

Popular struggles beyond California cuisine

21st Annual California Studies Conference

Saturday, April 2, 2011, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. | Oakland Museum of California, 1000 Oak St., Oakland

California has been a historical epicenter to successive revolutions in what we eat, where it comes from, and how it is produced and marketed—from the rise of agri-business and growers' co-ops during the late 19th/early 20th century to the turn to health food in the 1970s to today's slow food and food justice movements. This event brings together activists, scholars, community leaders, and the broader public to explore food as a fulcrum of political and social change over time. Sessions will focus on three themes: Food Justice, Organizing the Food Chain, and Agri-Culture.

Keynote

Sasha Abramsky, journalist and author of Breadline USA

Carey McWilliams Award recipient: Maxine Hong Kingston, accepted by Malcolm Margolin of Heyday Press

Plenary

"The past and future politics of food movements"
Pam Peirce, SF Chronicle columnist and author of Golden Gate Gardening;
Julie Guthman, UC Santa Cruz, author of Agrarian Dreams: The Paradox of
Organic Farming in California; Navina Khanna, Field Director, Live Real.

Confirmed panelists include:

Alethea Harper, Oakland Food Policy Council | Armando Nieto, California Food & Justice Coalition | Heather Wooten, Public Health Law & Policy | Annie Shattuck, Food First | Alison Jordon, Wine Institute | Margaret Reeves, Pesticide Action Network | Greig Guthey, CSU San Marcos | Sylvia Schwartz, former Petaluma chicken rancher | Gordon Edgar, Rainbow Grocery Collective | Monica Finc, Berkeley Student Food Collective | Barbara Finnin, City Slicker Farms | Mark Medeiros, Veggielution | Jason Harvey, Oakland Food Connection | Shyaam Shabaka, Eco Village Farm | Tony Alexander, UFCW | Favianna Rodriguez, Oakland community artist | Laura-Anne Minkoff Zern, UC Berkeley | John Curl, author/historian | Gail P. Myers, Farms to Grow, Inc. | Amara Tabor-Smith, Deep Waters Dance Theater ...and more.

Registration

\$40 general, \$20 students/low-income;

\$35 general, \$15 students/low-income for early registration by March 15

To pre-register and to get more information, see

California Studies Association web

<californiastudiesassociation.berkeley.edu/>

Registration includes lunch and CSA membership,

does not include access to Oakland Museum exhibitions.

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