



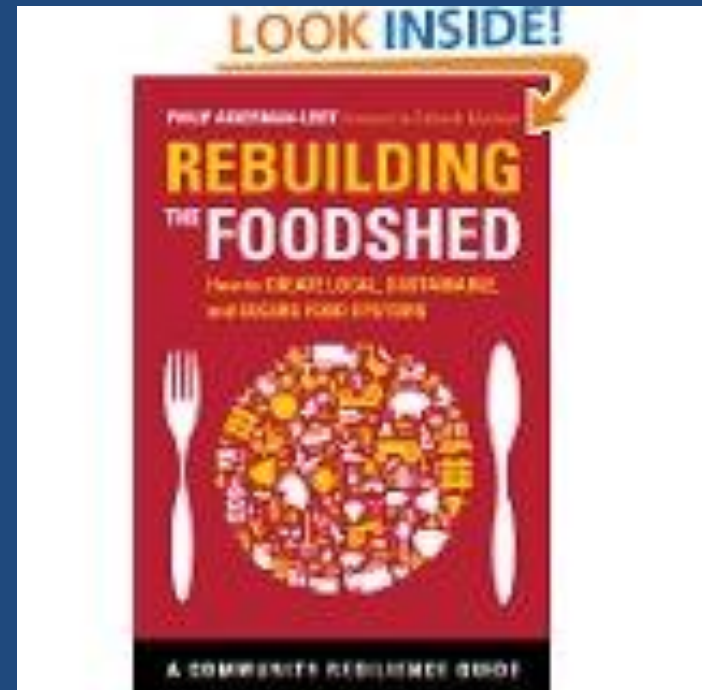
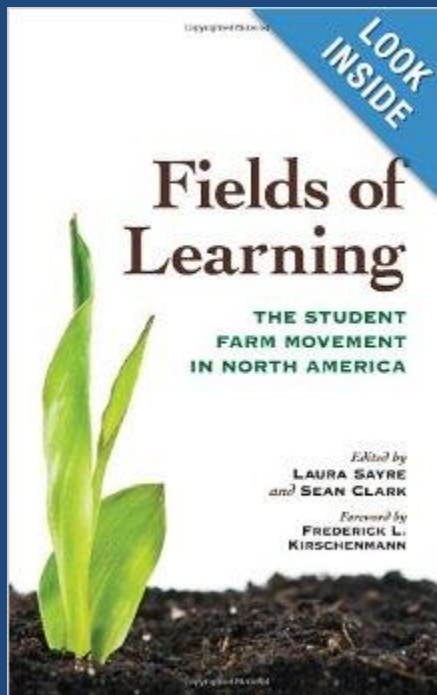
Experiential Learning through Student Farming at Five Colleges & Universities

Sabbatical Travel Overview

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Background Reading



University of Georgia

- UGarden Student Farm
- Internships
- Student Research
- Community Volunteers
- Campus Kitchen
- Sustainability Projects
- Repurposing
- Produce Stand
- Local Foods Certificate



University of Massachusetts





College of the Atlantic



Student Projects & Livestock











Community
Garden





University of New Hampshire















Green Mountain College







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Family
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“THE CULTIVATION OF
HUMAN VALUES ALONE
IS EDUCATION.”















General Themes

- Dedicated, enthusiastic students
- Strong sense of student engagement
- Dedicated, collaborative faculty and staff
- Administrative support
- Communication via social media
- Positive public relations
- Focus on *food* rather than *commodities*

New Directions

- Expand experiential learning related to food and farming for all students
- Designate space and other resources for group and individual projects
- Promote extended learning communities around themes like food, gardening, animals
- Promote reuse, recycling, and repurposing of existing resources

Resulting Projects Underway or On the Way

- *Farm Team* Internship Program for TAMUC at university farm
- Agriculture Courses for Dual Credit
 - Funded USDA SPECA grant for pilot study
- Service Learning Abroad
- Internships in Industry and Government
- Multidisciplinary minor in Food Studies
- USDA NLGCA Capacity Building Grant

Questions?