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## The Politics of Food

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## **Lecture Details:**

### **Brewster Kneen - Biotechnology: The Fight for Life - September 26, 2001**

Brewster Kneen reveals what's really happening down on the farm. People will be unsettled to learn of the genetically engineered products that are subtly being introduced into our supermarkets, healthfood stores, and home-gardening outlets. Without presuming a scientific background, Kneen provides a multidisciplinary account of what biotechnology is and how it is affecting the world's food supply, where it came from, the direction it's heading, and how to resist it. Kneen persuasively argues that genetic engineering has been born from a western belief system in progress, industrialization, and technology. Brewster Kneen is an internationally recognized expert on the food system. He is the author of six previous books and has written extensively on biotechnology, with articles appearing in *Utne Reader*, *Adbusters* and *The Ecologist*. Together with his partner Cathleen, Kneen publishes *The Ram's Horn*, an international monthly magazine of food system analysis. Kneen lives in Sorrento, British Columbia. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

### **Dennis Brown - Salmon Wars: The Battle for the West Coast Salmon Fishery - September 7, 2005**

Dennis Brown reads from his new book *Salmon Wars: The Battle for the West Coast Salmon Fishery*. Few West Coast debates have been so passionate or long-running as the management of wild salmon stocks, yet few issues remain so confused in the public mind.

Dennis Brown, whose family has fished commercially for three generations, served as fishery policy advisor to the Premier of BC and sat as a member of the Pacific Salmon Treaty negotiating committee.

### **David Holmgren - Permaculture Strategies in a World of Declining Fossil Fuels - September 10, 2005**

David Holmgren is best known as the co-originator with Bill Mollison of the permaculture concept following the publication of "Permaculture One" in 1978. Since then he has written several more books, developed three properties using permaculture principles, conducted workshops and courses in Australia, New Zealand, Japan, USA, Israel, Italy, France, Britain, Germany, Denmark and Sweden. He has consulted and supervised on urban and rural projects in Australia and New Zealand. Within the growing and international permaculture movement, David is respected for his commitment to presenting permaculture ideas through practical projects and teaching by personal example, that a sustainable lifestyle is a realistic, attractive and powerful alternative to dependant consumerism. At home (Melliodora in Hepburn, Central Victoria), David is the vegetable gardener, silviculturalist and builder. The Fryers Forest Eco-village, also in central Victoria, has been a major project in recent years, where he performed many roles including planner and project manager. As well as constant involvement in the practical side of permaculture, David is passionate about the philosophical and conceptual foundations for sustainability, the focus of his seminal book *Permaculture: Principles and Pathways Beyond Sustainability*.

### **Dan Jason- Plants we could be growing on the Coast - June 27, 2002**

Dan Jason is the director of Canada's Heritage Seed Program and the co-author of *The Really Whole Food Cookbook* and *Living Lightly on the Land*. He and his partner own and operate Salt Spring Seeds, an organic seed company on Salt Spring Island, British Columbia. He recently pioneered The Seed Sanctuary. His latest book, *The Whole Organic Food Book* provides insight and inspiration for those wanting to grow and eat food that is pure and natural. Whole-food guru Dan Jason encourages and instructs us on ways to regain control of our food supply through sensible, natural gardening techniques. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

## **Fisheries Discussion with Jim Fulton and Daniel Pauly - November 19, 2003**

Daniel Pauly, a French citizen, is since 1994 a professor at the Fisheries Centre of the University of British Columbia, in Vancouver, Canada. Previously, he worked at the International Centre for Living Aquatic Resource Management (ICLARM) in Manila, Philippines.

Jim Fulton is the Executive Director of the David Suzuki Foundation. He has a residence on Haida Gwaii and in Victoria. Jim graduated from Simon Fraser University with a Bachelor Degree in Communications in 1974. He was employed by the Ministry of the Attorney-General on the Queen Charlotte Islands until his election to the House of Commons in 1979. Jim served four terms and stepped down in 1993. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

## **Holly Dressel - Living Like A Bee: Making Money Without Hurting The Flowers- February 20, 2003**

Holly Dressel was born in a small town in northern Indiana; she holds two degrees in English literature and art history, including a Masters from Simon Fraser University. After two years studying in France on a Fulbright, she immigrated to Canada, first to Vancouver, finally settling in with her late husband on a farm outside of Montreal. She began working as a writer/researcher for CBC radio and for the NFB in the late 1970s, and has spent the past twenty-five years as an active journalist in radio, film, television and print. She is the author, with David Suzuki, of two critically-acclaimed best-selling books, *From Naked Ape to Super-species* and *Good News for a Change*, and is a frequent speaker at universities and conferences on the issues confronting our culture. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

## **Howard Lyman - Madcowboy - June 8 & 10, 2002**

Best selling co-author and Oprah Winfrey's co-defendant Howard Lyman - "The Mad Cowboy: Plain Truth from the Cattle Rancher Who Won't Eat meat" - has become an icon of the vegetarian, animal rights, and sustainable agriculture movements. His talk promises to be a lively and thought-provoking presentation touching on mad cow disease, organic farming, genetically modified crops and the understanding that if the future is going to be brighter it will come from consumer support of producers who work in concert with nature - organically, humanely and in a sustained fashion

## **Jim Merkel - Radical Simplicity - September 6, 2003**

The Cycling for a Sustainable Future tour launches the release of Jim Merkel's *Radical Simplicity*. In the face of looming ecological disaster and war, many people feel the need to change their own lifestyles as a tangible way of transforming our unsustainable culture. *Radical Simplicity* is the first book that guides the reader to a personal sustainability goal, then offers a process to monitor progress to a lifestyle that is equitable amongst all people, species, and generations. At this presentation you will be introduced to three tools that can jump-start your own customized journey to simplicity: *Your Money or Your Life* facilitates your own personal ethical economics that saves money, eliminates debt, and aligns your work and values. *Our Ecological Footprint* allows you to measure how much nature is needed to supply all you consume and absorb your waste. *Time alone in wild nature*, opens you to another reality with humanity as one species among many on a complex and inter-related planet. What I really want you to know is that Jim makes living on less seem like so much fun that you'll want to try it yourself!

He founded the Global Living Project [www.globallivingproject.org](http://www.globallivingproject.org) to further this work, and conducts workshops around North America on this topic. This is his 6th "Cycling for a Sustainable Future" speaking tour that has logged over 10,000 miles and delivered hundreds workshops on sustainable living. Jim and his partner Rowan Sherwood recently relocated to a homestead in Vermont to be near their families. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

## **John Robbins - The Food Revolution - June 8, 2002**

The author of the Food Revolution, John's 1987 book Diet for a New America has inspired a generation to evaluate the consequences of their dietary choices

## **Michael Ableman - Fields of Plenty - November 16, 2005**

Fields of Plenty describes the growing community of farmers and food artisans, who are producing sustainable nourishment that is respectful to the land and rich in heritage, flavor and commitment.

Michael Ableman is the founder of the Center for Urban Agriculture, an education center and working organic farm in southern California that has become an international model for small scale and urban agriculture. His books include From the Good Earth and On Good Land. This event was produced by Necessary Voices Society and the Vancouver Public Library.

## **Percy Schmeiser and Friends - A GE Free Canada - June 2, 2005**

Percy Schmeiser, Saskatchewan canola farmer sued by Monsanto. "Why We Need a GE Free Canada"

Colin Palmer, Chair of the Powell River Regional District, BC. "The Role of Municipal Government in Securing a GE Free Canada"

Aimee Watson, Organic Farmer and activist with Farm Folk/City Foik. "Why Organic Farmers Support a GE Free BC"

Dr. Shiv Chopra, Former Federal government scientist and whistleblower. "The Corporatization of Knowledge"

## **Spring Gillard - Confessions Of A Compost Hotline Operator - January 21, 2004**

Spring Gillard's book is a collection of humorous essays on urban agriculture. It also is a mine of useful resources on composting, natural lawn care, food gardening and lust and love in the garden. As editor of the Compost News Spring Gillard does widespread research into urban agriculture worldwide. (This event was produced by The Vancouver Public Library and Necessary Voices Society.)

## **Sam Graci - Amazing Energy And A Brilliant Mind - October 4, 2003**

## **Sam Graci - Get on the Path to Phenomenal Health - September 27, 2005**

Sam is an internationally-renowned researcher, formulator, lecturer, consultant, and author in the field of optimal health and nutrition. A graduate of the University of Western Ontario in adolescent psychology and chemistry, Sam has additional degrees in special education and counseling. He has traveled extensively throughout the world interviewing researchers, reviewing studies, and collecting information about medicinal plants, vegetables, fruits, grains, sea vegetables, and organic farming. Sam is a thought provoking, enthusiastic speaker with a remarkable ability to translate scientific research into easy to understand practical guidelines for achieving greater states of well-being and longevity.

## **Vandana Shiva – Biotechnology and Jaundice Rice – July 2001**

Dr. Vandana Shiva is trained as a Physicist and did her Ph.D. on the subject Hidden Variables and Non-locality in Quantum Theory from the University of Western Ontario. She later shifted to inter-disciplinary research in science, technology and environmental policy, which she carried out at the Indian Institute of Science and the Indian Institute of Management in Bangalore.

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4. Jane Jacobs - Dark Passage Ahead: Caution - May 19, 2004
5. John Ralston Saul - The Collapse of Globalism - June 11, 2005
6. Mike Hudema - Creative Resistance - November 3, 2004
7. Scott Ritter - Weapons of Mass Destruction - October 4, 2002
8. Sam Graci - Get on the Path to Phenomenal Health
9. Stefano Zamagni and Joseph Stiglitz - Globalization and Its Discontents - June 27, 2005 - 2 CDs -
10. Holly Dressel - Living Like A Bee: Making Money Without Hurting The Flowers - February 20, 2003
11. Dennis Brown - Salmon Wars: The Battle for the West Coast Salmon Fishery - September 7, 2005
12. David Holmgren - Permaculture Strategies in a World of Declining Fossil Fuel - September 10, 2005
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17. Who Own Your Genes? with Ed Levy, Brewster Kneen and Patrick Rebstein
18. Lisa Price - Feminist Framework
19. Rex Weyler - Greenpeace
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21. Mark Kingwell - Philosophy, Boredom and the Meaning of Life
22. Eli Jaxon-Bear - Sudden Awakening
23. Betty Krawczyk - Trial of an Environmental Activist
24. Murray Dobbin - Globalization's Assault on Democracy
25. Murray Dobbin - Paul Martin: CEO For Canada?
26. Joel Bakan - The Corporation
27. Richard Bocking - Canada's Water for Sale?
28. Robert Fuller - Overcoming the Abuse of Rank
29. Percy Schmeiser - Why We Need A GM Free Canada

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**Themes From The Corporation** - Features talks by Joel Bakan, Noam Chomsky, Harry Glasbeek, Shari Graydon, Jammel Jaffer, Mark Kingwell, Naomi Klein, Brewster Kneen, Gabor Mate, Linda McQuaig, Richard Swift, Stefano Zamagni, two panel discussions on the Pharmaceutical and Biotech Industries, and X Minus One 'Tunnel Under the World'.

**Globalization** - Features talks and interviews by David Suzuki, Noam Chomsky, Naomi Klein Scott Ritter, Joseph Stiglitz, Stefano Zamagni, Paul Hellyer, John Ralston Saul, John De Graaf, Jane Jacobs, Kathy Kelly, Murray Dobbin, Mike Hudema, Richard Heinberg, Vandana Shiva and Walden Bello.

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