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Pam provides leadership for all aspects of the Tisch Food Center’s work, including these reports. Pam conducts research about the connections between a just, sustainable food system and healthy eating. She translates the results from her research into useful resources such as curricula for schoolteachers and recommendations for policy makers. Pam is the primary author of the three Linking Food and the Environment (LiFE) curriculum series books: Growing Food; Farm to Table & Beyond, and Choice, Control & Change and coordinated the development, evaluation and dissemination of LiFE. Pam frequently speaks about nutrition education and sustainable food systems at meetings and conferences across the country. Pam also collaborates with several groups conducting food and nutrition education and working to increase access to healthy, sustainable food around New York City. She completed her BS and MS degrees in nutrition at Rutgers University, The State University of New Jersey, and her EdD and RD from Teachers College, Columbia University.

“We need to unite. We must tell our government representatives that publicly supported food programs and nutrition education are critical for reducing health care costs, providing jobs, saving our environment, and increasing the quality of life of our citizens. We may be able to do more than just prevent these from being cut. We can be visionary, and advocate for policies and investments that help all New Yorkers be empowered eaters.” – Pam Koch

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Claire lead the research and writing of these reports. Claire’s work focuses on building toward an equitable and sustainable food system. Claire takes the lead on policy efforts, community partnerships, and external relations for the Tisch Food Center. Her professional experience spans urban agriculture, food policy and community food security. Prior to the Center she was with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and before that served as Executive Director of Wasatch Community Gardens in Salt Lake City. She has a BA in Art History from Colgate University and a Masters in Library and Information Studies from University of California, Los Angeles.
“When we first started thinking about nutrition education policy and advocacy, we realized there wasn’t a go-to source. These reports fill that gap. I hope that they will inspire policymakers, advocates, and educators to work towards policies that ensure great nutrition education for all!” – Claire Uno

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Julia was the lead author for these reports. In her role at the Tisch Food Center, Julia researched state and local nutrition education programs and policies. Julia previously worked at the Natural Resources Defense Council, the Food and Drug Administration, and the National Sustainable Agriculture Coalition. Julia graduated with a B.A. in History from Georgetown University and has a law degree from New York University where she was a Root-Tilden-Kern scholar.

“The city needs to be better coordinated, and it’s so siloed at the federal level, too. What would be really powerful would be a federal-level strategy both within and across agencies that addresses: How are we supporting the health of Americans? And as those funds funnel down and are used for local needs, how can a strategy like that support the local level?” – Julia McCarthy