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DETROIT FOOD SUMMIT 2018 SPOTLIGHTS COMMUNITY POWER

8th annual gathering features workshops, speakers and discussions touching every aspect of the food system

Detroit, MI, February 22, 2018—The Detroit Food Policy Council is gearing up to host hundreds of people working to build a better food system at the 8th annual Detroit Food Summit. This year's event, titled "It Takes a Village: Reclaiming Our Power in The Food System" will be March 8-9 at the Benson and Edith Ford Conference Center at the A Alfred Taubman Center for Design Education, 460 W. Baltimore Ave, Detroit, MI 48202.

The keynote will be delivered on Friday, March 9 by Dr. Monica M. White. Dr. White earned a Ph.D. from Western Michigan University in Sociology. She is an assistant professor of Environmental Justice at the University of Wisconsin-Madison with a joint appointment in the Gaylord Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and the Department of Community and Environmental Sociology and is a former Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of African American Studies at the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign. Her speech will focus on the history of Black farmers.

Her research engages communities of color and grassroots organizations that are involved in the development of sustainable community food systems as a strategy to respond to issues of hunger and food inaccessibility.

On Thursday, environmental justice activist Naim Edwards will speak about "Exploring the Village and the Power", where he will invite the audience to think about what we mean by the concept of the village and how to reclaim our power in that framework.

Other sessions will focus on the federal Farm Bill, Food as Healing, and a wide variety of workshops covering everything from an evaluation program for grocery stores to a boot camp for those new to

engaging with policy. There will also be an advocacy table where people can write letters to their legislators, register to vote, and sign petitions advocating for fair wages for restaurant workers.

DETAILS:

Thursday, March 8, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Friday, March 9, 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Benson and Edith Ford Conference Center

Alfred A. Taubman Center for Design Education, College for Creative Studies

460 W. Baltimore Ave, Detroit, MI 48202

COST: \$30 - youth, \$60 - student/senior, \$130 - regular registration, \$160 - Advocate.

WEBSITE: <http://detroitfoodpolicycouncil.net/events/detroit-food-2018>

The Detroit Food Policy Council was established in 2009 by unanimous approval of The Detroit City Council. The DFPC is an implementation, monitoring and advisory body and consists of twenty-one members, including thirteen (13) representatives from various sectors of the Food System, four (4) "at-large" representatives, one (1) youth representative and three (3) governmental representatives, one each from the Mayor's Office, City Council and The Department of Health and Wellness Promotion (DHWP).

DFPC is committed to nurturing the development and maintenance of a sustainable, localized food system and a food-secure City of Detroit in which all of its residents are hunger-free, healthy, and benefit economically from the food system that impacts their lives.

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