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Farm to Institution: Focus on Equity and Impact

Chesapeake Foodshed Network Coffee Talk Webinar

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Jillian Dy is a former vegetable farmer and good food advocate working to build healthy communities through good food initiatives. As Deputy Director for The Common Market Mid-Atlantic, she collaborates with public and private sector partners to promote sustainable agriculture and help institutions incorporate local food programs into their food service operations. She also leads marketing and communications efforts for The Common Market's regional food hubs.

Margaret Smith

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At The Common Market, **Margaret Smith** connects Mid-Atlantic institutions such as schools and universities to farm fresh local food. She coordinates Common Market's Food Access Fund, an initiative to expand food access to community organizations directly serving low income people. Smith holds a Masters degree in Soil Science and loves to cook.

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Helen Nadel

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Helen Nadel is the Education Director for Greener Partners. A lifelong cook, Helen has a passion for farms, farmer’s markets, and the way fresh food can transform lives. She brings that energy to Greener Partners, cultivating curiosity about how plants grow, as well as cooking and eating in healthier, more sustainable ways. She’s been at Greener Partners for 6 years, developing new programs and partnerships. She leads a team of farmer/educators who run farm-to-school programs like the Farm Explorer Truck; intergenerational food justice and leadership work at Guild House Farm in Philadelphia; and an innovative .5-acre farm at Lankenau Medical Center, the Deaver Wellness Farm. Helen has a Masters degree in Education, coursework in Holistic Nutrition and over 20 years of experience in non-profit education programs and food education.

Nicole Sugerman

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Nicole Sugerman has been growing food in community-based settings for over ten years. As the co-manager at Guild House Farm, she spearheads programming for Guild House West’s senior residents, as well as co-managing the production farm, supporting the seniors gardeners in the onsite community garden, and managing distribution. Nicole is passionate about growing food as a means to connecting with people and supporting community resilience and self-determination. When she is not farming, Nicole enjoys cooking, reading, and exploring Philadelphia.

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