

FRESH at the STONE BARNs CENTER FOR FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
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PANELISTS

AMERICAN FARMLAND TRUST www.farmland.org/newyork
David Haight, New York State Director

During his time with American Farmland Trust (AFT), David has worked with more than 12 town and county governments in developing and implementing agricultural economic development and farmland protection plans, and he has aided state and federal legislators in advancing agricultural and land conservation legislation and budget priorities. Just recently, David led a coalition of 70 New York State organizations, urging State legislators to make New York's farm and food system a funding priority. He has helped author two publications, *Guide to Local Planning for Agriculture in New York* and *The New York Agricultural Landowner Guide to Tax, Conservation and Management Programs*. David has also coordinated farmland protection projects that will permanently conserve over 4,000 acres of farmland in New York.

Prior to joining AFT, David worked with the Vermont Land Trust in evaluating the fiscal impacts of land conservation in Vermont communities and was employed in New York's Catskill Mountains as an outdoor educator. He has an MS in Natural Resources Planning from the University of Vermont and a BA in Environmental Studies and Political Science from Binghamton University. He is a recent graduate of the LEAD New York program and a member of the Land Trust Alliance New York Advisory Committee. David lives with his family in Malta. He helps his wife, Suzanne, and their family manage a greenhouse and flower farm that markets flowers and plants throughout the Saratoga region, including the Saratoga Springs Farmers' Market.

HUDSON VALLEY AGRIBUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION www.hvadc.org
Todd Erling, Executive Director

With an academic background in environmental design and planning from Miami University and the Pratt Institute, years of experience in community and economic development, and growing up in the family orchards, Todd brings a holistic approach to agri-business development. He lives on his wife's family farm in Southern Columbia County. Todd has hands-on knowledge of the challenges to the Valley's agriculture, as well as how to apply practical Economic Development programs and projects to protect and preserve open space and keep farmers in business. Todd has completed numerous agri-business projects with beneficial impact for local farmers throughout the region.

Todd is also the Deputy Executive Director of the Columbia Economic Development Corporation. He is currently a member of Senator Gillibrand's Agricultural Working Group, Congressman Murphy's Agricultural Advisory Board, the Hudson Mohawk Resource Conservation and Development Council Board of Directors, and the Columbia County Farm Bureau Board of Directors. He is also a Columbia County Bounty Founding Board member, a Commissioner of the Columbia County Water District, and was the Livingston Town Coordinator for the Southern Columbia County Keep Farming Project.

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Jenifer Clapp, Deputy Director of Policy and Research

Jeni covers environmental sustainability and food policy. Borough President Stringer is a strong advocate for the creation of a more sustainable food system in New York City. While working for the Borough President, Jeni organized the *Politics of Food* Conference at Columbia University and authored the subsequent report, *Food in the Public Interest: How Food Policy Holds the Key to Hunger, Health, Jobs and the Environment*.

This past year, she worked with the organization Just Food and a large coalition of advocates to plan the NYC *Food and Climate Summit* at NYU and authored the report *FoodNYC: A Blueprint for a Sustainable Food System*, which was released in February. Jeni holds a BA from Wellesley and a Masters of Public Administration from NYU.

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Craig Haney, Livestock Manager

Craig's family has farmed for eight generations in the foothills of the northern Catskills. Motivated by a desire to connect our farming past with a sustainable future, Craig studied American Social History at The University of Michigan. After graduation, he returned to New York to farm and to teach at The Farmers' Museum in Cooperstown.

To promote the connections between farming, food and our culture, Craig founded Skate Creek Farm, a pasture-based, organic farm that raises poultry, veal, sheep and swine. As a farmer and the shipping coordinator for Meadow Raised Meats, an association of family farmers who raise their animals on grass, Craig connected people with their food through restaurant, on-farm and internet sales, as well as farmers' markets. Since coming to Stone Barnes Center, Craig has managed the Center's livestock program, which is built on respect for the animals' distinct qualities, as well as their environmental heritage.

MODERATOR Jennifer Small

American Farmland Trust and Flying Pigs Farm

In addition to her work with American Farmland Trust, Jen co-owns and farms Flying Pigs Farm in Washington County with her husband, Michael Yezzi. They raise rare breeds of pigs outdoors on their fields and woods and sell their products at NYC Greenmarkets, to chefs in New York (including Blue Hill at Stone Barnes), and on-line. Jen earned a BA from Union College and a Masters of Public Health from the University of Massachusetts at Amherst.

Other Screenings:

FilmWorks Forum at the Moviehouse, Millerton

Sunday, April 18 11:30 a.m.

The Culinary Institute of America, Hyde Park
Wednesday, April 21 7 p.m.