# **COMMUNITY FOOD SYSTEMS (CFS) PRACTICUM DESCRIPTION**

### COMMUNITY-BASED FOOD JUSTICE INTERNSHIP

### **EAST NEW YORK FARMS!**

#### 2017

1. Practicum Title: Community-Based Food Justice Internship

2. Practicum Host Name: East New York Farms!

- **3. Practicum Host Agency/Organization Description:** The mission of East New York Farms!, a project of United Community centers, is to organize youth and adults to address food justice in our community by promoting local sustainable agriculture and community-led economic development. We operate three urban farms, two farmers markets, a 9-month youth internship, and serve a network 150 community gardeners.
- 4. Community Partner Supervisor & Faculty Advisor: David Vigil
- 5. Student Responsibilities & Expectations: (both on site and on-campus)
  - a. On-site: There will be opportunities to participate in a range of activities that can be tailored to meet the interests and skills of the student. Since food production and distribution is at the core of our work, students should come ready to contribute in a hands-on way to this end in addition to other projects and tasks that are agreed upon. Students should commit to a regular schedule and communicate any changes with ENYF staff. Students should be comfortable working across difference with community residents of various ages and backgrounds.
  - b. On-campus: Regular check-ins via web conference or alternative venues with faculty advisor and other students completing a practicum (standard across all practicums).

## 6. Expected Learning Outcomes:

Students in the practicum will learn about:

- Sustainable urban agriculture and horticulture
- Youth development and organizing
- Community organizing
- Popular education
- Direct marketing
- Light carpentry
- Food justice/food sovereignty
- Non-profits and community-based organizations
- Community gardens and urban land access

- 7. Location: United Community Centers, 613 New Lots Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11207
- 8. Pre-requisites: (e.g.): Housing.
- **9. Performance Evaluation Methods:** Students will be assessed using a CFS Minor standard evaluation that will be tailored to each respective practicum; the assessment will address both the overall learning objectives for the practicum and site-specific outcomes.