

Event Title: The Baltimore Environmental Film Series at Loyola Maryland presents *Wasted USA* and *La Cosecha/The Harvest*

- **A synopsis.** Elissa Derrickson will be leading a pre-film discussion to set the stage for issues of food waste and who harvests our food. CCSJ staff and students will also be on hand to provide information about CCSJ service opportunities related to food issues. Event is free and food will be available for purchase from Farmers' Market Vendors.

- **Resources for attendees.** These are articles, videos, websites, readings, etc. related to the event you are hosting. In some cases, groups we have worked with have compiled things that provide a little bit of background information so that someone who is not at all familiar with a topic can gain a little knowledge prior to the event. Typically we have a minimum of 3 different resources- for some events we have had up to 7.
 - Farm Labor – This short video & article focuses on Mexico so it would be an interesting discussion about conditions in Mexico vs in the U.S. It may surprise students how similar the lives of the workers are on either side of the border when they see *La Cosecha*. <http://graphics.latimes.com/product-of-mexico-camps/>
 - Articles on Food Waste from NPR - <http://www.npr.org/tags/141123294/food-waste>
 - Farm Worker Justice (www.farmworkerjustice.org)
 - Southern Poverty Law Center – “Injustice on Our Plates, the Plight of Immigrant Women in the U.S. Food Industry” (<https://www.splcenter.org/20101108/injustice-our-plates>)
 - Food Waste Alliance (<http://www.foodwastealliance.org/about-our-work/assessment/>)

- **Questions for further reflection and discussion:**
 - How much food do you personally throw or seen thrown away daily? If you were hungry or working as a farm laborer do you think that you would feel differently about the amount of food thrown away?
 - What is one time you felt like an outsider? How were you able to deal with this condition effectively? What attitude helped them cope? What strategies can they share for others who might at some time be in a similar position?
 - What are some of the negative environmental factors that you think affects the lives of child workers depicted in the Harvest? What about a positive environmental factors? Environment is not just physical but may also refer to the emotional and/or social environments as well.
 - For further connection to the environment - what is one environmental factor you think is particularly dangerous to child workers? Research it by going to either the Human Rights Watch website (<https://www.hrw.org/report/2010/05/05/fields-peril/child-labor-us-agriculture>) to read “Fields of Peril,” or to the Association of Farmworker Opportunities (www.afop.org), or to the National Center for Farmworker Health (www.ncfh.org).