



**DETROIT  
FOOD 2024**

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**CREATE.  
COLLABORATE.  
CELEBRATE.**

**13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FOOD SUMMIT**

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**Thurs. September 26 -**

**Fri. September 27 2024**

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**Marygrove Conservancy**

8425 W McNichols RD, Detroit, MI 48221

**EVENT PROGRAM**



**Detroit Food  
POLICY COUNCIL**



# WELCOME



On behalf of the Detroit Food Policy Council staff, welcome, each of you to our annual food summit, “Detroit Food 2024: Create. Collaborate. Celebrate”! It’s hard to believe that this year marks our thirteenth year of gathering together for fellowship, exchanging ideas, and strategizing on ways to improve our community through food.

This year we are pleased to feature a keynote address by Malik Yakini, the founder of the Detroit Black Community Food Sovereignty Network and one of the founders of the Detroit Food Policy Council among many other organizations to help the daily life of Detroiters. We will sit down with the Detroit Food Policy Council’s founding council members to talk about the early days of the organization and the work that has been done. There will be sessions focused on food policy, working with youths, and the overall future of our food system. We will also end our time with a celebration – the 2024 Food Power Awards. All of this is to provide us with tools to move this work forward over the upcoming year and beyond.

We appreciate each of you for attending “Detroit Food 2024: Create. Collaborate. Celebrate” and bringing your voice, perspective and expertise to our gathering. We hope that it will indeed be a time to do each of those things – create, collaborate and celebrate. It remains true that we could not accomplish what we do without your support and hard work. My personal respect and thanks go out to each of you as always.

With Gratitude,

**Winona Bynum, RDN** | Executive Director, Detroit Food Policy Council



Welcome to the annual Detroit Food Summit!

Every year the Detroit Food Policy Council and our partners in community encourage residents working in the food system to reflect and goal set. This year the theme speaks how community comes together to create, collaborate, and celebrate.

During my tenure on the council and as chair, I have seen growth in the council’s work in the education and engagement sectors, as well as the research and policy sector. In these areas we have helped to make Detroit’s food systems more accessible and functional for all. No one voice has been left unheard, but we still have much work to do. If your child’s school lunch is an issue or your local grocery store needs improvement, we encourage you to join us at the policy table. If you are a food systems worker in

Detroit and desire to change your current work environment, we encourage you to join us at the policy table. If you are a resident that seeks food sovereignty for your neighborhood and family through urban farming and gardening practices, we encourage you to join us.

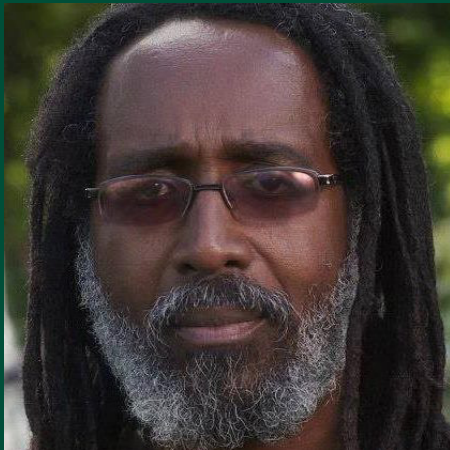
It is our job to lift up what has been done to address issues surrounding the state of our food policies in Detroit and all are welcomed! We hope that you build upon your work at this year’s Food Summit. Remember to activate your conversations and connections beyond these two days. Create, Collaborate, and Celebrate our efforts to build a more sustained food system in Detroit.

Best,

**Patrice Brown** | Chair, Detroit Food Policy Council

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# MALIK YAKINI



Malik Kenyatta Yakini was co-founder and Executive Director of the Detroit Black Community Food Security Network (DBCFSN). DBCFSN operates the seven-acre D-Town Farm and led the 2024 opening of the Detroit Food Commons in Detroit's North End, which houses the Detroit People's Food Co-op. He serves as a board member of the co-op. He also led the creation of the Detroit Food Policy Council. Malik, a longtime Pan-Africanist, views the work of DBCFSN as part of the larger movement for building power, self-determination, and justice for African people. He is adamantly opposed to the systems of white supremacy, capitalism and patriarchy.

He has an intense interest in contributing to the development of an international Black Food Sovereignty movement that embraces Black communities in the Americas, the Caribbean and Africa. He is a co-founder of the National Black Food and Justice Alliance.

## EVENT HOST

# ORLANDO BAILEY



A lifelong Detroit, Orlando P. Bailey learned how to practice community development in the neighborhood where he was born.

Passionate about shifting the narrative of Black cities & neighborhoods, Bailey is an Emmy Award winning journalist,

Executive Director of Outlier Media. He is the former Engagement Director for BridgeDetroit, co-host of the podcast Authentically Detroit, and host of Urban Consulate. Previously, he served as Chief Development Officer for the Eastside Community Network.

In 2010, Bailey was the recipient of the Martin Luther King Humanitarian Award from Eastern Michigan University, where he received his bachelor's degree in broadcast journalism.

Since then, Bailey has had the privilege to interview hundreds of visionaries & changemakers, including Dr. Cornel West, Rev. Dr. William J. Barber II, Congresswoman Rashida Tlaib, Lt. Governor Garlin Gilchrist, U.S. Attorney Barbara McQuade, Dr. Andre M. Perry & more.

Rooted in his faith and radical love for his community, Bailey is a passionate advocate for city residents as experts in their lived experience. He continues to reside on Detroit's Eastside.



# AGENDA

All times, presenters and topics are subject to change  
All plenary sessions in Theresa Maxis Alumnae Hall

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 9 AM – 4:45 PM

### Time

9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b> Winona Bynum, DFPC Executive Director <i>Room: Alumnae Hall</i>
9:30 am	<b>Dining with Confidence</b> Denise Fair Razo, Chief Public Health Officer, City of Detroit <i>Room: Alumnae Hall</i>
10:00 am	<b>Celebrating Our Past With Founding Council Members</b> Ashley Atkinson, Co-Director, Keep Growing Detroit Phil Jones, Community Food Specialist, DFPC Malik Yakini, Founding Director, Detroit Black Food Sovereignty Network DeWayne Wells, Executive Director, Economic Justice Alliance of Michigan
11:00	<b>Break</b>
11:15 am	<b>Breakout Session #1</b> <i>Rooms: Session info in “Breakouts” section</i>
11:30 am	<b>Ask an Expert</b> <i>(NOTE: These sessions are by appointment and will run concurrently with Breakout #1, lunch, and the beginning of afternoon programming)</i>
12:30 pm	<b>Lunch</b> <i>Room: Denk-Chapman/Alumnae Hall</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Panel: What to Expect in Policy in a Wild Year</b> Anna Almanza, Food Bank Council of Michigan Alex Canepa, Fair Food Network Donald Stuckey, Michigan League for Public Policy
2:30 pm	<b>Break</b>
2:45 pm	<b>Breakout Session #2</b> <i>Rooms: Session info in “Breakouts” section</i>
3:45 pm	<b>Networking/ Salon – Mingle with people you know or want to know!</b>
4:45 pm	<b>End</b>

Covid numbers are on the rise. Masks and hand sanitizer are available at the registration table. We encourage guests to wear a mask.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 9 AM – 2 PM**

**Time**

9:00 am	<b>Welcome</b>
9:15 am	<b>Youth Panel</b> Le'Genevieve Squires, DFA Tanisha Bronaugh, Beithaupt Career and Technical Center Kailea Humphries, Breithaupt
10:00 am	<b>Keynote Speech</b> Malik Yakini, Founding Director of Detroit Black Community Food Security Network
11:00 am	<b>CWO Farms</b> Meet at front door of building to tour CWO Farm on Marygrove's campus
12:00 pm	<b>Lunch/ Food Power Awards</b> Celebrate our Food Power Award winners, which are honoring those who created our connected food system; collaborating to do great things in our present, and creating our future.

## BREAKOUT SESSIONS

### Morning Breakouts

11:15 - 12:15 pm

#### **Understanding the Basics of Government to Create Change**

*Main Dining Room*

Presenter: Donald Stuckey, Michigan League for Public Policy

This workshop focuses on the basic knowledge required to create concrete policy changes in government. Participants will walk away with the basic understanding of the structure of our federal and state government, the legislative process and the Michigan budget cycle.

#### **Connecting Youth Through Agriculture**

*Alumnae Hall*

Presenter: Brother Truth, Owner/Operator of Liberated Farms; Jessica Pitts, Garden Development Coordinator, Keep Growing Detroit; Jerjuan Howard Umoja Debate/Umoja Village Community Garden; Geno Greshm, Greening of Detroit Greening Corps Program Manager. Moderator: Kennedy Taylor, Community Health Advocate, UYA Farm.

Are you interested in starting a youth focused program, youth camp or teaching youth agriculture or related sustainable topics? Connect with us as we discuss our experiences engaging youth in agriculture and innovative ways, we've been connecting youth back to the land and the impact introducing youth to farming to aquaponics, garden-based learning and nature-based programs.

# BREAKOUT SESSIONS

## **From Farm to Cup: The Journey of Organic Coffee**

*Denk Chapman Hall*

Presenter: Jose Robinson, COMSA Detroit

COMSA Detroit will take you on a journey through the rich history of coffee, its cultural significance, and the story of our company. This workshop is perfect for coffee enthusiasts, industry professionals, and anyone interested in learning more about the beloved beverage that starts so many of our mornings. Join us for “From Farm to Cup: The Journey of Organic Coffee,” where you’ll explore the fascinating world of sustainable coffee production. Learn about the history of coffee, the benefits of organic farming, and the impact of fair trade practices directly from our experts at COMSA. Discover how your coffee choices can support environmental conservation and community development, and leave with practical tips for brewing the perfect cup at home.

## **Creating and Strengthening Community Gardens Using the PSE Approach: Building a Better Food System Together**

*Brownstone Room*

Presenters: RayShawnda Temple, Ashly Nelson, Charlotte Rapids, Lindsey Wondra, Lexie Griggs, and Charles Jackson, MSU Extension

MSU-Extension has been focusing their efforts in the Detroit Community to create long lasting changes. In this session the presenters aim to demonstrate how the Policy, Systems, and Environment Change(PSE) approach can be effectively used to establish or strengthen community gardens that contribute to a healthier and more sustainable food system. Participants will learn how to create impactful policies, collaborate with community members and partners, and celebrate the successes in improving food access and security.

## Afternoon Breakouts

2:45 - 3:45 pm

### **Connect, Collaborate, and Create: Help Us Plan the Next Phase of Food Policy Networks** **David DeVaughn, StrivEquity Consulting LLC, Kolia Souza, Michigan State University Center for Regional Food Systems, with Food Policy Networks**

*Main Dining Room*

Please join our listening session to help plan the next stage of the Food Policy Networks project. You will learn about the FPN project’s current activities and have the opportunity to shape its next stage. What do you need to be a better advocate for food policy in your community? How could you imagine engaging with a national network of people to support you in your efforts? What organizational structures do you find most appealing?

### **Driving Change: The Role of Technology in Detroit’s Transportation and Food Insecurity Challenges**

*Alumnae Hall*

Presenter: Erykah Benson, University of Michigan  
With the rise of digital apps like InstaCart and DoorDash, you can order dinner and groceries to your door with the click of a button. But could these online technologies be the key to addressing challenges with food access in Detroit? Using 2023 survey data from the Detroit Metro Area Communities Study, we reveal how challenges accessing reliable and safe transportation is a widespread issue among residents in the Motor City, and how it may be linked to the usage of online-based grocery and meal delivery services. Join us as we discuss how online delivery could help address historic food and transportation access challenges in the city.

## **DPSCD PLANTS and You: How to Become an Institutional Food Producer**

### *Brownstone Room*

Presenters: Matt Hargis, Farm to School, Detroit Public Schools Community District

As a recent recipient of the Chef Ann PLANTS grant, DPSCD is supporting local agricultural producers and purchasing locally grown products for school meals. Attendees will learn more about what it takes to become a school food grower for DPSCD and what resources are available.

## **Detroit Community Health Equity Alliance Working with Community**

### *Alumnae Hall*

Presenter: Rochelle C. Chapman, Hayley Thompson

The Center for Health Equity and Community Knowledge in Urban Populations (CHECK-UP) is working to build this infrastructure by working across metropolitan Detroit communities and WSU's schools, colleges, centers, and departments to identify, investigate, and act upon the barriers and bridges to health equity in the region. The Detroit Community Health Equity Alliance (D-CHEA) is dedicated to collaborating to bring about community-level change that fosters health-promoting opportunities and behaviors. This session will explore the work of CHECK-UP and D-CHEA and how their work intersects with your work, concerns and the possibility of new collaborations.







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# EVENT MAP

