MERCEDES DIANE GRIFFIN FORBES

MA | MPH

Speaker • Moderator • Educator • Interview Guest

Food systems / Gender equity / Sustainability

Public health / International development / Storytelling



SELECTED VIDEO EVIDENCE

01 / PANEL MODERATION



FOOD TANK

Recorded panel moderation

A full-length example of Mercedes facilitating a live discussion. Particularly relevant for conference panels, moderated conversations, and fireside-chat inquiries.

WATCH MODERATION

02

HumanitiesDC | National Press Club

PRESS CONFERENCE / EVENT HOSTING

Extended recording of Mercedes hosting and addressing a live audience.

WATCH

03

Words Beats & Life: Alternate Winter Break

FEATURED INTERVIEW

An on-camera interview featured in the Alternate Winter Break series.

WATCH

Choosing a sample: Food Tank demonstrates moderation; the HumanitiesDC press conference demonstrates event hosting and sustained public speaking; the interview demonstrates on-camera media presence.

MORE WAYS TO HEAR MERCEDES

Long-form conversation, short clips and session topics

AUDIO APPEARANCES

MY CAMINO: THE PODCAST / DAN MULLINS

A long-form conversation about the Camino journey, resilience, personal growth and reinvention. A relevant sample for leadership, midlife transitions and personal storytelling.

LISTEN ON APPLE PODCASTS

FOOD TALK WITH DANI NIERENBERG / FOOD TANK

An audio appearance for audiences interested in food systems, sustainability and development perspectives.

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SPEAKING PLAYLIST & SHORT CLIPS

SCAN TO EXPLORE THE SPEAKING PLAYLIST

A collection of video appearances and speaking excerpts, with additional short-form examples available below.

OPEN YOUTUBE PLAYLIST

SPEAKING SHORT 01

SPEAKING SHORT 02

DAN MULLINS CLIP

PRESS CLUB SHORT

SPEAKING TOPICS & FORMATS

Signature topics

Food Systems Are Human Systems • Gender Equity in Global Food Systems • Women, Agriculture & Economic Agency • Sustainability Beyond the Buzzwords • Whose Food Stories Get Told?

Formats

Keynotes and featured talks • Panel moderation • Fireside chats • Guest lectures • Facilitated discussions • Professional workshops • Media interviews

ABOUT MERCEDES

Mercedes Diane Griffin Forbes, MA, MPH, is an international development consultant and educator with more than 20 years of experience in food systems, gender equity and public health. Her career includes service in the Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General and advisory work on USAID-funded initiatives. She brings field experience across Africa, Asia and Latin America into public conversations and applied learning.

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