

from Collection to Cultivation



Project updates / Summer 2022

As we reach the end of Easter term, we wanted to update you on the project's progress: from publications to press to plans on the horizon. You can find out more about From Collection to Cultivation by visiting our website at www.cultivation.hps.cam.ac.uk.

From Collection to Cultivation at AHS 2022

We are thrilled to have organised three upcoming panel events at the Agricultural History Society's 2022 conference, 'Greening the Field(s)', from 4–6 August in Stavanger, Norway. Our panels, featuring our team plus a number of affiliated scholars, cover Seeds and Sovereignty, Pests and Pathogens, and Breeding for Industrial Productivity. A full overview of the programme is [here](#).

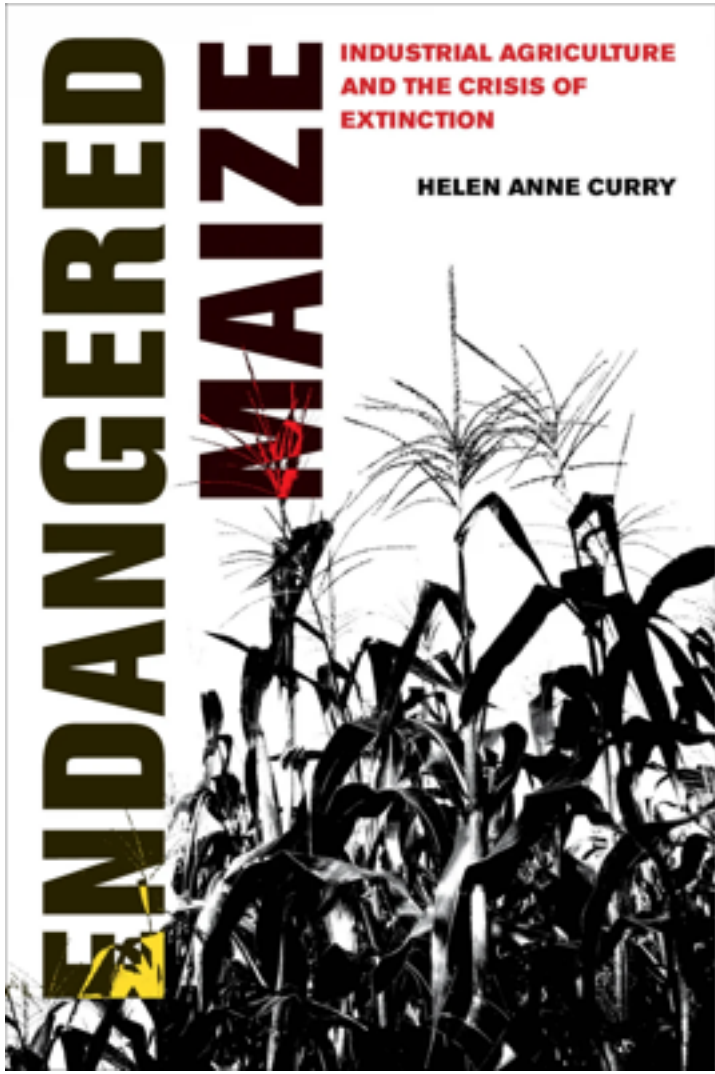
Publications and Press

Project-Sponsored Research Publications:

- Ryan Nehring, '[The Brazilian Green Revolution](#),' *Political Geography* 95 (March 2022).
- Ryan Nehring, '[Digitising Biopiracy? The Global Governance of Plant Genetic Resources in the age of Digital Sequencing Information](#),' *Third World Quarterly* (June 2022).

Other Publications by Project Affiliates

- Leo Chu, '[Review of Exploring Apocalyptica: Coming to Terms with Environmental Alarmism \(2018\)](#),' *H-Environment* (March 2022).
- Ryan Nehring with co-authors, '[Mycorrhizal Fungi Arbuscular in Forage Grasses Cultivated in Cerrado Soil](#),' *Scientific Reports (Nature)* 12 (May 2022).



Outreach Publications:

- Daniela Sclavo, '[Planting Empowerment and Flavor in Oaxaca](#),' *Whetstone Magazine*, 25 May.
- Helen Anne Curry, '[The Race to Protect the Future of Food](#),' *The Conversation*, 25 January.
- Helen Anne Curry, '[Going Beyond Seed Banks](#),' *The Scientist*, 17 January.

Books and Press:

- Helen Anne Curry, '[Endangered Maize: Industrial Agriculture and the Crisis of Extinction](#),' Oakland: University of California Press, 2022.

Marking the launch of *Endangered Maize*, Helen Curry gave a number of interviews on the future of food: [The Biotech Podcast](#), [Science History](#), [This is Hell! \(WNUR Chicago\)](#), and [SCAS Talks](#).

Our Project Blog

We launched a project blog at the start of the academic year to highlight snippets of our team's research. Check out our latest instalments:



Notes from the Field

Ryan Nehring on PANCs in Brazil.



Sovereignty and the Food Systems Summit

Hitesh Pant on social movements and seed sovereignty.



Heritage Seeds and Settler Legacies

Helen Anne Curry on Mandan seeds.



Desvenar: Reimagining Fieldwork

Daniela Sclavo on chilli peppers and fieldwork.

Conference and Public Engagement Events

Tad Brown:

- 'Itinerary of a Peanut,' Cambridge Festival, 4 April.

Erinn Campbell:

- 'Anticipating the impact of invasive plant pests and pathogens, 1989-2007.,' Contagion and Calculus: An Epidemey Project Workshop, University of Edinburgh, 16–17 June.

Leo Chu:

- 'Managing Nature at the Right Scale: American Ecology and Forestry in Republican China and Taiwan, 1920–50,' 19th Annual Conference of European Association of Taiwan Studies, 6–8 April.
- 'Containment Ecology: Systems Ecology and Agricultural Research in Southeast Asia, 1964–1989,' British Society for the History of Science Postgraduate Conference, 28–30 April.
- 'Asian Farmers and Modest Scientists: The Asian Vegetable Research and Development Center (AVRDC) and Taiwan's Science Diplomacy, 1963–1989,' Cambridge-LMU Partnership Workshop, 19–20 May.

Zsuzsanna Ihár:

- 'Agricultural Storytelling within the Militarized Zone,' Graduate Workshop on Environmental Multimodal Methods, UPenn/Harvard, 20 January.
- 'In the Field?' Gates Year of Engagement, Teach-a-Thon, University of Cambridge, 4 April.
- 'Seeds of War? Agricultural Expertise and the Governance of Militarised Landscapes,' Gates Day of Research, University of Cambridge, 7 May.
- 'The Map, The Story, and the Photograph,' The Virtual Otherwise, Society for Cultural Anthropology – Society for Visual Anthropology Biennial Conference, University of Pennsylvania, 4 June.

João Joaquim:

- 'Aphids, from agricultural pest to instruments in early twentieth-century plant virus research,' Humans, Ticks and Insects in Multispecies Networks, The University of Turku and Åbo Akademi University, 17 March.
- 'Potatoes, from degeneration to virus disease control,' British Agricultural History Society Spring Conference, Harper Adams University, 5 April.

Ryan Nehring:

- 'The Brazilian Green Revolution' Workshop on 'Cooperation for agricultural development in the Global South: Multiple pathways towards justice and sustainability?' FLAME University, Pune, India, 9 March.

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