



With March came the announcement of a brand new transfer agreement as well as a flurry of op-eds from CALS experts about the economic impact of agriculture, the future of scientific research, executive orders on climate change, and logical versus emotional truth.

Food & Energy Systems



The New York Times: "A Staten Island Urban Farmer"
03.10.2017

Zaro Bates, a development sociology alumna, is profiled for her 5,000-square-foot urban farm situated between two apartment buildings in New York City.

Press & Sun Bulletin: "The Economic Impact of Agriculture"
03.24.2017

Jan Nyrop, CUAES and NYSAES, celebrates agriculture in the Southern Tier in this op-ed and calls for constant research and development. Also in The Ithaca Journal.

The Ithaca Voice: "Cornell Receives \$280K for Students Studying Agriculture"
03.23.2017

CALS received federal funding from the USDA for students pursuing research focused on food, agriculture, natural resources, and human sciences. Also in The Ithaca Journal and The Ithaca Times.

WBNG: "SUNY Broome and Cornell Announce Transfer Agreement"
03.08.2017

This agreement will allow students to earn a bachelor's degree in food science after completing their first two years at SUNY Broome. Also in Press & Sun Bulletin and WBGH.

Social Sciences



NPR: "Forcing People at Vending Machines to Wait Nudges Them to Buy Healthier Snacks"
03.31.2017

David Just, Dyson School, suggests that even a short delay could be more beneficial than increasing the prices of unhealthy foods in vending machines.

The Washington Post: "How Could Christians Support Trump's Lies? It Depends on What You Mean by 'Truth'"
03.29.2017

Anna Katharine Mansfield, food science, pens this op-ed on logic- and emotion-based truth, and when to apply them appropriately.

Los Angeles Times: "Evan Spiegel Has Described Snap As a Camera Company. He Tells Us What That Means"
03.02.2017

Natalie Bazarova, communication, explains that Snapchat is part of a communication fabric that helps people share their lives, which in turn can make people happier.

Inside Higher Ed: "The Future of Science in an Uncertain Era"
03.14.2017

David Lodge, ecology and evolutionary biology, describes in this op-ed how scientists are not a special-interest group, and that people should engage in a scientific society to amplify their voice.

Life Sciences



BBC News: "How the Mouse Came to Live Alongside Humans"
03.28.2017

Jeremy Searle, ecology and evolutionary biology, discusses the pre-agriculture nature of the house mouse's association with hunter-gatherer humans. Also in The Christian Science Monitor.

The New York Times: "The Secret to a Really Crisp Apple"
03.03.2017

Susan Brown, School of Integrative Plant Science (SIPS), writes that the cells of crisp apples stay intact and full of juice until eaten, and that storing apples in the fridge will keep them crisper longer.

USA Today: "Is Washing Your Produce a Waste of Time?"
03.09.2017

Randy Worobo, food science, says that the risk of getting sick from unwashed produce is low, but that washing with just water will remove what water-soluble pesticides remain.

Nature: "CRISPR, Microbes, and More are Joining the War Against Crop Killers"
03.14.2017

Adam Bogdanove, SIPS, discusses CRISPR technology and how he uses the technique to make rice that is inherently resistant to bacterial leaf streak and blight.

Environmental Sciences



The Washington Post: "Why Planting Milkweed Won't Halt Monarch Butterfly Decline"
03.18.2017

Anurag Agrawal, ecology and evolutionary biology, talks about his new book, as well as how factors like cars are affecting monarch butterflies.

Fortune: "What Trump's Climate Change Executive Order Means for the Future of Clean Energy"
03.28.2017

David Wolfe, SIPS, writes in this op-ed that the executive order should worry anyone who cares about the environment or America's economic future.

Bloomberg: "Record Warmth Could Turn into a Disaster for U.S. Fruit Growers"
03.01.2017

Karl Niklas, SIPS, says that if upstate New York were to get hit with extreme cold, even for a short amount of time, it could kill flower buds.

WROC: "Scientists May Have Found a Way to Get Rid of Pesky Stink Bugs"
03.17.2017

Arthur Agnello, entomology, discusses the potential of the samurai wasp as a natural predator to stink bugs. Also in WTEN and KSDK.