

MARY ABIGIAL “ABBY” RUDOLPH

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COMMUNITY GARDEN COORDINATOR

Americana Community Center, Louisville KY

2015 - Present

Americana Community Center provides holistic services for Louisville’s immigrant, refugee, and underserved populations.

- Support growers in the community garden program as they produce food for themselves, their families, and their communities
- Conduct regular interviews with translation services
- Facilitate garden meetings, practical workshops, and community workdays
- Provide access to a variety of community resources
- Develop and implement gardening, nutrition, and environmental science curriculum for youth and adult participants (Certified Environmental Educator and Facilitator in Project WET, Project Learning Tree, and The Leopold Project)
- Oversee maintenance of community garden space, including an outdoor classroom, children’s garden, and rain garden
- Promote community engagement through garden events, publicity, storytelling, community partnerships, and volunteer opportunities
- Support and sponsor the Peaceful Eden community garden, a gardener-led and collectively governed project that provides 133 plots to immigrant and refugee families

ORGANIZING EXPERIENCE

Food in Neighborhoods (FIN) Community Coalition, Louisville KY

2016 - Present

Website: www.foodinneighborhoods.org

Vision: Food in Neighborhoods is a community coalition that supports community efforts to build a just, healthy, and sustainable food system in Louisville, Kentucky.

WORKING GROUP FACILITATOR

FIN Food Policy Action Working Group

Vision: Healthy food is a basic human right. We organize and stand up for food justice and advocate for policy change for greater food equity, food sovereignty, and food security.

WORKING GROUP MEMBER

FIN Urban Agriculture Coalition

Vision: To create an equitable and resilient food system in Louisville, KY by: supporting and expanding home and community-based food production and distribution; providing agriculture education and resources; and restoring the relationships between our gardens, communities, and ecosystems.”

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF LOUISVILLE

Graduate Fellow (Fall 2020 – Present)

PhD in Urban and Public Affairs

Research Topics: Urban Agriculture, Food Policy, Community Governance, Solidarity Economies

UNIVERSITY OF KENTUCKY

MA in English Literature (Spring 2020)

Graduate Certificate in Social Theory

Thesis Topic: “The Eco-Politics of Belonging in Affrilachia: A Vision of Wholeness”

Instructor—Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Digital Studies (2019-2020)

Production Editor—*disClosure: A Journal of Social Theory* (2019-2020)

Writing Consultant—Robert E. Hemenway Writing Center (2018-2019)

- Conferences and Institutes
 - Selected to attend Futures of American Studies Institute, Dartmouth College (2019)
 - Session Facilitator at Sowers of Justice Conference on Food Activism (2019)
 - Presenter at Dimensions of Political Ecology Conference, UK (2020)
 - Presenter at Appalachian Studies Association Conference, UK (2020)

WESTERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

BA in English (Spring 2014)

Honors College Graduate, *Summa Cum Laude*

Cumulative GPA: 3.83

Major: Literature

Minor: Creative Writing

- Editor for the Creative Writing Journal *Zephyrus* —2012, 2013, 2014
- Winner of Women and Gender Studies Award for Creative Writing —2014
- Published in Scholarly Journal *Ashen Egg* — 2013, 2014
- Published in *Zephyrus* — 2014
- One of two student participants in, and recipients of full scholarships for, WKU’s annual visiting author workshop with Maurice Manning — 2014
- Presented at the Undergraduate Conference on Literature, Language and Culture — 2013
- Received honorable mention for Morris K. Udall scholarship for environmental stewardship — 2012