The Breakthrough Leaders Professional Certificate Program
Summer 2015 Residential Session Schedule
FS 395, Z1/CRN 60664: Leadership for Sustainable Food Systems

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Facilitator: Dr. Vic Izzo

Dates: Online Pre-course Reading & Discussions: June 1-13, 2015
Residential Session: June 14-19, 2015
Online Project Work (for credit students only): June 20-July 3, 2015

Residential Session Schedule

Sunday, June 14 – A Full Plate
11:00am-1:00pm Arrival & Check-In (Waterman Building Lobby)
1:00pm-2:30pm Expanding Your Palate for Leadership
(Cynthia Belliveau, Dean, UVM Continuing and Distance Education & Faculty, Nutrition and Food Science at the University of Vermont) (Waterman 427)
2:30pm-3:30pm Evolutionary Strategies for Agricultural Transformation
(Vic Izzo, Agroecology and Rural Livelihoods Group, Insect Agroecology Lab, and Plant and Soil Sciences Department at the University of Vermont)
3:30pm-5:30pm Agroecology, Action Research, and Food Sovereignty for a Resilient Global Food System (Ernesto Mendez, Associate Professor of Agroecology & Environmental Studies and Director of the Agroecology and Rural Livelihoods Group at the University of Vermont) (Waterman 427)
5:30pm-7:00pm Reception & Dinner with Welcome Remarks (Alison Nihart, UVM Food Systems Initiative Coordinator) (Waterman Manor)
7:00pm-8:00pm Academic Credit Students meet with Faculty to Review Learning Plan

Monday, June 15 – Lay of the Land
8:00am-1:00pm Culinary Corridor “Food Craft” Food Systems Tour.
Site visits to local Burlington food enterprises.
- 8am Depart from UVM
- 8:15-10:15am Breakfast/Talk/Tour at South End Kitchen & Blue Bandana
- 10:15 Leave for Arts Riot
• 10:30-12:30am Arts Riot Tour/Talk/Lunch
• 12:30-1:00pm Break to Explore Pine Street
• 1:00pm Bus Leaves for UVM

1:30pm-3:30pm The Science of S.E.E.D. for Solutions (Taylor Ricketts, Director, Gund Institute for Ecological Economics, Professor of Natural Resources at the Rubenstein School of Environment and Natural Resources at the University of Vermont) (Waterman 427)

3:30pm-3:45 pm Break

3:45pm-5:00pm Power Dynamics in the Food System: Corporate Concentration, Organic Integrity, Social Justice, & Contract Ag Reform (Scott Marlow, Executive Director of the Rural Advancement Foundation International) (Waterman 427)

5:00pm Dinner on your own

Tuesday, June 16 – Power, Policy, & Politics
8:00am-9:00am Breakfast & Reflection (Davis Center, Livak Ballroom)

9:00am-10:00am Leadership for Thriving, Socially Just, and Environmentally Sound Markets, Policies and Communities (Scott Marlow, Executive Director of the Rural Advancement Foundation International) (Davis Center, Livak Ballroom)

10:00am-11:30am Up-Close & Personal Twenty-Minute Rotations followed by Thirty-Minute Large Group Discussion with Summit Keynote Presenters Raj Patel, Claire Kremen, & Smita Narula (Davis Center, Livak Ballroom, Breakout rooms: Davis Center Chittenden Bank Room, Davis Center Boulder Society Room)

11:30am-12:00pm Reflection (Scott Marlow, Executive Director of the Rural Advancement Foundation International) (Davis Center, Livak Ballroom)

12:00pm-1:00pm Networking Lunch with the UVM Farmer Training Program Participants (Davis Center, Livak Ballroom)

1:00pm-5:00pm UVM Food Systems Summit (Davis Center, Grand Maple Ballroom)

6:00pm Dinner (participants from Summit to make their own arrangements via networking)

Wednesday, June 17 – The Right to Food
7:30am-5:30pm UVM Food Systems Summit
6:00pm    Dinner (participants from Summit to make their own arrangements via networking)

Thursday, June 18 – Leadership for Global Change
8:00am    Breakfast & Reflection (Waterman Manor)
8:30am-9:30am    Strengths-Based Leadership (Cynthia Belliveau) (Waterman 427)
9:30am-9:45am    Break
9:45am-11:45am    Perspectives on Strengths-Based Leadership for Various Food Systems Contexts (Cynthia Belliveau/Vic Izzo facilitate) (Waterman 427)

Presenters/Mentors:
Holly Fowler, Northbound Ventures, LLC & Breakthrough Leader 2013
Carolina Lukac, Food Systems Educator
Katherine Sims, Green Mountain Farm-to-School

11:45-12:00pm    Break
12:00pm-1:00pm    Lunch & Presentation

Local Action, Global Change: UVM’s RFP & Contract as a Leverage Point for Global Institutional Food System Change (Larry Simpson, Senior Director, Sodexo) (Waterman Manor)
1:00pm-2:00pm    Food Systems Leadership at Ben & Jerry’s (Rob Michalak, Global Director of Social Mission, Ben & Jerry’s) (Waterman 427)
2:00pm    Depart from UVM for Intervale Center
2:30pm-4:30pm    Presentation and Intervale Tour on Building Community Food Systems with an Introduction to the Intervale Food Hub and Creating Alternative Market Enterprises (Mandy Fischer and Sona Desai, Intervale Center)
5:00pm    Bus Departs for Bread & Butter Farm
5:30pm-7:30pm    Dinner at Bread and Butter Farm (Corie Pierce, farm co-owner)

Friday, June 19 – Leading Your Way
8:00am-9:00am    Breakfast & Reflection (Waterman Manor)
9:00am-12:00pm    Amplifying Your Voice for Change (Sarah Heiss) (Waterman 427)
12:00pm-1:00pm   Lunch (Waterman Manor)
1:00pm-1:30pm     Group Dialogue & Reflection (Waterman Manor)
1:30pm-2:30pm     Closing (Waterman Manor)