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The Gravy Rebel Issue

This is an issue about rebels. The South is full of them. We begin by introducing you to Shirley Sherrod, who spoke to us at the Southern Foodways Symposium this past fall. She told us stories about what it took to be a rebel in Albany, Georgia, in the 1960s. She talked about her roles in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and the innovative New Communities cooperative farm. She spoke of leading the USDA's Georgia Office of Rural Development to help poor people of all races, only to be falsely accused of favoring African Americans. And she talked about what it takes to be a rebellious farmer now. The following is adapted from Makalé Faber-Cullen's introduction to her talk, interspersed with quotes from Sherrod.

—Sara Camp Arnold

