Drivers of Food Choice has awarded two-year grants to 8 recipients in the first round of its Competitive Grants Program. The grants support research in 7 low-income countries that will improve understanding of food choice in urban and rural food settings among the poor in South Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa. The goal of the Drivers of Food Choice Competitive Grants Program is to ultimately improve food and nutrition security in poor countries, guide ongoing and future programs and research activities on food choice, and to foster a community of practice in food-choice research in developing countries. The program is funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the UK government. DFC is managed by the University of South Carolina, Arnold School of Public Health.

(www.driversoffoodchoice.org/grants/grantee-profiles)
Creating local food systems that tackle food insecurity, food access and health disparities is a challenging and daunting undertaking. Often food systems development neglects aspects of food insecurity and health inequalities. Dr. Hossfeld discussed building on a successful, comprehensive systems-approach model based in North Carolina and replicating this in Mississippi, a high poverty, high food insecure state. For more information visit http://www.mfip.msstate.edu/ or click the read more link below to listen to her presentation on iTunes (#39).

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7th Annual Nutrition Symposium
"Healthy Eating in Context: Nexus of Food and Environmental Justice"
Symposium Date: March 31, 2017

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Background & Purpose: The 7th Annual Nutrition Symposium will bring together researchers, policy makers, community and faith-based organizations, and community members to provide perspectives on the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and challenges in South Carolina as it relates to food justice, healthy equity, and environmental justice; and formulate an action plan for greater collaboration across these sectors for meaningful change.

WHO: The University of South Carolina's Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities, the School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment, and the Department of Environmental Health Sciences invites faculty, staff, students, and community and faith-based organizations to submit abstracts for oral and poster presentations for the 7th Annual Nutrition Symposium.

WHAT: Abstracts for oral and poster presentations will be accepted related to the focus areas listed below:
- Food Systems
- Food Justice
- Health Equity
- Environmental Justice
- Nutrition Policy
- Social Determinants of Health
- Sustainability
- Impact of Natural Disasters on Water, Energy, and Food
- Nutrients and Diet Patterns
- Food Choice
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- Nutrition Communication

WHEN: All abstract submissions are due by 5pm on Friday, December 16, 2016.

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