

# **HUNGRY HEARTLAND**

Opening reception | September 7, 2019

Shreepad Joglekar, Curator

Introductory remarks and screening of documentaries | 2 pm

**HUNGRY HEARTLAND** is the culmination of the multimedia educational and outreach campaign initiated in Fall 2018 by K-State students in three departments: Art, Journalism and Mass Communication, and English. The exhibition includes photographic work and short documentaries that reveal, document and interpret the issues of healthy food accessibility and food insecurity in Kansas.

Kansas is the Wheat State, the nation's breadbasket, and a leader in grain sorghum, corn, soybean, and beef productions. By all appearances, it is a bustling agricultural state where food access should be the least of one's concerns. Yet ironically, right here in our agricultural state are patches of food deserts where nearly 25 percent of local Kansans lack affordable and easy access to fresh food.

Very little of this dire situation is known to Kansans and other people outside the state. The **HUNGRY HEARTLAND** project was initiated with the central goal of education and outreach to improve public understanding of these issues.

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## **OCTOBER 5**

"Tallgrass Tales: Stories from the Flint Hills" Videos of seasoned Flint Hills ranchers and other cow-folk by photographer Mark Feiden. Remarks by Feiden and folklorist and historian Jim Hoy | 2 pm

## **OCTOBER 6**

Closing Reception | Conversation with Artist Zhang Hongtu and National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson, of Prairie Studies Institute, a collaboration of the Marianna Kistler Beach Museum at K-State and the Volland Foundation | 2 pm

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