



Experts at the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences weighed in on important issues from across the globe this April—from how we should safeguard the future of our environment to how we make everyday choices about our health.

Food & Energy Systems



BBC: "Quebec's Maple Syrup Producers Seeking Global Domination"

04.09.2017

Michael Farrell, natural resources, discusses the history of maple syrup, including how government support helped production survive industrialization in Canada.

The Wall Street Journal: "New Jersey Fishermen Reel Over a New Quota on Fluke"

04.06.2017

Patrick Sullivan, natural resources, comments on the current quota system for fluke and suggests updating the stock assessment model to account for the length and sex of the fish.

Fox 5-NY: "College Students Spend Spring Break Building Urban Farm"

04.05.2017

CALS students traveled to New York City, where they partnered with Harlem Grown to address issues of food justice through the Alternative Breaks program.

WENY: "Leaders Host First Industrial Hemp Summit in Southern Tier"

04.18.2017

CALS hosted Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul and local leaders for a conference on hemp's potential. Also in Democrat & Chronicle, Ithaca Journal, and many others.

Social Sciences



NBC News: "CVS, Starbucks Highlight America's Love-Hate Relationship with Sugar"

04.21.2017

David Just, Dyson School, discusses the mental shortcut people take when evaluating food, explaining that we pay attention to the marketing and social norms of a product to determine if it's healthy.

Bloomberg: "How to Help Africa Feed Itself"

04.27.2017

Christopher Barrett, Dyson School, recommends development aid be channeled toward farmers who have the ability to scale up and not be ruined with one bad year.

WCNY: "Connect NY: Poverty on the Edge"

04.14.2017

David Kay, development sociology, joins a panel of experts to discuss poverty in Oswego County, which was once a manufacturing hub but now has one of the highest poverty rates in the state.

Rewire: "Could TV Reminders Cut Down Drunk Driving?"

04.28.2017

Jeff Niederdeppe, communication, is featured for his study on the effect of drunk driving PSAs airing during primetime TV, which could eliminate 35 deaths per year in a city of one million people.

Life Sciences



The New York Times: "Ancient Cannibals Didn't Eat Just for the Calories, Study Suggests"

04.06.2017

David Levitsky, nutritional sciences, affirms the study's method of calculating the caloric value of human meat, likening it to the one used for calculating beef's energetic value.

Spectrum News: "The Intersection of Food and Health"

04.13.2017

Julie Suarez, government relations, sees synergy between Governor Cuomo's life science initiative for New York state and CALS priorities around sustainably feeding growing populations.

CNN: "Is Wine Healthy?"

04.21.2017

Dwayne Bershaw, food science, explains that most white wines and rosés have less alcohol than reds, and that low calorie wine is simply wine with no residual sugar and a lower ABV.

Edible Manhattan: "Starting with a Plant Breeder, Chefs Optimize Flavor from Seed to Plate"

04.26.2017

Michael Mazourek, School of Integrative Plant Science (SIPS), is featured for his collaborations with chef Dan Barber to work on "flavor projects" like winter squash with edible vines and a habanero pepper with no heat.

Environmental Sciences



The Guardian: "Scientists to Take to the Streets in Global March for Truth"

04.18.2017

Sarah Evanega, SIPS, comments on scientific expertise being dismissed as elitism. CALS students joined the march in D.C. Also in HuffPost and Inside Higher Ed.

The Hill: "Climate Change Is Not a Hoax—Ask Any Millennial Seeing It Firsthand"

04.14.2017

Michael Hoffmann, entomology, writes in this op-ed about a transformative trip to Vietnam his students took this year.

The Scientific American: "The Coffee-Songbird Connection"

04.18.2017

Amanda Rodewald, natural resources, argues in her op-ed that choosing shade-grown coffee is helpful to birds and tells the coffee industry that sustainability matters.

Albany Times Union: "Devastation of 2016 Drought Looms in Farmers' Minds, Plans, Wallets"

04.29.2017

Shannan Sweet and David Wolfe, SIPS, explain how growers may need to plan for a future of multiple droughts.