CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Registration
Lobby

8:00 – 8:30 a.m.  Breakfast
Room 150

8:30 – 8:45 a.m.  Conference Overview
Pat Inman
Center for Governmental Studies
Room 150

8:45 – 9:00 a.m.  Welcome
Nancy Tuchman, Director
Loyola University’s Institute of Environmental Sustainability
Room 150

9:00 – 9:30 a.m.  Defining a Regional Food System
Pat Inman and
Sandra Streed
Center for Governmental Studies
Room 150

9:30 – 10:50 a.m.  1st Panel Discussion
Connecting Institutions to the Food System
Panel Facilitator: Alan Shannon
Room 150

10:50 – 11:00 a.m.  Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.  Second Panel Discussion
Exploring Barriers and
Opportunities for Institutional Engagement
Panel Facilitator: Alan Shannon
Room 150

12:30 – 1:30 p.m.  Lunch
Dining Room

1:30 – 3:30 p.m.  Open Space Discussion:
Identifying Paths Forward
Dining Room

3:30 – 3:45 p.m.  Break

3:45 – 5:00 p.m.  Open Space Reporting
Dining Room

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.  Networking with hors d’oeuvres and cash bar
Room 150

CONFERENCE PANELISTS

Patsy Benveniste
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