

# Steffanie Scott

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Leading international scholar on food security, food system change, and COVID-19 impacts on the food supply.

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## Biography

Steffanie Scott is co-investigator on a study of the food security consequences of COVID-19 and countermeasures in China and Canada. Dr Scott's reputation as a leading international scholar on food security and food system change in China is confirmed by the recent release of her co-authored book, *Organic Food and Farming in China: Top-down and Bottom Up Ecological Initiatives*. She led the Canadian Association for Food Studies (2012-14) and was inaugural co-chair of the Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable. She co-founded the LinkedIn group, "China's Changing Food System" and teaches on sustainable food systems and development studies. Steffanie is principal investigator for several research projects on China's Changing Food System, Ecological Agriculture in China, and Our Food Future--Waterloo Region.

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## Industry Expertise

Research, Agriculture and Farming, Food Production, Food Distribution, Food and Beverages, Environmental Services, Education/Learning, Health and Wellness, Food Processing, Public Policy, Women, Social Services

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## Areas of Expertise

COVID-19 (Coronavirus), China, Canada, Food Access, Local Food Systems, Agriculture, Farming, Sustainable Agriculture, Organic Food, Food Agriculture & Environment, Food Policy, Food System Sustainability, Community Development and Social Justice, Sustainable Development, Economic Development, International Development, Environmental Health, Gardening, Rural Issues, Food System Change, Sustainable Communities, Policy Analysis, Equity and Human Rights, Social Activism, Social Movements, Urban Development, Environmental Justice, Environmental Education, Food

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## Affiliations

University of Waterloo Faculty of Environment, Sustain Ontario, Canadian Organic Growers, Organic Council of Ontario, Canadian Association of Food Studies, Waterloo Region Food System Roundtable

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## Event Appearances

### **Household Patronage and Participation in Nanjing's Informal Food Economy**

Informality and the urban food system: policy, practice and inclusive growth through a food lens  
Symposium

### **Ecological Agriculture in China: Government-led versus grassroots initiatives**

Cases and Frameworks for the Dissemination of Ecological Agriculture and CSAs in Mainland China, Hong Kong and Taiwan workshop

### **Forging new interfaces between 'feeders' and 'eaters': Alternative food networks in China**

Food and Sustainability: Production, Consumption and Food Relations in Asia Conference

### **What is a Sustainable Food System? Experiences from Waterloo Region**

Webinar Presentation for Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition

### **Economic development networks in the local food sector in Waterloo region**

Future of the Food Economy (event for economic development officers), hosted by the Workforce Planning Board of Waterloo-Wellington

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## **Education**

### **The University of British Columbia**

Ph.D. Geography

### **University of Guelph**

M.A. Sociology and International Development

### **Simon Fraser University**

B.A. Geography & Latin American Studies; Certificate in Chinese Studies

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## **Accomplishments**

### **SSHRC New Frontiers in Research Fund?Rapid Response**

Assessing and Mitigating the Food Security Consequences of COVID-19 in China; (2020-22), Co-applicant

### **SSHRC Partnership Development Grant**

Using Agroecology to Advance Sustainable Development Goals in China: Pathways of Transition Towards a Sustainable Food System; (2019-21)

### **University of Waterloo International Partnership Research Grant**

Pathways of Transition Towards a Sustainable Food System: Scaling Out Agroecology Practices in China (2017-18)

**SSHRC-IDRC Partnership Grant**

Hungry Cities: governance, rapid urbanization and urban food security in the Global South; (2014-19), Co-applicant

**University of Waterloo International Partnership Research Grant**

Cross-sector Solutions to Grand Challenges in China; (2017-18), Co-applicant

**SSHRC Insight Grant**

Cultivating pathways to ecological agriculture: Rural-urban interfaces and regional dynamics in the agri-food sector in Nanjing, China; (2016-21)

**U of Waterloo Chronic Disease Prevention Initiative Seed Grant**

Understanding Interactions Among Policy Initiatives Aimed at Improving Food-Related Health Outcomes: Implications for Chronic Disease Prevention; (2014-15), Co-applicant

**SSHRC Partnership Grant**

Community First: Impacts of Community Engagement; Co-researcher; (2011-18), Co-applicant

**Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs**

Evaluating Regional Development Initiatives: Understanding the challenges for rural communities in Ontario; Co-researcher; (2011-13), Co-applicant

**SSHRC Standard Research Grant**

Organic and ecological agriculture, ecological modernization, and the developmental state in China; (2010-13)

**Economic Developers? Council of Ontario**

Creativity, Innovation and Sustainability: Understanding Urban-Rural Linkages in Regional Economic Development Initiatives; (2011-12), Co-researcher

**SSHRC (Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council) Major Collaborative Research Initiative**

Challenges of Agrarian Transition in Southeast Asia; (2005-10), Co-researcher

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