

Autumn 2025 Seminar

SEEDS & SOCIETY:

Perspectives on agriculture, culture, and food systems

Thursdays 12:30–1:20 p.m. | Kane Hall 120 | Instructor: Yona Sipos

Register for NUTR 400/500 for 1 credit. Sessions are open to all UW students, faculty, and staff.

SEP

25 **Introducing Seeds & Society: Perspectives on agriculture, culture, and food systems**

Yona Sipos, associate teaching professor in Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health and Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences, UW

OCT

2 **Closed class-only session**

9 **What is coffee?**

Ryan Jongeward, Husky Grind Coffee Education Program, UW

16 **Climate changed wheat**

Merri Metcalfe Manning, Nutrition & Health, South Seattle College

23 **Student-powered native seed projects at UW Farm: Promoting food security, sovereignty, and sustainability in action**

Perry Acworth, UW Farm manager and student leads Eric Alipio, Native Garden; and Theo Wright, Wapato Pond

30 **Resilience in diversity: Seed selection and climate adaptation among organic farmers in Western Washington**

Masha Vernik, WATERS Research Collaborative, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, UW

NOV

6 **Germinating new relationships: Seeds as a source of healing in multicultural landscapes**

Julie Larson, School of Environmental and Forest Sciences, UW; and Polly Olsen (Yakama), Tribal Liaison, Burke Museum

13 **Building economically sustainable seed systems for vegetatively propagated crops in Africa: Cassava and Yam**

Lawrence Kent, Agricultural Development, Gates Foundation

20 **Braiding food systems: Indigenous seed systems in Northern Ontario**

Silvia Sarapura-Escobar, School of Environmental Design & Rural Development, University of Guelph, Canada | Session will be online via Zoom

DEC

4 **Yes, And: Seeding the future for agriculture, culture, and food systems**

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