

The Marginal

Fall 2022



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Meet the house

Watermargin's newest faces...

...And those who came back for more

Aidan Adams
Computer
Science
Class of 2025



Annika Dahlin
Psychology
Class of 2023



Grace Guo
Biological
Sciences
Class of 2025



Grace Myers
Fashion
Design
Management
Class of 2025



Hana Cruz
Fine Art
Class of 2025



Hannah Devine-Rader
Industrial &
Labor
Relations
Class of 2025



Jocelyn Tripoli
History &
Linguistics
Class of 2023



Macy Smith
Comparative
Literature
Class of 2023



Michelle Wei
Comparative
Literature
Class of 2024



Moya Moses
Urban and
Regional
Studies
Class of 2024



Nate Jackson
Creative Writing
Class of 2025



Rio Chavez
Fine Art
Class of
Fall 2024



Ry Pirrung
Feminist,
Gender and
Sexuality
Studies
Class of 2024



Shahad Salman
Global and
Public Health
Sciences
Class of 2024



Tyler Brown
English
Class of 2023



Yajaira Rodriguez
Biological
Sciences
Class of 2024



Iris



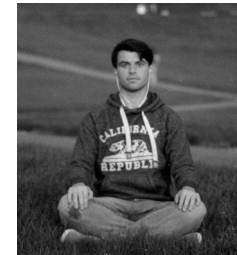
Neo



Ruby



Daniel Lacy
Molecular
Biology
Class of 2023



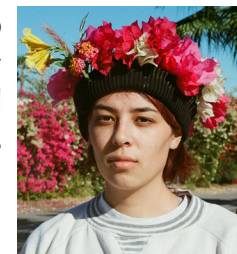
Hal Reed
History &
Information
Science
Class of 2023



Kendra Cooper-Smith
International
Agriculture &
Rural
Development
Class of 2023



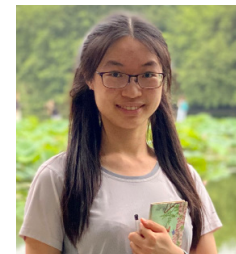
Kiki Shinsato
Community
Based Food
Systems
Class of 2023



Mabel Orhiekhoe
Plant Sciences
Class of 2023



Sara Xinyue Liang
Biology
Class of 2023



Sophie Cianfarani
Art History
Class of 2023



Tyler Cross
Philosophy
Class of 2023



Sarah Coupal
Sarah is a Watermargin alum who graduated in 2022. Her work brought her to Ithaca for about a month this semester!



Below: October 24, 2022.
Before we began supplying from Anabel's, the pantry had expired goods, food past residents left behind, and black mold.



Below: Produce from local farms!



Dear Marginal Family,

The kitchen has always served as a heart to the home. It's where meals are lovingly prepared, late night chats are had, and snowy boots are dusted off. With residents from a wide range of cultural backgrounds, Watermargin has enjoyed cuisines from all over the world.

COVID-19 had an abrupt hold on the normal functionings of our community. Occupancy of the house was at an all time low, supply chains were disturbed, and the organic passage of knowledge was halted. Our kitchen was one of the first to feel the impacts of these drastic disruptions.

Kitchen stewards the past two years have been left to recreate what the food system within Watermargin looks like. With unreliable institutional suppliers we began to rethink what a sustainable, equitable, and abundant meal plan would look like.

This led myself and a team of kitchen stewards to understand what Ithaca's food landscape looked like. We spent the summer befriending local farmers, suppliers, and producers. Through this exploration, we made both great friends and meaningful connections to the land and those who steward it. To name a few, Rocky Acres Community Farm and Via's Cookies are BIPOC producers who have been supplying the community with sustainable meats, cheeses, produce, baked goods, and so much more. Last semester we were honored to host education events where the founders of both initiatives spoke to the house offering their wisdom and hope.

The next phase of our meal plan is creating longevity. The gap in knowledge experienced during the pandemic is one that the house cannot afford to experience again. This prompted us to connect with the on campus grocery store Anabel's Grocery. Through an ongoing independent study, residents have arranged a supplier relationship with the store. Anabel's serves as a connection to the broader finger lakes region, sourcing local and high quality produce at a discounted price. On top of that Anabel's agreed to subsidize Watermargin's orders with their "Anti-Racism Action Fund" and cover overhead costs of delivery and quality control.

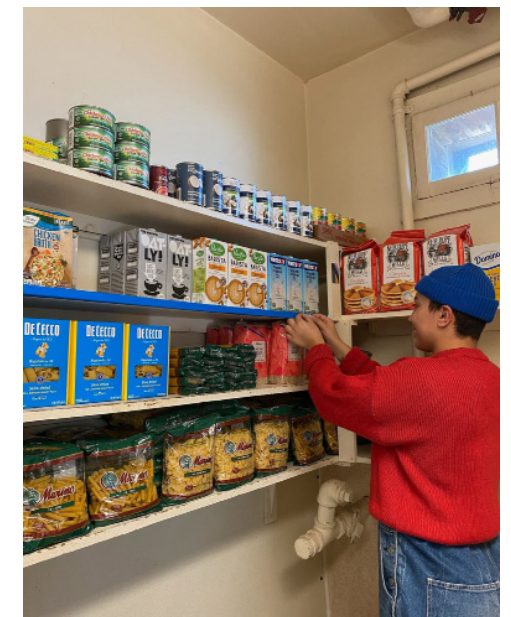
With a regionally based supply chain secured, we will now be focusing our independent study on the creation of a comprehensive food systems manual. This semester, those participating in the independent study will document our orders, suppliers, menus, and various other internal processes.

We are coming to our dear alumni with a request. Please send us your stories, photos, recipes, manuals you might have created during your time at Watermargin... anything kitchen related. We want the good, the bad, and the disgusting :)

You can send any materials to me
kms457@cornell.edu!

With love and high regards,
Kiki Shinsato
Watermargin President

Below: Our current system.



Thanks to our amazing education chair, Michelle Wei, this semester's educational programming involved events led by guest speakers as well as workshops led by housemates.

Alumni Returning Home!
Watermargin's Fall 2022 alumni events.
Stay tuned for Spring 2023 alumni programming!

October 23: Cornell EARS training with Annika and Antonia

Our housemate Annika, and her peer, Antonia, led an EARS (Empathy, Assistance & Referral Service) workshop in which housemates honed their active listening skills. This event, being the first education event of the semester, laid the foundation for a respectful and empathetic learning environment.



November 6: Discussion with Rafael Aponte, founder of Rocky Acres Community Farm

In this interactive education event, Watermargin housemates and guests engaged in discussion with Rafael, the founder of Rocky Acres. Rafael spoke about the process of founding Rocky Acres and the barriers to access to land that farmers of color face. The event touched on a variety of topics including food justice and sovereignty, Rafael's success in providing culturally-significant meats and produce to populations in Ithaca, and the centrality of food in fostering and strengthening a community.



November 13: Discussion & Cookie-Making Workshop with Via, founder of Via's Cookies

Via's Cookies' mission is to produce delicious cookies that all can enjoy despite food restrictions. Via's Cookies also supports struggling BIPOC and LGBTQIA+ students, and a portion of the organization's profits go directly to those communities. In this workshop, participants created cookies with fun flavors, learned about Via's experiences creating a business, and forged a deeper connection to a person who contributes to their food systems with love and care.



November 14: Video & New Media Art Watch Party with Michelle

In this watch party and discussion, Michelle shared her interests in video and new media art with housemates. Michelle showed the 1975 work, "Media Burn," by Ant Farm & Chip Lord (seen at right); the 1973 video, "Television Delivers People," by Richard Serra & Carlota Fay Schoolman; and Zhang Xiaotao's 2013 work "The Adventure of Liangliang."



December 2: Intro to Crochet with Hal

Hal led a workshop in which housemates learned how to crochet. Pictured at right are Eddy and Jerry, the lobsters that Hal crocheted this semester. Housemates learned how to do simple stitches and basic shapes, but Hal's event gave us the hope that, one day, we will all be able to crochet lobsters.



Pretzel-making with Lou Hom '93

Lou taught us how to shape and cook pretzels in an event in September! Housemates experimented with pretzel shape and dipping sauces to make for a relaxing and entertaining Sunday afternoon.

Watermargin Alum, Franklin (Mad Lasso), Opens for Haley Heynderickx at a Fan Club Collective concert held at Watermargin



Watermargin alum, Franklin, who uses the stage name Mad Lasso, opened for Haley Heynderickx at a Fan Club Collective concert held in our backyard! Franklin was an incredible performer and an amazing guest to have around. Support a Marginal and check out Mad Lasso on streaming platforms!

Holiday Dinner

Thank you so much to the alumni who made it to Holiday Dinner. It was a night of togetherness, incredible food, and great conversation. Pictured on the bottom left are Roger Karlebach '65; Roger's wife, Ilene Whitman; Lou Hom '93; Carlton Riley '22; and Ry Pirrung '24! Thank you for an incredible night!



This semester we've enjoyed several social events, concerts, education events, alumni visits, house cleans, and more. We hope this newsletter functioned as a non-extensive glimpse into our exciting, abundant, and nurturing Fall '22 semester. One of the most valuable aspects of living in Watermargin is learning about the home's history and the people who have shared this space. Thank you, Marginals, for continuing to engage with us and for reading our newsletters.

Your emails, letters, and check-ins are invaluable to us, and we love hearing from you. Please continue to send your questions, updates, and stories to the current house council by emailing watermargin@cornell.edu.

