

Black Visions of Food Justice: A Triple Food Movement Analysis

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In this talk, Dr. Bobby Smith II untangles Black visions of food justice through the lens of what he calls the “triple food movement.” As a multidimensional theoretical space, the triple food movement captures the interaction between three food movements—corporate agriculture, local food, and food justice—that attempt to restructure the ways in which food is distributed, consumed, and produced. This interaction exposes the often-overlooked actors, discourses, and systems that shape the dynamic process of getting food into the hands of Black people. At the same time, it reconfigures the racial, social, political, economic, and environmental dynamics of food systems. Building on critical research in agri-food studies, Black studies, philosophy, sociology, and development studies, Smith’s talk challenges us to reconsider how we theorize food in Black life and its implications for the practice of designing and creating food systems across the nation and the world.