

FOOD SUSTAINABILITY & FOOD SECURITY
A UCSB CONFERENCE
February 5-7, 2009

LOCATION

UC Santa Barbara

Interdisciplinary Humanities Center, McCune Room, HSSB 6020

Thursday night film screening will occur in Girvetz Hall Theater.

Photography exhibition will be in IHC Seminar Room, HSSB 6056.

All events are free & open to the public unless otherwise indicated.

CONFERENCE THEME

With the support of the UCSB Interdisciplinary Humanities Center and the UCSB Department of English, this interdisciplinary conference will address the closely related topics of food sustainability and food security. The conference aims to provide a forum for sharing recent research findings in this area and to investigate the future of food studies as a field of inquiry and activism. In response to current international conflicts over hunger, food prices, and genetically modified seeds, the matter of food has become central to both environmental and economic policymaking. The conference will provide a timely occasion for scholars from the Humanities, Social Sciences, and Sciences as well as activists to dialogue about the global food system in both contemporary and historical contexts.

Committed conference participants include scholars in the fields of Anthropology, Sociology, Literary and Cultural Studies, Geography, History, Sustainable Agriculture, Marine Biology, and Environmental Studies as well as regional food leaders. The conference will also feature a photography exhibition on the subject of industrial agriculture in California as well as a screening of *The Garden*, an independent film that documents current conflicts over an inner-city Los Angeles community garden slated for commercial redevelopment.

LODGING

We have secured a University discounted rate for two hotels. Please reference the UCSB English Department Conference Rate.

The Franciscan Inn (www.franciscaninn.com) is located in downtown Santa Barbara, 15 minutes by car and 25 minutes by express bus from UCSB.

The Best Western South Coast Inn (www.santa-barbara-hotel.com) is located in Goleta, a few minutes from campus via car or bus. To reserve a room, please send the dates that you desire lodging, the number of people, and any special requests. We will reserve the room via the University discount. You will then need to call the hotel with your credit card details to finalize the reservation. The Franciscan Inn rate is \$75 for weeknights, \$140 for weekends; The Best Western South Coast Inn rate is \$125 for weeknights, \$140 for weekends (rates are for double or single occupancy; Friday is a weekend night at both hotels).

SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 5

- 11:30-12:30 Conference registration & lunch for speakers (general public need not register)
- 12:30-1:00 **Conference introduction**, Allison Carruth, Conference organizer
- 1:00-2:30 Session A: Food Security in Theory & Practice
- 2:45-4:15 Session B: Local Food Production in Theory & Practice
- 4:30-6:00** **Keynote: "Can Food Be a Force for Social Change?"**
Darra Goldstein, Editor of *Gastronomica* & Professor of Russian at Williams College
- 6:00 Dinner reception for conference speakers (Location TBA)
- 8:00 **Screening of *The Garden* & Conversation with filmmaker, Scott Kennedy**
NOTE LOCATION: Girvetz Hall Theater, UCSB
Suggested donation: \$15 for general public, \$5 for students, free for speakers
- All day Exhibition: [Barron Bixler](#), "A New Pastoral: Views of the San Joaquin Valley"
NOTE LOCATION: IHC Seminar Room, HSSB 6056 (closed from 11-1)

Friday, February 6

- 8:00-9:00 Breakfast for conference speakers
- 9:00-10:30 Session C: California Foodways
- 10:45-12:15 Session D: Botanical Empires & Diasporic Foodways
- 12:15-1:30 Break for lunch
- 1:30-3:00 Session E: Food Ethics & Aesthetics
- 3:15-4:45 Session F: TBD
- 5:00-6:30 **Roundtable: "Some Futures for California Agriculture"**
Moderator: Professor David Cleveland, Environmental Studies, UCSB
Participants: Eric Cardenas (Orfalea Fund), Melissa Cohen (Isla Vista Food Coop),
Teresa Figueroa (Chicano Studies, UCSB), Tiffany Cooper (Fairview Gardens)
- 6:30 Reception (please RSVP)
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Saturday, February 7

- 11:30-1:00 Concluding discussion: Some Futures for Food Studies

DETAILED SCHEDULE THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5

11:30-12:30

Conference registration & lunch for speakers (general public need not register)

12:30-1:00

Conference introduction, Allison Carruth, Conference organizer

1:00-2:30

Session A: Food Security in Theory & Practice (Chair: TBD)

David Cleveland, Professor of Environmental Studies, UCSB

(In collaboration with Professor Daniela Soleri of UCSB and Melinda Clark of the CCOF)

"Local Food Security, Transgenic Crops and Sound Science: Testing Mainstream Economic Assumptions"

Hallie Eakin, Professor of Geography, Arizona State University

"Food Security and Smallholder Risk Management in the Face of Global Change"

Patricia Allen, Director of Center for Agroecology and Sustainable Food Systems, UC Santa Cruz

"Building Alternative Food Systems, Achieving Food Security: Trajectories & Tensions"

2:45-4:15

Session B: Local Food Production in Theory & Practice (Chair: Hallie Eakin, ASU)

Janet Fiskio, PhD candidate in Environmental Studies, University of Oregon

"Agricultural Edges: An Ethics from the Margins of the Field"

Dan Armstrong, Editor of Mud City Press, Eugene, Oregon

"Rebuilding Regional Food Systems: The Story of the Southern Willamette Valley Bean & Grain Project 2008"

Louise Westling, Professor of English and Environmental Studies, University of Oregon

"Sheep Dog Training, Animality, and Local Meat Production"

4:30-6:00

Keynote address: "Can Food Be a Force for Social Change?"

Darra Goldstein, Editor of *Gastronomica* & Professor of Russian at Williams College

6:00

Dinner reception for conference speakers

8:00

Screening of [The Garden](#) in [Girvetz Hall Theater](#) (Q&A with filmmaker Scott Kennedy)

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All day:

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:00-9:00

Breakfast for conference speakers

9:00-10:30

Session C: California Foodways (Chair: Judith Carney, UCLA)

Megan Carney, PhD student in Anthropology, UCSB

"Food Security and the Repercussions of the Global Food Industry on Latino Households in Santa Barbara County"

Mike McGinnis, Director of Ocean and Coastal Policy Center, Marine Science Institute, UCSB

Christina McGinnis, Project Planner for Environmental Defense Center's OPEN Project

"Sustainable Food Production in Santa Barbara County: Challenges and Opportunities"

Michael Perry, PhD Candidate in English, UCSB

"The Trajectory of Hunger in *The Grapes of Wrath*"

10:45-12:15

Session D: Botanical Empires + Diasporic Foodways (Chair: Patricia Allen, UC Santa Cruz)

Judith Carney, Professor of Geography, UCLA

"African Plants in Atlantic World Perspective"

Amy Tigner, Professor of English, UT Arlington

"Eve's Apple and the Legacy of Forbidden Food"

Elizabeth DeLoughrey, Professor of English, UCLA

"Yam, Roots and Rot: Excavating the Soil of the Provision Grounds"

12:15-1:30

Break for lunch

1:30-3:00

Session E: Food Ethics & Aesthetics (Chair: Michelle Branch, UC Berkeley)

Rose Hayden-Smith, Food & Society Policy Fellow, UC Office of the President

"Sowing the Seeds of Victory: National Gardening Programs During World War I"

Amy Lerner, PhD Candidate in Geography, UCSB

"Peri-urban Growth, Rural Livelihoods, and Food Security in the Developing World"

Michelle Har Kim, PhD Candidate in Comparative Literature, USC

"An-aesthetic Eating?: The Critical Pleasures of Molecular Gastronomy and Deconstructed Food"

Yanoula Athanassakis, PhD Candidate in English, UCSB

"True Americanness?: Desirous Consumption in Bich Minh Nguyen's *Stealing Buddha's Dinner*"

3:15-4:45

Session F: TBD

5:00-6:30

Roundtable: "Some Futures for California Agriculture"

Moderator: David Cleveland, Professor of Environmental Studies & Anthropology, UCSB

Eric Cardenas, Environmental Defense Center and Orfalea Foundation

Melissa Cohen, Marketing Manager, Isla Vista Food Cooperative

Tiffany Cooper, Acting Executive Director + Education Director, Fairview Gardens

Teresa Figueroa, Chicano Studies Department, UCSB

Shu Takikawa & Noey Turk, Los Olivos farm and nursery owners

6:30

Reception (please RSVP)

All day:

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:30-1:00

Concluding Discussion: "Some Futures for Food Studies"

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