

Call for Abstracts for Symposium & Registration



Healthy Eating in Context: Local Solutions, Global Challenges **Friday, March 30, 2012**

USC Faculty, staff, students, and community members are invited to the 2nd Annual Symposium, "*Healthy Eating in Context: Local Solutions, Global Challenges.*" This year, The Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities has teamed up with The Environment and Sustainability Program to host the symposium.

Plan to spend the day with us. We'll start the morning off with keynote speaker, Roni Neff, and follow with oral and poster presentations. The event is expected to start around 8:30am and end by 4:00pm. Details of exact times will be released closer to the time of the event. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

Purpose

The symposium will serve to convene USC researchers and community members to encourage collaboration and cross-fertilization of ideas for the sustainable food system development for the health of people and planet.

Background

Communities and policy makers across the nation are working to identify ways to build sustainable food systems. The motivations for building a sustainable food system vary and include desires to increase access to healthy food, provide adaptive responses to climate change, improve economic opportunity for rural and urban food producers, and address concerns about the environmental impacts of the globalized food system. This symposium will highlight the challenges facing the food system and the innovations being developed in communities.

Call for Abstracts for Paper and Poster Presentations

The Center for Research in Nutrition and Health Disparities invites Affiliated Scholars, USC faculty members, staff, students, and community members to submit a **250 word abstract** for a presentation. Abstracts are due **February 29, 2012**.

Abstracts will be accepted related to the following four focus areas:

- The role of nutrition, agricultural, and environmental policies
- Challenges: Barriers to a healthy and sustainable diet
- Solutions: Promising approaches to geopolitical, community, and household food security
- Food wisdom: Learning from local food movements

Abstracts will be peer reviewed and selected based on the following criteria: relevance to symposium focus areas, potential for advancement of nutrition environment and policy related research, and quality of content. Abstracts presented within the last year from national and international meetings are welcome.

Please click [here](#) to upload your abstract. As a submitting author, please certify that all co-authors agree to the submission of the abstract. You will be notified the **week of March 5, 2012** if your submission has been accepted. Acceptance of abstract constitutes commitment to present.

Registration

Advanced registration for the symposium is required. Reservations will be accepted in the order they are

received. To receive symposium materials at registration, please register by **March 23, 2012**. Late registration and walk-ins will be accepted as space allows, and symposium material will be distributed as available.

Registration Costs

USC Faculty and Staff- \$25.00

Students and Community Members- \$10.00

(Registration fee includes lunch and registration packet)

Refund Policy: *After payment is received, it will be processed and cannot be refunded for any reason.*

Registration fee is payable with a check. To receive symposium materials at registration, please complete the following steps by **March 23, 2012**:

- 1) Please click **here** to register.
(Note: Registration information will be sent to your email address)
- 2) Make check payable to USC Nutrition Center
USC Faculty/Staff: \$25.00
Students and Community Members: \$10.00
- 3) Mail a check to the address below:

Weldon Horne
USC Nutrition Center
921 Assembly Street, Room 228
Columbia, SC 29208

Community Exhibitors

If you would like to set up a display booth for your community organization/ agency, please complete The Community Exhibitor Form. The Community Exhibitor Form is not a substitution for individual registrations. Each community exhibitor must complete 1) a registration form; and 2) a community exhibitor's form.

The total cost is \$45.00, which includes:

- 1) The registration fee (lunch and registration packet)
- 2) A skirted table and chairs for the community exhibit

Please complete the following steps by **March 16, 2012**:

- 1) Please click **here** to complete The Community Exhibitor's Form.
(Note: Community exhibit information will be sent to your email address)
Have you also registered? If not, please click **here**.
- 2) Make check payable to USC Nutrition Center
Community Exhibitor's Fee (includes registration fee): \$45.00
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Venue

The symposium will be held at the:

Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center
1101 Lincoln Street
Columbia, SC 29201

Note: The symposium will be held in room Richland A. Lunch will be provided in rooms Richland B and C.

Hotel Accommodations

If you like the charm of an upscale inn right in the heart of the USC campus, you may want to consider the **Inn at USC**. Please indicate to the front desk contact that you will be attending the symposium. You can also choose from a wide range of hotels at the **Columbia's official tourism website**.

Airport Information

The Columbia Metropolitan Airport is located six miles southwest of Columbia's central business district and is also conveniently located near interstate highways, which are centered in Columbia. These highways include I-20, I-26, and I-77. Major airlines serving the airport include American, Continental, Delta, United, US Airways and Vision.

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