farming, Food, & the Environment: The Challenge of Knowing Better"

- **Bioneers Conference in New Bedford, MA (October):** Workshop entitled “Instead, homestead...but why and where?”
- **Thoreau Farm (birthplace of H.D. Thoreau) in Concord, MA (November):** Lecture on America’s back to the land tradition, as part of the Concord Festival of Authors series
- **Northeast Organic Farming Association of New York (NOFA-NY) Annual Conference (January):** Book reading and signing
- **EcoFarm Conference in Asilomar, CA (January):** Presentation entitled “Back to the Land: Rethinking the American Homesteading Tradition”
- **NOFA-VT Annual Conference in Burlington, VT (February):** Presentation entitled “Homesteading: A Short Glance Back & A Long Look Forward
- **Organic Growers School in Asheville, NC (March):** 2 presentations entitled “Modern Homesteading”
- **NOFA-NH Annual Conference in Exeter, NH (March):** Workshop on “Ecological Homesteading in the 21st Century”
- **Featured Speaker for North Country Gardening Symposium in Chestertown, NY (April):** Presentation entitled “Gardens of the Future: Stories of Skill, Scale, & School”
- **Multi-media Lecture at David Hunt Library in Falls Village, CT (April):** Presentation on *Up Tunket Road* and the evolution of modern homesteading

2009-10 Academic Year

- **Middlebury College (January):** Brief lecture on “Sustainable Agriculture & the Liberal Arts,” as part of a panel on sustainable agriculture in higher education
- **Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont (NOFA-VT) Annual Conference (February) :** “Agriculture & Higher Education” panel member
- **Vermont Farm to Plate Statewide Summit (April):** Moderator for stakeholder input on “Livestock Processing in VT”
- **Antioch New England Graduate School (April):** Reading of excerpts from *Up Tunket Road* as part of an alumni authors presentation
- **GMC Faculty Colloquium (May):** Debut reading of *Up Tunket Road* as part of 2008-09 sabbatical report to the college
- **Union College (May):** Presentation on “Sustainable Agriculture and Homesteading in the Liberal Arts Tradition”
- **Invitation to participate in the National FoodCorps Summit in Detroit (May):** A gathering of 40 leaders from around the US to develop a model for a National FoodCorps
- **Book reading (May):** Phoenix Books in Essex, VT
- **Book reading (June):** Briggs & Carriage Bookstore in Brandon, VT
- **Book reading (July):** Northshire Bookstore in Manchester, VT
- **Solarfest 2010 (July):** Two workshops, including “High Tunnel Season Extension with Solar Thermal Root-zone Heating” and “Modern Homesteading”
- **Bookstock at Woodstock (August):** “Rethinking the Back-to-the-Land Literary Tradition: Reflections from *Up Tunket Road: the Education of a Modern Homesteader*”
- **Book reading (August):** River Landing Retirement Community in Greensboro, NC

2008-09 Academic Year

- **American Livestock Breeds Conservancy conference presentation (September):** Invited to present an overview of the use of rare breeds for education on GMC's Cerridwen Farm and in our curriculum at the annual ALBC conference in Kalamazoo, MI
- **Terra Madre 2008 (October):** Invited to present the GMC Farm & Food Project to the 800 U.S. delegates in Turin, Italy, and the GMC presentation was one of the three presentations posted as a video sampling of the U.S. meeting on the Internet
- **Addison County Farmers' Gathering (February):** RAFFL board members presented RAFFL's Food Hub concept to a gathering of farmers in Addison County, including the college's role in the development of the concept
- **Vermont Campus Compact (April):** Co-presented with Theresa Snow of the VT FoodBank on food security in VT and the idea of creating a VT FoodCorps in collaboration with Vermont Campus Compact
- **SIT Renew Conference (April):** Invited to present on the integration of farming and food issues into higher education curricula and to privately consult with SIT students and faculty on strategies for successfully starting an effective campus garden/farm
- **Solarfest 2009 (July):** Two presentations, including "Season Extension" and "Modern Homesteading"

2007-08 Academic Year

- **UVM Center for Sustainable Agriculture "New Farmer Workshop" (August):** Hosted on the GMC college farm in August, including tour and presentations
- **National Farm-Based Education Alliance conference (November):** organized and chaired a panel on college farms
- **Statewide conference in Virginia on rebuilding the Virginia food system (March):** Presentation on the GMC Farm & Food Project and guest lectures at James Madison University and Eastern Mennonite University
- **Solarfest 2008 (July):** Two workshops, including one on season extension and the other one the ethics and ecology of raising meat for food

2006-07 Academic Year

- **Slow Food's Terra Madre 2006 (October):** Presentation on fall 2006 block course approach to researching regional food systems and local food purchasing programs to international audience in Turin, Italy
- **Annual Farmers' Gathering, co-sponsored with Rutland Area Farm & Food Link (RAFFL) (December):** Presentation of information derived from block course on potential for and challenges to institutional food purchasing from local producers
- **NOFA-VT Annual Conference (February):** One of three workshop panelists on implementing changes for purchasing of local foods in educational institutions
- **Community Food Security Coalition National Conference (March):** One of three workshop panelists on leveraging and supporting local food purchasing in institutional settings
- **Solarfest (July):** Two-hour workshop on "Season Extension"

“A Precautionary Tale” Interviews, Podcasts, & Presentations

VIDEO: Closing Keynote for Beyond Pesticides Forum in Irvine, CA (April 2018)

<https://youtu.be/mwd2m1Ut0dQ>

VIDEO: “Rising Up with Sonali”

Archive: <https://vimeo.com/251554287>

Jeff Schechtman’s Specific Gravity

Archive: <http://specific-gravity.blogspot.com/2018/02/a-model-for-power-of-local-agriculture.html>

KCBX “Ideasphere” with Guy Rathbun

Archive: <https://beta.prx.org/stories/231119>

Writer’s Voice with Francesca Rheannon

Archive: <https://www.writersvoice.net/tag/philip-ackerman-leist/>

The Permaculture Podcast with Scott Mann

Archive: <http://www.thepermaculturepodcast.com/2018/1809/>

Real Food Media with Anna Lappé

Archive: realfoodmedia.org/portfolio/a-precautionary-tale/

Food Sleuth Radio with Melinda Hemmelgarn

Archive: <https://beta.prx.org/stories/246854>

The Organic Farm Stand with Bill Duesing

Archive:

<https://www.stitcher.com/podcast/wpkn-radio/wpkn-community-radio/e/55000601?autoplay=true>

Urban Farm U with Greg Peterson

Archive: <https://www.urbanfarm.org/2018/07/28/371-philip-ackerman-leist/>

PRINT: Discussion with Sharon Palmer of “The Plant-Powered Dietitian”

<https://sharonpalmer.com/a-discussion-on-the-impacts-of-modern-agriculture/> (Excerpts also available at <http://www.todaysdietitian.com/newarchives/0318p36.shtml>)

PRINT: Interview with Erik Hoffner for Heifer International World Ark magazine

<https://www.heifer.org/join-the-conversation/blog/2018/August/the-town-that-banned-pesticides.html>

PRINT: Interview with Tracy Frisch for ACRES USA magazine

<http://ecofarmingdaily.com/defending-way-life-pesticides/>

“Rebuilding the Foodshed” Interviews, Podcasts, and Presentations (selected from 30 interviews between February-July 2013)

Webinar hosted by the [Post Carbon Institute](#) and [Transition US](#) on June 29. The presentation can be seen at <http://www.resilience.org/stories/2013-06-07/webinar-rebuilding-the-foodshed-virtual-book-talk-with-philip-ackerman-leist>

“Connecting the Dots” with Alison Rose-Levy (February 27, 2013)
Archive: <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/connect-the-dots/id443928331>

“In Deep” and “Live from the Left Coast” with Peter B. Collins (March 16, 2013)
Archive: http://iftlc.com/sites/default/files/media/podcast2/InDeep_AngieCoiro_130316_H2.mp3

“Viewpoints” with Pat Reuter (March 18, 2013)
Archive: <http://www.mediatracks.com/viewpoints/podcast-archives/> (aired and listed on April 7)

“Open Mind” with Cecilia Skidmore (Michigan Public Radio/NPR) (March 19, 2013)
Archive: <http://www.wgvu.org/wgvunews/index.cfm?id=om&sty=22268>

KCBX “Ideasphere” with Guy Rathbun (NPR) (March 20, 2013)
Archive: <http://www.prx.org/pieces/94928-the-food-shed>

“Earth Eats” with Annie Corrigan, Indiana Public Radio (April 1, 2013)
Archive: <http://indianapublicmedia.org/earth eats/marcia-veldman-leist-author-podcast/>

KZYX “Wilsoak Living” with Johanna Wilsoak (April 1, 2013)
Archive: <http://www.kzyx.org/index.php/talk-shows/self-help-and-sustainability/wilsoak-living/entry/wilsoak-living-changing-climate-changing-worlds-part-2>

WORT “A Public Affair” with Anjuli Brekke (April 2, 2013)
608-Archive: <http://www.wortfm.org/tag/philip-ackerman-leist/>

Sea Change Radio with Alex Wise (nationally syndicated) (April 10)
Archive: <http://lists.prx.org/pieces/95459>

KFAI “Northern Sun News” with Don Olson (April 11, 2013)
Archive: <http://kfai.org/node/35289>

KBOO “Local Focus” (Portland, OR) (May 6, 2013)
Archive: <http://kboo.fm/content/locusfocuson050413>

KOPN “Food Sleuth” with Melinda Hemmelgarn (July 2013)
Archive: <http://www.prx.org/pieces/100015-food-sleuth-radio-philip-ackerman-leist-interview>

Heritage Radio's "The Farm Report" with Erin Fairbanks (June 20, 2013)

Archive:

<http://www.heritageradionetwork.com/episodes/4330-The-Farm-Report-Episode-173-Philip-Ackerman-Leist>

"Easy Organic Radio" with Sheri Frey (July 21, 2013)

Archive: <http://www.arbico-organics.com/easy-organic-gardener-radio-show>

Radio Interviews Related to "Oxengate" at Green Mountain College

<http://www.cbc.ca/player/Radio/As+It+Happens/ID/2304585364/> (Story on CBC's "As It Happens" begins at 16:45)

<http://www.cbc.ca/asithappens/episode/2012/10/24/the-wednesday-edition-50/> (Story on CBC's "As It Happens," Part 1 at 17:05)

<http://www.thestory.org/stories/2012-11/sending-oxen-slaughter> (Dick Gordon's "The Story")

Radio interview on homesteading

An audio recording of an extended interview on homesteading for Vermont Public Radio can be located at <http://www.vpr.net/episode/47593/>.