

Faye Conte Mack

Education:

Marlboro College, Marlboro, VT

Certificate, Nonprofit Management, 2014

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

M.S., Community Development and Applied Economics, 2012

GPA 3.96/4.0; *Research Focus:* Local food systems; Food access; Obesity; Program evaluation

Clark University, Worcester, MA

B.A., International Development and Social Change, Spanish, 2006

Magna Cum Laude; Dean's List, 2002 – 2006; Academic Achievement Scholarship, 2002 – 2006; GPA 3.68/4.0

Professional Experience:

Advocacy and Education Director, 2014 – Present

Hunger Free Vermont, S. Burlington, VT

- Lead organization's state and federal advocacy to end hunger and malnutrition in Vermont, and serve as HFVT's registered lobbyist.
- Develop innovative programs with multi-sector partners in Vermont and the Northeast.
- Represent HFVT in the media and as a public speaker to inform, empower, and advocate.
- Lead a team in statewide effort to connect Vermonters with food security programs like 3SquaresVT/SNAP and to advocate for these programs with state administrators and policy makers.
- Direct HFVT's efforts to educate and engage the public about hunger and its solutions through its innovative Hunger Council model.
- Connect anti-hunger work with VT's local food movement through unique partnerships and legislation.
- With co-directors, set and manage the strategic direction and financial health of the organization.
- Supervise and support staff and encourage a positive, learning culture environment.

3SquaresVT Advocate, 2011 – 2014

Hunger Free Vermont, S. Burlington, VT

- Increased access to federal nutrition programs that feed Vermonters, including 3SquaresVT/SNAP through outreach, advocacy, and policy initiatives.
- Developed and administered nationally recognized projects ensuring senior's access to nutrition.
- Trained and provided technical assistance to over 200 service providers annually.
- Coordinated and facilitated a variety of work groups comprised of diverse external partners.
- Maintained website as an up-to-date resource for 3SquaresVT participants and service providers.
- Developed creative partnerships and programs to increase local food access for all Vermonters.
- Represented HFVT in the media and as a public speaker.

Graduate Research Associate, 2010 – 2011

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

- Conducted research through the Transportation Research Center, the Center for Rural Studies, and the Community Development and Applied Economics department.
- Conducted qualitative and quantitative data collection, analysis and reporting for multiple projects.
- Assisted in writing, editing and submitting manuscripts for peer-reviewed journal publication.

Teaching Assistant & Trip Coordinator, Summers 2010 & 2011

University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

- Assisted professors with the planning and execution of a food systems course for NYU graduate students.
- Planned, scheduled, and orchestrated over 30 trips to visit different actors in the food system.
- Managed budget and day-to-day operations of course, led student discussions.

Legislative Intern, 2010

Vermont State Senate Agriculture Committee, Montpelier, VT

- Worked with Chairwoman and committee members to direct legislative focus on local food issues.
- Researched alternative berry and meat processing models; submitted a report to the Vermont Agency of Agriculture Food & Markets, the Senate Agriculture Committee, and the Farm to Plate Initiative.

Research Specialist, 2009 – 2010

Center for Rural Studies, UVM, Burlington, VT

- Assisted staff in data collection, analysis and reporting for research, evaluation projects, and articles.
- Managed and supervised temporary staff for annual statewide telephone “Vermont Poll”.

Development Associate, 2007 – 2008

Conservation Northwest, Seattle, WA

- Organized and managed corporate and major donor events and fundraising challenges.
- Managed major donor portfolio and led donor-prospect research.

Development Assistant, 2006 – 2007

Sightline Institute, Seattle, WA

- Managed and supervised staff intern and volunteers after being promoted from intern role.
- Created and managed donor correspondence; crafted grant proposals and managed grant reporting.

Community Involvement and Leadership:

- Board President, Neighboring Food Coop Association, 2015 - Present
- Board President, City Market/Onion River Co-op, 2012 – Present
- Steering Committee & Treasurer, Grow Team O.N.E., 2013 – 2016
- VSAC Scholarship Committee, Burlington Business & Professional Women, 2011 – 2016
- Alumni Interview Program, Clark University, 2006 - 2010

Awards & Publications:

- Earned Rising Star award, recognizing 40 leaders under 40 in VT, from the Vermont Business Magazine, 2015
- Schmidt, M. C., Kolodinsky, J. M., DeSisto, T. P., Conte, F. C. (2011). Increasing farm income and local food access: A case study of a collaborative aggregation, marketing and distribution strategy that links farmers to markets. *Journal of Agriculture, Food Systems, and Community Development*.

Skills:

Public speaking; advocacy; facilitation; academic research; material design; federal nutrition program policy
 Proficient in: Spanish; ArcGIS; Microsoft Office Suite; Google Applications; American FactFinder; website maintenance; Statistical & development software program.