## CONTRIBUTORS



Michael Chadukiewicz, Ph.D is facilitator and peace activist. His research is centered on social justice advocacy as a path to promoting the recovery and social inclusion of people experiencing substance use disorder, mental health challenges, and marginalization through focusing on their strengths and the valuable contributions they make to their communities. He has been hosting and teaching young farmers permaculture and sustainability on his family's small organic urban farm for the past seven years. Michael facilitates anti-racism training. He is the activist liaison for the board of the Peace and Justice Studies Association, practices advocacy and activism in his community and served on the State of Connecticut's Affordable Housing Plans Working Group.



Christina Campbell, PhD is an Associate Professor of Nutrition, the Uelner Professor of Food Science and Human Nutrition at Iowa State University, and a Registered Dietitian with a background in nutritional sciences, exercise physiology, and reproductive endocrinology. For over 25 years, she has taught undergraduate and graduate courses addressing the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, food systems, and sustainable diets, each uniquely grounded in systems thinking. Her primary research focus is on the promotion of healthy lifestyles during pregnancy to prevent chronic disease for mother and child. Additionally, she studies the intersection of food and peace in the context of promoting personal well-being and planetary health. Her holistic approach to teaching and research extends to her advocacy for creating healthy relationships with self, others, and the Earth through mindful food choices. Christina is passionate about being outdoors exploring new places whether it's the prairie of lowa or an island in Scotland, always carrying a knapsack with her knitting, something to write on, and a thermos of tea.



Eleyan Sawafta is a Ph.D. student and a graduate research assistant in the Department of Political Science at the University of Alberta in Canada. He holds a master's degree in Peace and Conflict Studies from the University of North Carolina. Eleyan also has an MA in Political Planning and Development from An-Najah National University in Palestine and a BA in Engineering from the same university. Currently, Eleyan is a highly qualified personnel (HQP) working on a project funded by the Government of Canada through the Canada First Research Excellence Fund (CFREF). The project focuses on citizenship and political participation. Eleyan's primary research interests involve analyzing the relationship between development and conflict through political economy and public policy. He has provided comments, and development through various media and events in the Middle East, Canada, and the US. Since 2022, Eleyan has served as the Social Media Manager for the Peace and Justice Studies Association.





Emily Welty, Ph.D, Director of Peace and Justice Studies at Pace University, is an academic, activist and artist from New York City. Her research focuses on the religious dimensions of peacebuilding with an emphasis on humanitarianism and nuclear disarmament as well as nonviolent social movements. She is the Vice Moderator of the World Council of Churches Commission on International Affairs and is the chair of the Nuclear Disarmament Working Group. Emily is part of the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize winning International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN). She is the co-author and editor of Peace and Justice Studies: critical pedagogy, Unity in Diversity: interfaith dialogue in the Middle East and Occupying Political Science. Emily is also a playwright.

Emily A. Holmes, Ph.D., is a constructive theologian whose academic research focuses on the incarnation and its implications for Christian life and practices. Her book Flesh Made Word: Medieval Women Mystics, Writing, and the Incarnation places medieval women's writings in conversation with feminist theory to suggest an expansive understanding of incarnation in women's bodies and writings. Her co-edited collections (Women, Writing, Theology: Breathing with Luce Irigaray; and the forthcoming Marian Reflections on War and Peace) present innovative international work in the areas of women's theological writing, the philosophy of breath, and Mariology. Her current research extends an incarnational framework to community-based food practices enhancing the ways we grow, eat, and share food. From 2008-2024, she was a professor in the department of Religion and Philosophy at Christian Brothers University (Memphis, TN), where she taught classes in the spirituality and ethics of eating, religion and environment, and women and Christianity; led the food committee and community peace garden; and connected students with the work of food justice organizations in and around Memphis. She currently resides with her family in Dayton, OH, and serves as an affiliate faculty member in the D.Min. program in Land, Food, and Faith Formation at Memphis Theological Seminary and in the Rhodes College Institute for Health Equity and Community Justice.



Weston Marume is a Zimbabwean Ph.D. Student in the Global Governance and Human Security program at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. He holds an MA in International Development Studies from Ohio University concentrating on Environment and Development and a BA in Development Studies at the Midlands State University (Zimbabwe). Weston previously served as the Clerk for the Parliamentary Committee on Mines and Mining Development at the Parliament of Zimbabwe. The combination of academic and professional experience shaped my interest in natural (mineral) resource and extractive industry governance. He is also passionate about Climate Change particularly its impact on food security and well-being.



Harriet Winograd has a BA in Art history. She learned dress design at the Fashion Institute of Technology in NY. She holds a MA in Art Education from NYU. After being a fashion designer she became an art teacher for many years. She then earner a MA in Art Therapy from Springfield College. She has been an art therapist for 24 years. A vocation where she feels "I finally found where I belong!"



Aviva Keynton is a registered dietitian with experience in clinical dietetics and plantbased nutrition. She is the Director of Nutrition and Impact at Lighter, a meal planning platform that promotes plant-based diets for consumers. She is pursuing a Master's in Environmental Science at the University of Montana.



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Andrew Sussman, Chef Emeritus, grew up in the family business of grocery stores in New Britain Connecticut and is a multi-award winning chef. In 1989 he graduated from Ecole de La Varenne in Paris, France, one of the first professional cooking schools in France to offer simultaneous instruction in French & English and accredited, professional culinary degrees. He has been President and Chief Consultant at Culinary Consultants since 1998.

Since returning to western MA in 1998, Andrew has been involved with the organizations Community Involved with Sustaining Agriculture (CISA), Share Our Strength and Operation Frontline, teaching underprivileged families healthy eating and cooking habits. In 2005 he opened Butternuts Restaurant and Catering Company with the intention of serving creative New England cuisine in its natural setting with the freshest locally grown products and making those dishes available to the people involved with growing them.



Woody Tasch is a pioneer of the concepts of patient capital, mission-related investing, and community development venture capital.

He is the dynamic and visionary founder and chairman of Slow Money Institute, a nonprofit headquartered in Boulder, Colorado, with an alliance of national and international chapters. Slow Money was formed in 2008 to catalyze the flow of investment capital to small food enterprises and promote new principles of fiduciary responsibility that support sustainable agriculture and the emergence of a restorative economy.

Tasch is chairman emeritus and former CEO of Investors' Circle, a network of angel investors, family offices, social purpose funds and foundations that since 1992 has invested in 230 early stage sustainability-promoting ventures and venture funds. During much of the 1990s, he was treasurer of the Jessie Smith Noyes Foundation, where, as part of an innovative mission-related venture capital program, a substantial investment was made in Stonyfield Farm, now the world's largest maker of organic yogurt. He is the author of Inquiries into the Nature of Slow Money: Investing as if Food, Farms, and Fertility Mattered (2008) and he author of Food Production and Public Policy in Developing Countries (1983). In 2010 he was recognized by UTNE as one of "25 Visionaries Who Are Changing Your World."



Chantal Noa Forbes is a transdisciplinary scholar, storyteller, and educator at the intersection of ecology, spirituality, and culture. Her work explores the environmental significance of Indigenous and decolonial perspectives on multispecies ontology, more-than-human personhood, and cultural sovereignty. Chantal graduated with a Ph.D. in Philosophy and Religion from the California Institute of Integral Studies (CIIS). Before completing my Ph.D., Chantal spent twenty years working in documentary film, educational media, and communications across Africa, Southwest Asia, Southeast Asia, and Europe. I received a B.A. in film production from AFDA in South Africa and an M.A. in Middle Eastern History from Tel-Aviv University. Chantal is an adjunct professor of Anthropology at Randolph-Macon College and adjunct faculty at the California Institute of Integral Studies. <u>www.chantalnoa.com</u>



Sita Raisz is an artist and art educator living in Middletown CT. She received her art education degree from CCSU and has worked in the middle and high school settings. She also has a small business called Mamasweeta that specializes in custom cakes and face painting.



Cathleen Halloran I am based in Sharon Connecticut on a farm with horses, dogs, cats and chickens. My daily trips to the chicken coop inform my work.

During the day I run a little dog walking business called "A walk in the Park." My specialty is taking packs of dogs on mountain adventures. Most of my clients have been with me for a long time.

With a BFA in fashion design from Pratt Institute, I once started an equestrian lifestyle clothing company called "O'Halloran Co." which was inspired by my love and life with horses.

My life has awarded me wonderful opportunities. I am excited about all that is in my world today.



Jennifer Chadukiewicz, RCP-F, CPRS, brings her enthusiasm for recovery and innovation to SCADD, Inc., as the Chief Strategy Officer. She serves alongside a well-established team and is responsible for oversight and coordination of marketing, development, communication, events, social media and leading the upcoming strategic vision projects. She will combine her project management and facilitation expertise with her lived experience as a woman in long term recovery.

Jennifer had the distinct privilege of serving as co-chair of the Governor's Alcohol and Drug Policy Sub-Committee for Recovery and Health Management since 2017, bringing the Recovery Friendly Community initiative to cities and agencies in Connecticut. She proudly led the way as the Program Manager for the first successful Recovery Coaching program in Emergency Departments in the Country. She collaborated with Yale Program for Recovery & Community Health to produce the first guidelines on Peer Supervision. Jennifer is a member of the Peace & Justice Studies Association. She is a Recovery Coach Professional, a Facilitator of CCAR Curriculum, and a Certified Peer Recovery Specialist. Jennifer is pursuing her master's degree in public policy from UMASS Dartmouth and expected to graduate in 2024.