

# FOOD & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BROOKLYN FOOD CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS SATURDAY MAY 2<sup>ND</sup> 2009



## **Food Democracy as a Green Economic Development Strategy**

This workshop discusses a number of ways food-related businesses may be environmentally sustainable as well as serve social needs. Topics include urban agriculture, food co-ops, food processing, food specialty production, and food services in restaurants.

**Michael Hurwitz**, Dir, Greenmarket and co-founder, Added Value & Herban Solutions

**Elizabeth Yampierre**, Exec. Dir., UPROSE: United Puerto Rican Organization of Sunset Park.

**Dr. Khin Mar Cho**, Cornell Cooperative Extension-NYC.

## **Using Food as a Treatment, Life Enhancing Approach with People At-Risk**

Food services and agriculture/gardening training programs for at-risk populations is being used a treatment modality and economic development strategy all over the US. Learn how these communities combine social services and economic development..

**Jenny Huston**, Sustainable Enterprise, Bay Area Community Services in Oakland, CA.

**Dan Brady** directs projects on gardens & farms on prisons & juvenile security residences producing food for the Food Bank for Westchester County.

## **Green Economic Development Strategies: What Needs to Happen to Make that a Reality**

Hear how to develop capital pools, blocks of agricultural land, infrastructure, labor pools, and pressure from consumers that are in-tune with the concept of economic justice for farmers and laborers. Discuss creating enterprises in the city that would add value to NY grown produce.

**Zaid Kurdieh**, farmer and MBA, Norwich Meadows Farm, LLC.

**John Ameroso**, Cornell Cooperative Extension-NYC.