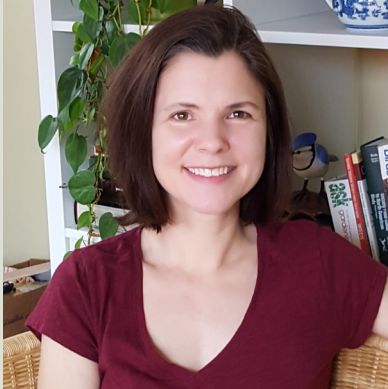


MEET THE SAFE URBAN HARVESTS CHICAGO STUDY TEAM

University of Illinois at Chicago researchers partnered with the [Johns Hopkins Center for a Livable Future](#) field and lab teams to measure metal contaminants in soil and irrigation water from Chicago's community gardens.



Emily Minor, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Biological Sciences
Research Associate Professor, Institute for Environmental Science and Policy
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Emily has a love/hate relationship with the squirrels and birds that help themselves to the food in her garden.



Molly Doane, PhD
Associate Professor, Department of Anthropology
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Molly grows food in gardens all over the city and spends all summer working in them.



Alexis Smith, PhD Candidate
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Alexis likes growing plants of all kinds, including the underappreciated edible 'weeds'.



Bianca Lopez, PhD
Postdoctoral Fellow
National Socio-Environmental Synthesis Center

Bianca is a former farmer who now studies plants in cities. These days she is hopeless at keeping plants alive but is good at identifying what species they are.

