



STATE PARTNERSHIPS — IMPROVING — NUTRITION & EQUITY

Special Topic Learning Opportunity Speakers/Panelists

July 13, 2022

2-3:30 PM ET

Sarah Harpster is the in-coming Executive Director of The Community Kitchen, the largest food pantry and soup kitchen in the rural Monadnock region of New Hampshire. Sarah's background includes studies in anthropology, theology, and environmental advocacy as well as life experience in the Dominican Republic and work in education, libraries, and community organizing. Over her nine years developing the gleaning, advocacy, and mobile food pantry projects at The Community Kitchen, she has been immersed in the study of food systems and experimenting with initiatives and ideas for developing a system that is just, sustainable, democratic, and accessible to all.



Tariq Sheriff works as a Food Policy Analyst for the Government of the District of Columbia's Office of Planning. He supports the DC Food Policy Council and Food Policy Director with strategic analysis and food policy development to further the local food economy, sustainability, and food access and equity for the city. Tariq is an experienced management and operations professional that leads cross-functional teams of Agency directors, advisory boards, community organizations, and residents to develop policy and addresses inequitable outcomes in the District. He has over 15 years of experience combatting food insecurity, expanding food access and workforce development, and creating equity within the local, regional, and national food systems.

Roe-Ann Tasoulas' commitment to sustainable land stewardship and local food systems stems from growing up on her family's large sheep and cattle ranch in New Mexico. As director of the Monadnock Farm and Community Coalition (MFCC), she regularly convenes professionals in food access/education, agricultural policy, farm infrastructure, and farm to school to build a robust, equitable, and sustainable food future in the Monadnock Region of NH. Prior to MFCC, Roe-Ann was the communication and development director for Land For Good, a New England-based organization fostering healthy land access for beginning farmers, land transfer from one generation to the next, and more land available to farm. (Tasoulas received a B.A. in Political Science from Colorado College and post-graduate work in Communications at the Univ. of New Mexico)

