

Special Seminar



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Special seminar:

The promise and challenge of underutilized crops in forward-looking food systems

Date and Time: May 18, 2026, 10:00-11:00

Place: Multipurpose room at ALRC

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Abstract: From heat and drought stress to evolving biotic threats to general land-use pressure and the relentless need for increased production, the challenges facing agriculture are legion and accelerating in their impacts. Neglected and underutilized crops (NUCs) represent a vast reservoir of relatively untapped plant genetic diversity to help meet current and future food needs in the face of such issues. In this seminar, Dr. Iago Hale will discuss the potential of and unique challenges associated with the development of NUCs, including diverse examples of his work in West Africa (shea tree: *Vitellaria paradoxa*) and the northeast US (kiwiberry: *Actinidia arguta*; Tartary buckwheat: *Fagopyrum tataricum*).

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