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7<sup>th</sup> Annual Nutrition Symposium  
“Healthy Eating In Context: Nexus of Food and  
Environmental Justice”



Center for Research in  
**Nutrition and Health Disparities**

Co-Hosted By:

The School of the Earth, Ocean and Environment and  
The Department of Environmental Health Sciences

Friday, March 31, 2017

11:30am- 4:30pm

Carolina Alumni Center

**Keynote Speaker:**



**Representative Harold Mitchell, Jr.**

District 31- Spartanburg County

**Keynote Address:** “The ReGenesis Project: Moving  
Spartanburg, SC from Surviving to Thriving”



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# Agenda

- 11:30am - 12:00pm      **Registration, Student Poster Session**
- 12:00pm - 12:10pm      **Welcoming Remarks**
- 12:10pm - 12:30pm      **Lunch is Served**
- 12:30pm - 1:10pm      **Keynote Address (Over Lunch):  
“The ReGenesis Project: Moving Spartanburg, SC from  
Surviving to Thriving”**

**Speaker Bio: Rep. Harold Mitchell, Jr.** is a respected leader with a long record of achievements in affordable housing, environmental justice, community revitalization, and public policy. He is the Founder of ReGenesis in 1998 and served as the Executive Director of this non-profit organization until 2012. During his tenure ReGenesis leveraged over \$250million in revitalization, clean up, housing, job training, federally qualified health centers, and infrastructure. Rep. Mitchell also established job training initiatives as part of a Hope 6 Grant in 2005 for residents of public housing and residents of a local homeless shelter, many of whom were veterans. As the Executive Director of ReGenesis, a not for profit developer of quality affordable housing, he has a reputation for a steadfast commitment to voting rights. Moreover, he is a respected advocate for racial justice and served as the Chairman of the SC Legislative Black Caucus during the 2012-14 cycle.

- 1:15pm – 2:00pm      **Session I: Public Health Impacts of Climate Change**  
An examination of trends and current/emerging food and environmental challenges and solutions arising from climate change, sanitation and subsequent health problems. Presenters will provide 10 minute presentations followed by a Q & A session with the audience and/or panel discussion.
- 2:00pm - 2:05      **Break**

2:05pm - 2:50pm

**Session II: When Communities Lead Food and Environmental Change**

An examination of community responses to trends and current/emerging food and environmental challenges and solutions arising from food production and availability, dietary patterns and poverty. Presenters provide 10 minute presentations followed by a Q & A session with the audience and/or panel discussion.

2:55pm – 3:50

**Roundtable Panel and Discussion  
Where Urban Meets Rural: Nutritional Impacts of Down Home Ecology**

All over the world, in hyper-urban environments, one of the things that gets lost is the huge nutritional benefit of living embedded in a rural ecology. Urban communities often gain access to an increase in *caloric* intake—but at the expense of the broad *nutritional* intake afforded by a wide range of scavenged, gathered, hunted, casually cultivated, intentionally cultivated, and locally-exchanged foodstuffs. We want to open up this discussion to help people see what gets lost in community movement from field- and river-side to grocery store aisles.

3:50pm - 4:15pm

**Poster Session/Afternoon Snack**

4:15pm- 4:30pm

**Door Prizes, Poster Competition Winner Announcement, Closing Remarks**

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