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## **Soil to Kitchen: Urban Social Enterprise and the Local Food Economy**

### **Learning Tour**

### **Speaker Profiles**

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#### **Warren King (Well Spring Management)**

Warren's passion for land, agriculture and sustainable practices is rooted in his northern California upbringing and his work on the farm as a young man. In 2000 he was honored with the Illinois State 4-H Alumni Recognition Award and continues these activities by serving on the boards of Seven Generations Ahead, Sustain USA and the Association of Family Farms, all not-for-profits that are working to increase regional food production, provide new revenue opportunities for farmers and help communities to act and live more sustainably. He spent the majority of his professional career with Cargill, Inc. as a trader, futures analyst, commodities broker and international market developer.

Warren lives in Oak Park, IL, and possesses an MBA in Marketing from DePaul University and is a graduate of UC-Davis with a degree in International Relations.

#### **Harry Rhodes (Executive Director, Growing Home)**

Mr. Rhodes has been with Growing Home for seven years. He initiated the first year of growing organic food and training people in 2002, and has overseen the growth of the organization, helping it become a model transitional job program concentrating on urban agriculture. He has a Master's Degree in Public Policy and Administration from the University of Wisconsin.

#### **Zina Murray (Founder/Owner, Logan Square Kitchen)**

Over the past three years, Zina has worked to strengthen local food entrepreneurship in Logan Square. In 2005, five Logan Square grocery stores closed prompting Zina to work in attracting Sunflower Markets to the neighborhood. The process clarified the lack of long-term food security, and led to the submission of a proposal for the Logan Square Kitchen. The Logan Square Kitchen holds a vision of a community operating at the intersection of economic development and public health. Multiple small food businesses rent space from the kitchen and it serves as a gathering place ensuring that that food access and education are presented in a dynamic and engaging environment.

In addition to the kitchen entity, Zina also created Glorious Food, a charity that will teach nutrition education. Glorious Food received its 501(c)3 status in July 2007. Murray graduated from Michigan State University in 1984 with a BA in Communication Arts/Advertising. She personally financed her college education working in restaurants.