

8th Annual Food Recovery Forum & 11th Annual Organics Recycling Conference

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Keynote Speaker: Emily Broad Leib, Clinical Professor of Law, Faculty Director, Food Law and Policy Clinic, Deputy Director, Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation, Harvard Law School.

Presentation: Global Trends, Domestic Opportunities in Food Waste Policy.

This talk will address several global trends in food waste policy and discuss best practices that can be models for the U.S. as well as key upcoming opportunities for domestic food waste policy action in the U.S. First, the presentation will share best practices and policy trends in global food waste and food donation policies, based on the findings from 23 countries included in the Global Food Donation Policy Atlas (www.atlas.foodbanking.org). The presentation next will discuss several policy models related to consumer food waste reduction, as there is growing acknowledgment of the challenge and interest in addressing global high rates of consumer food waste. Lastly, the presentation will discuss several pending and upcoming opportunities for food waste reduction policy action at the federal level in the U.S., including the 2023 Farm Bill.

Bio: Emily Broad Leib is a Clinical Professor of Law and Founding Director of the Harvard Law School Food Law and Policy Clinic, the nation's first law school clinic devoted to providing legal and policy solutions to the health, economic, and environmental challenges facing our food system. She is also Deputy Director of Harvard Law School Center for Health Law and Policy Innovation. Working directly with clients and communities, Broad Leib champions community-led food system change, reduction in food waste, food security and access to healthy foods, and equity and sustainability in food production. Her scholarly work has been published in the California Law Review, Wisconsin Law Review, Harvard Law & Policy Review, Food & Drug Law Journal, and Journal of Food Law & Policy, among others.

In 2015, Broad Leib became one of seven inaugural recipients of Harvard's Drew Faust's Climate Change Solution Fund. Her project, "Reducing Food Waste as Key to Addressing Climate Change", leveraged the Clinic's food law and policy expertise to combat food waste, a major producer of greenhouse gas emissions. Broad Leib continued to gain national prominence when she was named one of Fortune and Food & Wine Magazine's 2016 Most Innovative Women in Food and Drink; a list reserved for those that have had the most transformative impact on what the public eats and drink. Her work on food waste and recovery is now global, with a project on food donation policy that engages partners in more than twenty countries across the globe. A recognized leader in the field, Broad Leib's work has been covered by The New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Boston Globe, The Guardian, TIME, Politico, and The Washington Post. She also made appearances on CBS This Morning, CNN, The Today Show, and MSNBC.

To usher in a new generation of legal practitioners and scholars, Broad Leib has hosted an annual Food Law Student Leadership Summit, supported the student-led National Food Law Student Network, and founded the Academy of Food Law and Policy, a network of law professors researching, teaching, and mentoring on food law and policy. She served as Founding Co-Chair of the Academy of Food Law and Policy's Board of Trustees from 2016 to 2019. Broad Leib is also the faculty supervisor for the Harvard Food Law Society.

Before joining Harvard Law School's faculty, Broad Leib spent two years in Clarksdale, Mississippi as the Joint Harvard Law School/Mississippi State University Delta Fellow. She served as the Director of the Delta Directions Consortium, a group of university and foundation leaders dedicated to improving public health and fostering economic development in the Delta. Broad Leib remains committed to the project as the current faculty supervisor of the Harvard Mississippi Delta Project.

She received her B.A. from Columbia University and her J.D. from Harvard Law School, cum laude.