## IRA for Sustainability in Food and Fiber Systems

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## OVERVIEW

We are a team of faculty working to improve sustainability in food and fiber systems in Idaho and beyond by providing theoretically informed, actionable, interdisciplinary research. Utilizing a feminist team science approach, we have focused our efforts on collaborative team building and co-creation of activities and outcomes.



















## GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

**Goal 1:** Facilitate successful collaboration and increase interdisciplinary scholarship

Goal 2: Work with a range of actors

> Goal 3: Highlight marginalized voices

Goal 4: Increase visibility of interdisciplinary research focused on food and fiber sustainability

Goal 5: Show care for self and others in the research process

Capacity: Increase capacity of individual and group research goals.

Visibility: Increase visibility of scholarship centered on our thematic area.

Networking: Create research networks (within and beyond Boise State). Intentionally develop networks that are collaborative and caring.

**Collaboration:** Embody and model traits of successful collaboration.

Care: Show care in our research, including engaging in non-extractive research practices and science co-production.

## **ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Regular meetings to build community and work towards our goals and objectives:
  - 3-day writing retreat + bi-weekly writing sessions
  - Group decision making
- Accelerated research through mutual support of creative activity:
  - \$2,540,000 awarded in funding as Pls, Co-Pls, or advisors to student fellowships
  - 5 publications, 2 reports, and 15 presentations
  - Community-engaged research project co-developed with Global Gardens and the City of Boise on challenges to sustainability for farmers from refugee backgrounds
- SAFRoN (Sustainable AgriFood Research Network): launching spring 2024
  - Connect people at BSU interested in sustainable agrifood systems work

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