



# HUNGER IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

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Shapiro Wing, Krauskopf Library

## Panel Discussion: Food Insecurity

The Food Systems Institute and the Graduate Policy Studies program invite you to a panel presentation *Hunger in Your Neighborhood*. We are pleased that Michelle Taylor, MSW and program manager of **Witnesses to Hunger**, a Philadelphia based organization, and Cathy Snyder, the founder of **Rolling Harvest Food Rescue**, will be our guest speakers. The panel is free and open to the community.

### Michelle Taylor

Michelle Taylor is a social worker and community organizer originally from New York City. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania (CAS '02), she returned to the Philadelphia area to continue the work towards eradicating hunger, homelessness, and poverty. As a community organizer, she has organized global campaigns of resistance against police brutality, street harassment, and domestic violence for which she has received international acclaim and national honors. Michelle is also an award-winning writer whose work has appeared in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *EBONY*, *TIME*, and other publications. As a highly sought-after public speaker, Michelle has traveled the country and world speaking to audiences about social justice for the poor, women's rights, and liberation for people of color.



### Cathy Snyder

Awakened to the depth of food insecurity while volunteering, Philadelphia native and food justice advocate Cathy Snyder realized there was an untapped resource in the local agricultural community to help fill the nutrition gap faced by food pantries - organizations whose limited budgets and growing customer base make it ever more challenging to provide nutritious, high-quality food. In just a few short years, Cathy has grown Rolling Harvest Food Rescue from an initial connection between one food pantry and one farm to a vibrant network of volunteers, farmers, and hunger-relief sites that has distributed more than 1,100,000 pounds of healthy, delicious, locally-grown fruits, vegetables, and organic meats to thousands of food insecure families. The Rolling Harvest team currently collects donated food from 30 local farms and markets and distributes to more than 50 hunger-relief agencies helping the neediest families in the eastern PA/central NJ region. Cathy was the United Way of Bucks County's United In Health and Wellness Impact Award recipient for 2016; Edible Jersey Magazine's 2015 Local Hero of the Year; Greater Philadelphia Coalition Against Hunger's Community Partner Against Hunger Award 2015; Bucks County Opportunity Council's Community Connector 2015 Award recipient; was the recipient of United Way's 2014 Multiplier Award; was named Applegate Corporation's Food Changemaker of 2013; and received Wakefern Corporation's Angel of Hunterdon County Award in 2012.

