

**Shared Gifting Simulation**  
**Participatory Grantmaking Journey, Part 2**

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**CFN Video Conference Featuring:**

**Stephanie Heim**, University of Minnesota Extension

**Laura Bohlen**, University of Minnesota Extension

**Shirley Nordrum**, University of Minnesota Extension

**Noelle Harden**, University of Minnesota Extension

**Jaime Bain**, University of Minnesota Extension

**Stephanie Heim** works at the intersection of public health and food systems at the University of Minnesota Extension. She works with a variety of partners at the local, state, and national levels to create a more healthy and equitable food system by disrupting the status quo. She has provided leadership and support to food networks across Minnesota, including the Minnesota Food Charter Network. Stephanie also serves as the Minnesota Core Partner for the National Farm to School Network and coordinates Minnesota's Farm to School Leadership team. Stephanie works to ensure more systems work for more people and believes authentic relationships are transformational.

**Laura Bohlen** joined Extension in August 2014 as a SNAP-Ed regional coordinator, and moved into an Extension Educator position in October 2015. Her work with Extension's Health and Nutrition programs focuses on incorporating community engagement and equity into healthy food access programs. She was a co-author of the Systems Approaches to Healthy Communities online course with specific focus on integrating community engagement practices into public health approaches. She also specializes in participatory evaluation methods with a specific focus on using Principles-Focused evaluation in collaborative health efforts. Laura serves on the SuperShelf leadership team, a collaborative project that transforms food shelves, creating welcoming environments for communities to access appealing, healthy food. Laura has worked in the Twin Cities non-profit sector for the past ten years, including working with Project for Pride in Living and coordinating AmeriCorps service programs. Laura has a Master's of Public Health degree in Community Health Promotion from the University of Minnesota — Twin Cities.

**Shirley Nordrum**, University of Minnesota Extension Educator for the Leech Lake, Red Lake and White Earth Nations. Her work is supported by NIFA's Federally Recognized Extension Program with the goals of preserving water quality, and increasing access to, and knowledge of traditional Ojibwe food system. Shirley has also served as the Leech Lake Band's Environmental Director for 18 years prior and has a total of 28 years of Natural resources experience. Shirley's educational focus is on Anishinaabe traditional ecological knowledge, the gifts of the individual and the collective actions and decisions of community.

**Noelle Harden** has worked on food systems change in Minnesota for the last six years as an educator with University of Minnesota Extension. Across all of her work, she seeks to disrupt systems that perpetuate inequity. To that end, Noelle has championed the implementation of participatory grantmaking as a strategy to build transformative relationships and disrupt the centralization of money and power that precludes systemic change in many contexts, including food and agriculture. Noelle's educational background is in geography, agroecology and sustainable food production. She has also farmed, started a mobile chicken processing business, and is currently co-chair of her community's food policy council.

**Jaime Bain** is a natural connector and collaborator, working on food justice through networks at the University of Minnesota Extension. Jamie believes that through authenticity, imagination, playfulness, and deep connectivity we can find the solution to life's wicked problems together. She recognizes her inherent power as a cis-gendered, heterosexual, white female working for a large academic institution and living on land taken from the Dakota people in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Jamie uses her power to push for restorative justice within the white dominant circles she has the privilege of being invited into. She also listens and feels for common ground with communities and organizations who want to co-create a food system that is meant to nourish everyone. Jamie has an undergraduate degree in nutrition, a Master's degree in public health, and is a lifelong learner in the areas of joy and love.

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