

# FAI NEWSLETTER

Seasonal Newsletter of the Food and Agriculture Institute



Spiske, M [photographer], 2018

## Dr. Lenore Newman Publishes her Newest Book: *Dinner on Mars*

Written during the pandemic with what started out as messages between friends. Lenore and co-author Evan Fraser, Director of the Arrell Food Institute at the University of Guelph discussed the possibility of how we could feed a future human colony on Mars? This idea morphed into their new book *Dinner on Mars: The Technologies that will feed the Red Planet and Transform Agriculture on Earth* published in October 2022.

Dinner on Mars examines the idea of producing food on an inhabitable planet - not far off from our experiences with climate change here on Earth.



Lenore and Evan's book is featured in a number of news articles and media including [CBC Ideas](#), the [Financial Post](#), and a co-authored opinion piece featured on [CNN](#). Listen to Dr. Newman and Dr. Fraser discuss their new book on [The Cosmic Companion](#) podcast.

## Recent Publications

Newman, L., & Fraser, E. (2022, October). **Dinner on Mars: The Technologies That Will Feed the Red Planet and Transform Agriculture on Earth**. ECW Press.

Glaros, A., Pizzirani, S., & Newell, R. (2023). **The Potential Role of Vertical Agriculture in Building Sustainable and resilient Community Food Systems**. [Doi: 10.13140/RG.2.2.29381.32486](https://doi.org/10.13140/RG.2.2.29381.32486)



## Introducing the FAI's New Associate Director Dr. Stefania Pizzirani

We are so pleased to welcome Dr. Stefania Pizzirani to the Food and Agriculture Institute team as our new Associate Director! Dr. Pizzirani has been a faculty member of the UFV community since 2019, as an Assistant Professor in the School of Land Use and Environmental Change.

A special thank you our previous Associate Director Dr. Evan Bowness. Dr. Bowness now holds an Assistant Professor of Community Food Systems position at Trent University. Dr. Bowness remains an Associate of the FAI and will continue to collaborate on future projects.

## Artist Carrielynn Victor Unveils Art Installations in FAI's Office Space

Visit FAI's newly renovated office space in Building B, Room 351 to see artist [Carrielynn Victor's](#) three incredible custom art installations. Carrielynn blends contemporary methods and techniques to create her signature style utilizing traditional formal elements rooted in Coast Salish culture and design.

The FAI team was honoured to host an unveiling event where Carrielynn shared her inspiration for the central floor piece depicting circular seasonal calendar shifts and queues provided by the plant and animal world.

A very special thank you to Teresa Carlson, Curator, Research and Graduate Studies UFV, and Ed Visser, UFV Facilities who were instrumental in bringing this project together!



*Above: Dr. Lenore Newman and artist Carrielynn Victor at the unveiling event, February 2023*



*Ferreira, D. [photographer], 2020*

## FAI Faculty Associate Highlight: Michelle Superle, Flood Stories Project

Congratulations to FAI's Faculty Associate Michelle Superle lead of the successful Flood Stories Project. Dr. Superle and her team put together an exhibit on display in the [Community Arts Space at The Reach Gallery Museum](#) in Abbotsford. The exhibit is a collection of artistic submissions from members of the UFV community and Abbotsford school district students grades K to 12. Mediums for these artistic submissions varied including written, textile, and photography. The pieces were developed by individuals expressing their appreciation of farmers and personal experiences of the 2021 flood that saw the return of Semá:th Xo:tσα/Sumas Lake. For more information about the Flood Stories and other exciting projects by Dr. Superle [click here](#).

Collectively, the FAI team is grateful to both live and work on the unceded, ancestral, and traditional territory of the Stó:lō.