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FAYETTEVILLE, AR

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FRIDAY, APRIL 5, 2024



# UFWH 2024

## AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

FAYETTEVILLE TOWN CENTER

8:00AM

BREAKFAST & REGISTRATION  
*Ozark 1*

9:15AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY RACHEL SUMEKH  
*Ozark 1*

10:30AM

WORKSHOPS  
*Ozark 1, Ozark 2, Salon A, Salon B*

11:30AM

EAT LOCAL: LUNCH  
*Ozark 1, Sponsored by The Clinton School of Public Service*

1:00PM, 1:45PM

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS  
*Ozark 1 & Ozark 2*

2:30PM

KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY SUNNY BAKER  
*Ozark 1*

3:15PM

UFWH 101  
*Ozark 1*

3:45PM

POSTER PRESENTATIONS & NETWORKING MIXER  
*Ozark 3*

5:00PM

DINNER & FILM SCREENING TO FOLLOW  
*Ozark 1*



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SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2024



# UFWH 2024

## AGENDA-AT-A-GLANCE

### UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS UNION

7-9:30AM

SELF-LED FIELD TRIP TO THE FARMER'S MARKET  
*Fayetteville Historic Square*

7-9:30AM

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS' FOOD PANTRY OPEN HOUSE  
*324 Stadium Drive, Back of Bud Walton Hall*

10:15AM

WELCOME & KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY DAN GLICKMAN  
*Union Theater*

11:30PM

LUNCH & LEARN  
*Buffet set-up in Union 510; Lunch in 507 & 512*

12:30PM

WORKSHOPS  
*Union 503, 507, 512*

1:45PM

MODERATED PANEL  
*Union Theater*

2:30PM

PANEL Q&A  
*Union Theater*

2:50PM

CLOSING REMARKS  
*Union Theater*



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## APRIL 5 KEYNOTES



### RACHEL SUMEKH, she/her

Rachel Sumekh is a strategist and social impact consultant. For 10 years, she served as the CEO and Founder of Swipe Out Hunger. The organization is the leading nonprofit in addressing hunger amongst college students. Swipe Out Hunger has been recognized by The Obama White House and landed Rachel on the Forbes' 30 Under 30 list.

Swipe Out Hunger began in 2010 with a few friends at UCLA. Since, its network has grown to over 750 universities, serving millions of nourishing meals. The organization's innovative approach allows university students to donate unused funds from their meal plans to food insecure peers. In 2021, Swipe merged with the College and University Food Bank Alliance (CUFBA) becoming the home for the food pantry movement. Rachel wrote the Hunger Free Campus Act which the state of California passed and has since sent \$100+ million to anti-hunger programs on campus.

Rachel serves on the board of the Los Angeles Community College Foundation and is a graduate of UCLA. Rachel is the proud daughter of Iranian Jewish immigrants.

Learn more about Swipe at [swipehunger.org](https://swipehunger.org) and about Rachel's work at [sumekh.com](https://sumekh.com)



### SUNNY BAKER, she/her

For over 14 years, Sunny has worked to lead school food reform and create a new culture of regionally-based eating. She is currently the Senior Director of Programs and Policy at the National Farm to School Network, an organization with a vision of a strong and just food system for all, seeking deep transformation toward this vision through farm to school.

Originally from St. Louis, Sunny grew up with a deep appreciation for the natural world and a strong desire to make a positive impact on her community, values shaped by her Jewish identity. One of Sunny's most notable accomplishments was her work growing the farm to school movement in Mississippi, featured at TedXManhattan in 2014. She established Good Food for Oxford Schools and co-founded the Mississippi Farm to School Network during her decade in the state.

Sunny's career has led her to make meaningful connections between food systems and food justice work, which she sees as a crucial component of racial and economic justice. She believes every child has a right to nourishing, culturally appropriate food at school, regardless of their income, race, or geographic location. She is a frequent speaker at conferences and events, where she shares her expertise on topics such as food sovereignty and the future of school food.

A graduate of Hendrix College, Sunny is now located in Little Rock, AR, where she spends her free time practicing yoga, baking challah for Shabbat dinners, and taking forest walks with her two daughters.



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# WORKSHOPS

## OZARK 1

### BUILDING A STUDENT MOVEMENT

From developing a clear mission and goals for your organization to building a sustainable student group structure, learn best practices of how to build something to last. This interactive workshop will focus on how to embody values-driven leadership and advance your work while fostering essential team relationships.

**Rachel Sumekh**  
Entrepreneur and Activist

## OZARK 2

### ASSESSING FOOD INSECURITY & COMMUNITY NEEDS

Having spent the last decade focusing on how best to assess both the short and long-term consequences of food and nutritional insecurity, the workshop is designed to introduce students to practical approaches to needs assessment at the community level. Several strategies, both qualitative and quantitative, will be presented and students will be provided with some practical first steps to assessing the challenges and needs in their local food systems.

**Dr. Kevin M. Fitzpatrick**  
University Professor & Jones Chair in Community  
Department of Sociology and Criminology, University of Arkansas

## SALON A

### FARMERS AREN'T THE ENEMY: WORKING WITH FARMERS TO FACILITATE FOOD SECURITY

This session addresses how to meaningfully bring farmers in the conversation around the future of food security and ecological systems management. In the search to find what's possible a divide has emerged between policy makers, public opinion, and what happens on farms. By highlighting how these divides occur, and ways to mediate between the stakeholders, participants will develop a better understanding of not only the challenges and needs farmers have, but also the potential farms have for providing solutions.

**Jared Phillips**  
Farmer, Historian

## SALON B

### BUILDING COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE TO CULTIVATE NEW STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING FOOD INSECURITY

Community-based organizations (CBOs) working to address food insecurity often work with limited capacity and funding, compete with fellow CBOs for resources, and operate in a scarcity framework. In this workshop, the presenters will outline the development and work of the Northwest Arkansas Food Insecurity Community of Practice (NWA FI CofP) who implemented three pilot projects over the past three years. The NWA FI CofP was made up of 23 CBOs, local advisors who have experienced food insecurity, and a national advisory board, all working to improve equitable access to healthier foods. The presenters will then facilitate small group discussion on relationships with community-based organizations and problem solve ways attendees can lean on community networks to accomplish their goals.

**Chelsea Barker, MS, CHES**  
Program Manager

**Jenni Vaughan, RDN, LD**  
Health, Hunger & Nutrition Senior Project Manager

## APRIL 5 STUDENT SPEAKERS

1-1:30PM

OZARK 1

### SNAP Into Action: Student-Led Solutions to Federal Benefit Navigation

**Leigh Ann Stutts-Wuellner**, Doctoral Candidate in Social Work, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Chicago, IL, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA;

**Joanna Switala**, Master of Public Administration Candidate, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Chicago, IL, West Virginia University, Morgantown, WV;

**Owen Flomberg**, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Chicago, IL;

**Kathryn Stapleton**, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Chicago, IL;

**Paige Swanson**, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Chicago, IL

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1-1:30PM

OZARK 2

### Out of the Shadows: How a Global Pandemic Created a #HungerFreeUTD

**Hillary Beauchamp Campbell**, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX;

**Bel Khuu**, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX;

**Raviv Kruger**, University of Texas at Dallas, Dallas, TX

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1:45-2:15PM

OZARK 1

### Cultivating Networks between Food Insecure College Students and a Local Farmers Market

**Samantha White**, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO;

**Dr. Andrea Cullers PhD**, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO;

**Dr. Megan Bever PhD**, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO;

**Amber Carr MLS**, Missouri Southern State University, Joplin, MO

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1:45-2:15PM

OZARK 2

### Breaking Barriers: Enhancing SNAP Accessibility Through Campus Outreach

**Ariana White**, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL, Student Basic Needs Coalition, Remote



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# POSTER PRESENTATIONS

## **Cultivating Health and Community: Garden-Based and Culinary Education for a Healthier Future**

**Dr. Nathan Kemper**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Kathryn Goodrich**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Kyla Clouthier**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Eileen Masterson**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Sierra Gregory**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Alexandra Pittman**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

## **Trauma-Informed Nutrition: Eating Disorders, Food Insecurity, and Finding Hope**

**Mrs. Cassie Jones**, Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, Arkansas State University, Mountain Home, AR, Swipe Out Hunger, Los Angeles, CA, Food Bank of North Central Arkansas, Mountain Home, AR

## **From the Campus to the Capitol: Mobilizing Students for College Food Security**

**Spencer Good**, Political Theory & Constitutional Democracy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI; **Jay Lyon**, Social Relations & Policy, Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI

## **Increasing Preferred Food Items for Pantry Clients through Strategic Grant Utilization**

**Katelyn Helberg**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Harper King**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Avie Timby**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

## **University food pantry Comet Cupboard expands its efforts via community partnership: An overview**

**Raviv Kruger**, Student Coordinator, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX; **Bel Khuu**, Program Specialist, University of Texas at Dallas, Richardson, TX

## **Addressing Basic Needs, Fostering Belonging: The Northeast Texas CARE Center**

**Tonya Elmore BSW – MSW seeking**, Community Outreach, Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, TX; Texas A&M University–Commerce, Commerce, TX; **Americorps Vista Mckenna Neal BSW**, AmeriCorps, Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, TX; **Carmen Shurtleff**, Faculty Advisor, Northeast Texas Community College, Mt. Pleasant, TX

## **Developing and Strengthening Basic Needs Initiatives at Central Washington University**

**Andrea Guillen BS**, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; **Charles Johnson**, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

## **Solving Common Roadblocks of the Standard Food Pantry Model with Fully Automated Food Pantries**

**Jonathan Chin**, New York University, New York City, NY



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## **Self-Starters for Food Preparation: A Public Health Initiative**

**Ms. Marin Chamberlin**, Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and Constitutional Democracy, University of Missouri–Columbia, Columbia, MO, Deaton Scholars Program, Columbia, MO; **Mr. David Golden**, University of Missouri–Columbia, Columbia, MO, Deaton Scholars Program, Columbia, MO

## **Mitigating Hunger on College Campuses through Optimized Food Pantry Locker Systems**

**Jacob Holmes**, Bachelors of Science in Industrial Engineering; Bachelor of Arts in French and German, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Dr. Ashlea Bennett Milburn**, Doctor of Philosophy, Masters of Science, Bachelors of Science in Industrial and Systems Engineering, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

## **Campus Kitchen: A Sustainable Solution to Food Insecurity at Mizzou by UFWH–Mizzou**

**Mr. Rishabh Mahendra PhD**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; **Ms Alvira Nishat BS**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; **Ms. Bola Ojo MS**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; **Ms. Erandika de Silva PhD**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; **Mr. Newgin Sam Ebin Sam Dhas MS**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO; **Ms. Mary Dickson–Amagada PhD**, University of Missouri, Columbia, MO

## **Understanding Causes of and Developing Programs to Address Food Insecurity for First Generation College Students**

**Madison Price**, Agricultural Business, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Dr. Jennie Popp**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Dr. Nathan Kemper**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR; **Dr. Louise Hancox**, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR

## **The Open Kitchen: 3+ Years of Student–Led, Free Cooking Classes at New York University**

**Jonathan Chin**, New York University, New York, NY; **Alexander Konick**, New York University, New York, NY; **Penny Wang**, New York University, New York, NY

## **The Wildcat Pantry: How Addressing Basic Needs Insecurity Became a University Wide Mission**

**Noah Dixon**, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; **Sasha Mitchell**, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA; **Brady Smith BA**, Central Washington University, Ellensburg, WA

## **Campus Kitchen at University of Kentucky Farm to Fork Program's Sustainable College Meal Efforts 2022–2023**

**Olivia Dixon**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Tyler Johnson**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Abraham Alhamdani**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Lindsay Huff**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Dr. Tammy Stephenson**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY; **Kendra OoNorasak**, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY



## APRIL 6 KEYNOTE

### SECRETARY DAN GLICKMAN, he/him



Dan Glickman, former U.S. secretary of agriculture and chair of APCO Worldwide's International Advisory Council, is the former executive director of the Aspen Institute Congressional Program, a nongovernmental, nonpartisan educational program for members of the United States Congress. Secretary Glickman served as a Member of Congress from Kansas 1977–1995. Secretary Glickman also serves as a senior fellow at the Bipartisan Policy Center in Washington, D.C., formed by former Senate majority leaders Howard Baker, Tom Daschle, Bob Dole and George Mitchell, to develop and promote bipartisan solutions to the country's problems and to promote civility in government.

He is also on the board of directors of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange; Food Research and Action Center, a domestic anti-hunger organization; National 4-H Council; and the Center for U.S. Global Engagement, where he is chair of the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition. Additionally, he co-chairs the Chicago Council on Global Affairs' global agricultural development initiative.

Prior to joining the Aspen Institute, Secretary Glickman was chairman of the Motion Picture Association of America, Inc. (MPAA) and director of the Institute of Politics at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government.

## PANELISTS

### KARRIE DENNISTON

Senior Director, Sustainability  
Walmart.org



### PAIGE SWANSON

Co-Founder and Executive Director  
Student Basic Needs Coalition



### KENT EIKENBERRY

President CEO  
Northwest Arkansas Food Bank



### JENNIE POPP, PH.D.

Professor of Agricultural Economics  
Associate Dean of the Honors College  
University of Arkansas



### CHASE SOVA

Senior Director of Public Policy and Research  
World Food Program USA





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# WORKSHOPS

503 - 504

## THE CARE AND FEEDING OF YOUR ORGANIZATION: HOW TO SUSTAIN BEYOND SURVIVAL

Explore the ingredients of thriving nonprofits from fundraising, communicating, to nurturing your helpers. Stay mission focused amid distraction, dysfunction and disorder.

**Brian Burton**  
CEO, Arkansas Foodbank

507 - 509

## BUILDING HUNGER FREE CAMPUSES: DIGITAL STRATEGIES WITH SWIPE OUT HUNGER

Join Swipe Out Hunger, the leading national nonprofit organization dedicated to ending college hunger, for an interactive workshop exploring the power of digital community building and policy advocacy in addressing campus hunger. Discover successful strategies, share experiences, and learn how you can be part of the movement for change.

**Kandace Davis**  
Relationship Coordinator, Swipe Out Hunger

512 - 514

## ENVISIONING FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Presenters will challenge participants to think critically about the past, present, and future of the land and how it provides for us. This presentation will include a hands-on component, encouraging each participant to envision ways to improve food sovereignty in their neighborhoods. Presenters will also share facts about food access and nutrition in Indigenous communities and some suggested practices for building healthy partnerships with Indigenous communities.

**Summer Wilkie**  
Next Generation Program Manager

**Jamie Black**  
Policy Assistant, Indigenous Food & Agriculture Initiative





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