

# VIRGINIA FOOD SYSTEMS LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SUMMER 2021 — 3 Credits in 4 Weeks

PLAN 3500/5500

Join students from GMU, JMU, VT, & VCU!

The Virginia Food Systems Leadership Institute (VFSLI) prepares rising leaders in the area of sustainable food systems by combining knowledge in food systems through the lens of food equity, with building competencies in skills for leadership, and a research project relating to farm-to-university challenges to prepare students for food system job opportunities.

VFSLI is now available to students and professionals anywhere in the Commonwealth, as long as they have wifi and a computer or a phone.

## Program Structure:

VFSLI is now 100% remote and online due to COVID-19.

Class schedule is oriented to support working people.

- **May 24 - June 7:** Intensive Course Work (Virtual)
  - Synchronous sessions from 12:00-1:00pm and 5:00-6:30pm
- **June 8 - June 16:** Action Research Project
- **June 17:** Research Project Findings

## For Visiting Scholars/ Non-students:

Steps to register into the course:

- Decide if you want to take course for credit (research project required) or no-credit (research project not required)
- If choosing no-credit, request instructor permission to audit (AU) the course
- Complete the [Visiting Student Application](#)

**Instructors:** Tanya Denckla Cobb, Institute for Engagement & Negotiation, Department of Urban and Environmental Planning, School of Architecture, [td6n@virginia.edu](mailto:td6n@virginia.edu); Additional instructors from GMU, JMU, VT, and VCU.

## Website:

<https://vfsli.weebly.com/>

"The Virginia Food Systems Leadership Institute was the most engaging, transforming educative experiences I have had in my college career. This course provided ample opportunity to engage with scholars, professionals, and peers and discuss relevant issues in our regional food system. Being able to learn alongside students and professors from various universities expanded my horizons, offering new perspectives on how we engage with our food. The connections and friends I made during this course will impact me for years to come, motivating me to do work in promoting a sustainable food system!"

- Alexandra Cook, VFSLI alumna

