



## FOOD AND SOCIETY POLICY FELLOWS PROGRAM

*Kari Bachman, of Las Cruces, N.M., possesses extensive knowledge in the areas of nutrition, food culture and food security. She has been instrumental in developing and implementing non-formal nutrition food culture education programs for children and adults in New Mexico. These programs honor local food traditions and encourage individuals to prepare their own healthy and inexpensive meals. Kari is committed to supporting initiatives that address food security issues such as poor access to food assistance programs, lack of food preparation skills, and lack of convenient and affordable places to buy food.*

Kari is a nutrition program coordinator with New Mexico State University's College of Agriculture and Home Economics. In addition, she served for five years as the state coordinator for the Ideas for Cooking and Nutrition Program (I CAN). The I CAN program engages paraprofessional educators in urban and rural counties to teach a series of hands-on nutrition classes to limited-resource adults and youth.

Kari is fluent in Spanish and has worked with individuals belonging to a variety of Hispanic cultures, including Dominican, Mexican, New Mexican, and Mexican-American. She frequently draws upon her cultural expertise and dual language skills to collaborate on curriculum development projects.



In 2001, Kari was appointed a Food and Society Policy Fellow, a national fellowship program designed to educate consumers, opinion leaders and policymakers on the challenges associated with sustaining family farms and food systems in the United States that are environmentally sound, health promoting and locally owned and controlled. The Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute (Columbia, Mo.) administers the fellowship program, in partnership with the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (Minneapolis, Minn.), with funding from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

Kari holds a master's degree in agricultural and extension education from New Mexico State University. In addition, she holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Swarthmore College of Pennsylvania.

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*The Thomas Jefferson Agricultural Institute was founded in 1997 as a non-profit organization to assist farmers in developing new crops and products through research, education and marketing programs. The Institute works directly with farmers to improve the sustainability of agriculture and practices on their farms. The Jefferson Institute also educates consumers and producers about the growth, marketing and health benefits of alternative crops.*

*Founded in 1986, the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy (IATP) educates and assists individuals and groups working for a just and sustainable world. IATP's mission is to promote resilient family farms, rural communities and ecosystems around the world through research and education, science and technology, and advocacy. IATP has a long-term commitment to policy innovation and advocacy on food, agriculture, trade and environmental issues.*