

## Agriculture, Food, and Well-being (AFW) Interdisciplinary Forum

**Save the Date: April 18 - 19, 2016**

Faculty of Agriculture, Truro, Nova Scotia

The AFW Interdisciplinary Forum is designed to bring together, from various disciplines, academics/researchers, community leaders, government representatives, along with industry practitioners. This interdisciplinary group will explore connections between economic, health, socio-cultural, environmental, and political dimensions of food and agricultural systems. **This is not a conference**; it is a working forum with presentations followed by discussion moving toward interdisciplinary papers with creative solutions and preventative strategies.

How can each participant benefit from the event? As William Isaacs suggests:

*A conversation with a centre, not sides ...lifts us out of polarization and into a greater common sense and is thereby a means for accessing the intelligence and coordinated power of groups.*

Over two days we will examine ways to improve wellbeing, through agriculture and food by improving *resiliency, prosperity, sustainability* and *vibrancy*. The issues are interconnected, so too must be the solutions. Interdisciplinary topics might include: What food production practices may offer the best health and environmental protection? What policies and practices may mitigate environmental challenges in agricultural and food systems? What interventions can best serve our communities' most marginalized to better access and utilize fresh food? How might consumer behaviours be guided by education about health outcomes rather than driven by food marketing? How can the procurement of healthy, local foods be increased in public and private institutions?

**PRESENTATIONS:** Any participant wishing to present their work on the intersecting issues in AFW is required to submit a proposal. Presentations will be 10 –12 minutes. Presentation proposals are due January 30th, 2016. Presentations are optional. We are particularly interested in hearing about areas in your work that could be enhanced through collaboration across disciplines. Notification of presentation acceptance February 14, 2016.

**PAPER PROPOSALS:** We anticipate this forum will inspire collaborative papers on AFW policies and practices. Five to seven papers will be submitted to the Journal of Agriculture and Human Values for possible publication in a collection in 2017. Collaborative papers can be developed before or after the forum, but they must have an interdisciplinary approach. Paper proposals should be 300-500 words and are due **May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016**. All submissions will be reviewed and responses sent to co-author teams by **June 20, 2016**. Final versions of the papers will be due: **Nov 1, 2016**.

To register, please complete this online form by January 30, 2016: <http://goo.gl/forms/Qv38le8cpj>

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