

COMMUNITY FOOD ASSESSMENTS SERIES

Reflections from the Ground on Equitable Food Assessments



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Mission:

The Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future's Food Policy Networks (FPN) project supports the development of state and local food policy through networking, capacity building, research, and technical assistance.

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Food Communities Network – Réseau Communautés Nourricières (FCN-RCN) facilitates sharing ideas, knowledge, tools and experiences around building food resiliency and decreasing food insecurity across Indigenous Territories/Canada*, networking a wide diversity of communities, in both French and English.

Mission:

The Michigan Local Food Council Network (MLFCN) brings together food councils to build their individual and collective capacities to work on food and food policy issues, operate effectively, and engage their communities, through peer-to-peer learning.



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Speaker Highlight

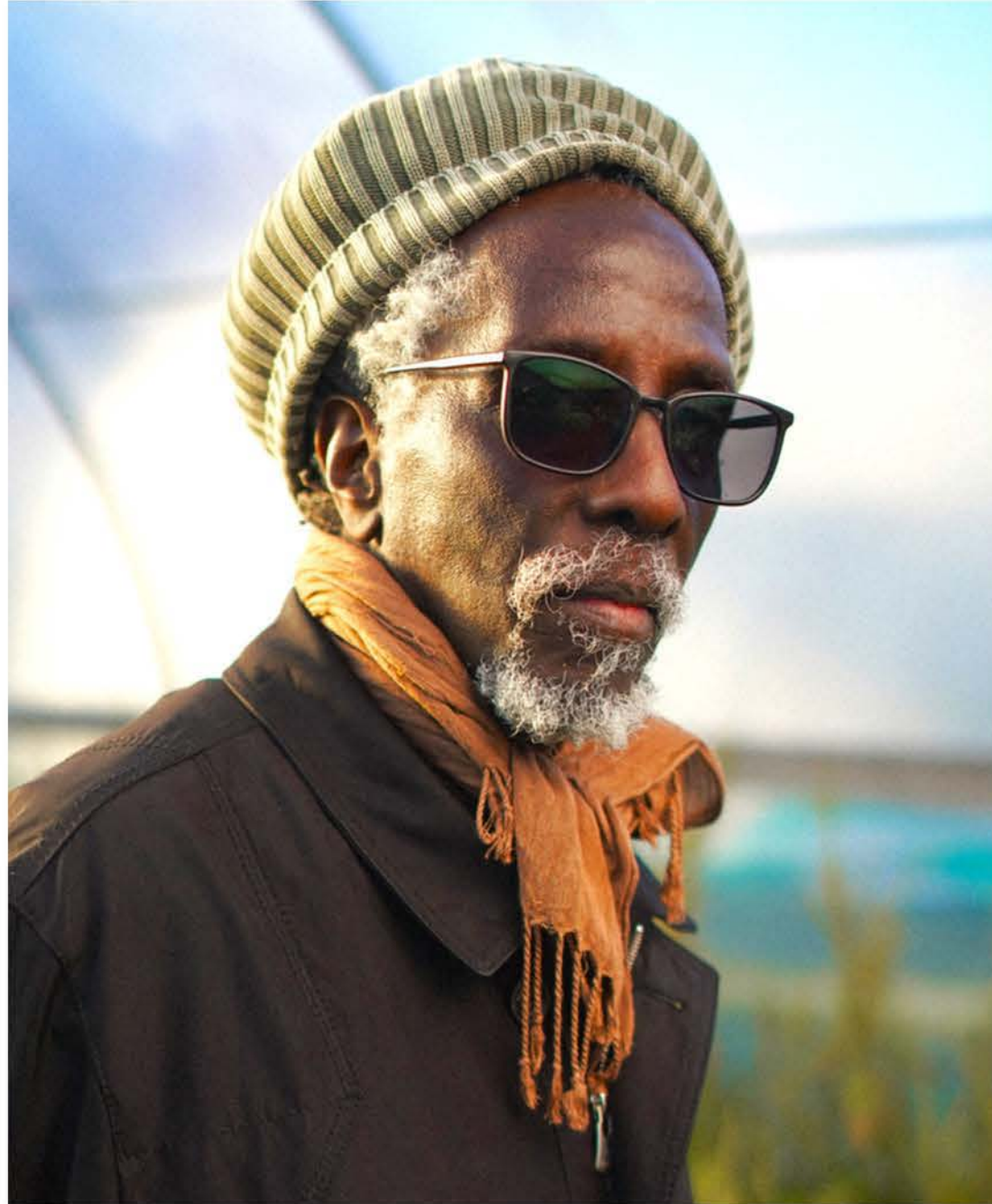


Dawn is of Secwepemc ancestry and is the Founder/Curator of Research and Relationships for the Working Group on Indigenous Food Sovereignty. Since 1983 Dawn has worked and studied horticulture, ethno-botany, adult education, and restoration of natural systems in formal institutions, as well as through her own healing and learning journey with Secwepemc and Indigenous Elders and knowledge holders. Following the time spent teaching Aboriginal Adult Basic Education, Dawn has been dedicating her time and energy to land-based healing and learning which led her to her life's work of realizing herself more fully as a developing spirit aligned leader in the Indigenous food sovereignty movement. Dawn has consistently organized time and space over the last 18 years for transformational learning in food systems networks that have been foundational for generating a body of research to support decolonizing food systems in community, regional, national, and international networks where she has become internationally recognized as a published author on the topic. Dawn's work on the Third Eye Seeing Methodology is focused on creating ethical spaces of engagement, that serves to balance the cross-cultural burden carried by Indigenous Peoples in the interface where Indigenous food sovereignty meets, coloniality, climate change, and the corporate control of the food system.

Some of the projects Dawn is leading include: Wild Salmon Caravan, Indigenous Food and Freedom School, Dismantling Structural Racism in the Food System, and research projects including: Mapping out and Advocating for the Establishment of Indigenous Foodland Conservation Areas, and CIHR funded Indigenous Food Sovereignty and Community Wellbeing Amidst a Pandemic, and the "From the Ground Up" Toolkit for Indigenous Food Sovereignty Train the Trainers.

Dawn Morrison

Speaker Highlight



Anan Xola Lololi is a Food Sovereignty & Food Justice advocate. Anan is the interim Executive Director of the Black Food Sovereignty Alliance and one of the founders of the Afri-Can FoodBasket (AFB), a non-profit organization that began in 1995 in Toronto. He is a Food Policy Fellow in the School of Public Policy and Democratic Innovation (“SPPDI”) at the Faculty of Arts at Toronto Metropolitan University. He is the former Executive Director of AFB (1995–2021) for 26 years, promoting Community Food Security, Food Sovereignty, and Food Justice in Toronto, North America, and the Caribbean.

Anan Xola Lololi’s academic background is a testament to his dedication to the cause. His impressive qualifications include a master’s degree in environmental studies from York University, a diploma in business administration from Centennial College, and an Honorary Bachelor of Commerce (Culinary Management) degree from George Brown College Centre for Hospitality and Culinary Arts in 2024. Anan’s expertise is further demonstrated by his role as a Research Associate at the Toronto Metropolitan University Centre for Studies in Food Security and his position as the Chair of the Black Food Sovereignty Working Group (Toronto).

He was an executive and founder member of the Growing Food and Justice for All Initiative based in Milwaukee, USA, was an executive and founder member of the Community Food Security Coalition of North America – Outreach & Diversity Committee, a member of the City of Toronto Food Policy Council, present Board member of Ecological Farmers Association of Ontario, former food policy consultant of the Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network, Senior Advisor to Atlanta Black Food Sovereignty Collective, past Committee Member of Toronto Region and Conservation Authority Humber Watershed Alliance.[1] From 2019 to 2024, Anan has managed Black Food Sovereignty Toronto, an AFB program (<https://www.bfstoronto.ca/>). He is a food sovereignty community consultant with the City of Toronto’s Confronting Anti-Black Racism unit (CABR) <https://www.toronto.ca/community-people/get-involved/community/confronting-anti-black-racism/>.

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