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The [Food Studies theme](#) is proud to present the Food for Thought Speaker Series talk “**Harvest the Past, Feed the Future: Cultivating the Forgotten Indigenous Crops of Eastern North America**” on Feb. 22 from 7-9 p.m. in Baker Ballroom.

### **Chenopods | Marshelder | Maygrass | Erect Knotweed**

**Abstract:** About 4,000 years ago, farmers throughout the Ohio Valley region grew a suite of native crops that sustained their growing populations. Many of these crops today are only known via archaeology. “Harvest the Past, Feed the Future” brings scholars together from all over Eastern North America whose work is committed to exploring the potential of these lost crops as modern-day food resources. This symposium will provide farmers and community members opportunities to discuss the potential of these crops for agricultural entrepreneurship and economic development.

### **Speakers**

This event brings together anthropologists from across the country to explore the native fruits of our region:

- [Dr. Paul Patton](#) of Ohio University, Sociology & Anthropology Department and Food Studies
- [Natalie Mueller](#) of Washington University in St. Louis, Anthropology Department
- [Dr. Elizabeth Horton](#) of the University of Arkansas, Anthropology Department
- [Andrew Weiland](#) of the Ohio State University, Anthropology Department

This event is free and open to the public.



Student harvests *Chenopodium Berlandieri* at the Plant Biology Learning Gardens (Photo by Cameron Fortin)