

**Michigan Food Hub Learning and Innovation Network
Local Food Hub Facilitators' Contact Info and Bios
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Drawing from more than 20 years of experience in agricultural production and value added products, Jane Bush was owned and managed the first certified organic apple orchard in Michigan. Jane produces pasture-raised pork products and practices season extension for vegetable production using a passive-solar hoop-house. She is also the founder of a farmers' egg cooperative, Grazing Fields, and a certified SBTDC Counselor. Jane helped to create the Four Seasons Produce Co-op, a federation of farmers who work to provide fresh, locally grown greens to local customers. The use of hoop-houses has ensured longer growing seasons to provide seasonal produce year round. Jane is able to draw on her vast knowledge of agriculture and food systems to provide assistance to those interested in beginning or expanding a food-based business.

Joe Colyn / Originz, LLC

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Joe Colyn is an innovative and entrepreneurial agri-food professional with progressive value-chain/supply-chain experience in research, development, procurement, training, quality programs, and new business development. He is committed to visionary leadership and strategy development in support of client needs with experience in scenario planning and creative problem solving. Since founding Originz, LLC he has managed a range of projects including short-term assignments and retainer work for clients requiring the expertise of a professional services firm specializing in agri-food technology and market innovation.

Cary M. Junior

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Cary M. Junior is General Manager of Malise Associates, Inc. a facility construction and development services firm. He also serves as the chief economic development official in Royal Oak Charter Township where he established the Royal Town Farmer's Market to promote healthy eating and spur economic activity in the community. Further research encouraged the planning and development of a food hub network around the farmer's market with the emphasis on underserved farmers and underserved communities. Cary holds a BS (Physics) from Morehouse College, a MSE (Civil Engineering) from the University of Michigan with further study from Dartmouth College Tuck School of Business.

Megan Masson-Minock

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Megan is an urban planning consultant with over a decade of experience and a specialty in food systems. She has assisted both rural and urban communities to change their zoning regulations to support local agriculture, presented at numerous state and local conferences on local food and published articles on the how local regulations can support urban agriculture. Ms. Minock has a Master's in Urban Planning from the University of Michigan, where she has taught graduate courses, and a Bachelor's in Political Science from Bates College. Prior to grad school, she worked in democracy development and farmer-to-farmer programs in the former Soviet Union.

Rory Neuner

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Rory works to transform Michigan communities into healthier, more sustainable places by helping organizations build strong networks and winning campaigns. With deep experience in Michigan's environmental movement, she is adept at coalition building, community organizing, and facilitation. Prior to consulting, Rory was a policy specialist at the Michigan Environmental Council, where she was best known for successful campaigns to pass complete streets policies in the City of Lansing and the Michigan Legislature. She is excited about this opportunity to strengthen the region's food system. A graduate of the University of Chicago's Harris School of Public Policy, Rory lives in Lansing with her dog Zelda.

Jayson Otto (August 2013)

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Jayson has been researching, advocating for, and affecting West Michigan food systems for over a decade. Most notably, he has been intimately involved with the Fulton Street Farmers Market since 2004, spearheading a neighborhood take-over of management, acting as market manager for three years, inspecting farms, and aiding in redevelopment. Jayson possesses an interdisciplinary Master's from MSU, focusing on community, food, and agriculture and an undergraduate degree in anthropology from GVSU, where he became interested in farmers markets and food justice. He currently teaches anthropology at Aquinas College and is writing a history of early farmers markets and community gardens in Grand Rapids. Jayson lives in the Midtown Neighborhood of Grand Rapids with his wife Kelly, in a house they rescued from condemnation and raised their two daughters, Piper and Melena.

Dan Peat (August 2013)

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Dan Peat was born and raised on a cherry farm in Paw Paw, Michigan and is a graduate of Michigan State University. He got his first taste of Kinexus (at the time known as Michigan Works! Berrien Cass Van Buren) as an intern, and returned to the organization after gaining more

experience working in the technology sales industry in Chicago. Dan is currently involved in business development, community development, and takes part in numerous regional economic growth and capacity-building initiatives. Dan will complete his MBA from Michigan State in 2015.

Trish Varney

area covered: Mason and Oceana counties

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Trish was raised on a fruit and asparagus farm, which she and her husband bought from her parents and managed for a number of years. Since 2001, she has managed the apple packinghouse and food safety program for N.J. Fox and Sons. Trish lives in Shelby, Michigan with her husband Joe; they have a daughter who is married and is finishing her last year at Michigan State University.

Mary ZumBrunnen (September 2013)

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Mary has been building food access infrastructure through a variety of networks in Michigan since 1998. Through her small business, One-Community Consulting, she has championed National Service as a main mechanism communities may use to build capacity in areas with limited resources. Since 2007 she has assisted Ingham, Eaton, Clinton and Genesee counties to leverage more than 7 million dollars in National Service member outputs and federal and state resources focused on: food security, environmental stewardship, at-risk youth development, disaster relief, and vulnerable population support. Special projects include: surveying Saginaw Bay area sugar beet farmers to understand how MSU Extension can better support their production; assisting development of the Tri-County AmeriCorps State team focused on healthy lifestyles and food security; helping coordinate development of Flint Farm Market satellites and Genesee County Extension's Food and Garden Tour, and; interviewing farmers and K-12 representatives statewide to facilitate "go local" school fundraisers.

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