

Conference Schedule



Thursday, July 24th

- 9:30–10:00 AM** Registration and Coffee, Opening Remarks
- 10:00–Noon** Industrial Animal Agriculture: Understanding & Moving Beyond Our Factory Farm Culture
- Noon–1:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30–3:30 PM** Farm Policy: Factory Fields, Hunger, & the Environment
- 3:30–5:00 PM** Local and Organic Reception, Book Signing with Anna Lappé
- 5:00 PM** Keynote Address by Anna Lappé

Friday, July 25th

- 10:00–Noon** Agriculture's Relationship to Climate Change: Biofuels, Livestock, & Efficiency
- Noon–1:30 PM** Lunch
- 1:30–3:30 PM** Sustainable Agriculture in Vermont: Creating a Working Model
- 3:30–5:00 PM** Local Farm Tour



Registration Information

This event is free and open to the public. Please register online at: www.vermontlaw.edu/elc/landuse/sustainableag08

Vermont Bar Association CLE Credit (4 Credits per day) is available for this event at a rate of \$125 per day. Please indicate that you will attend for CLE Credit in your online registration.

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PANELS

Industrial Animal Agriculture: Understanding & Moving Beyond Our Factory Farm Culture

This panel will describe the extensive problems created by industrial animal agriculture, including negative impacts on the environment, human health, sited communities and traditional small farms, as well as raised animals and associated ethical implications. The panel will explain how our current legal, economic, and socio-cultural structure supports the industrial animal agriculture system. Panelists will offer ideas for combating that system and share their visions for and experiences with a better model.

PANELISTS

David Cassuto, Professor of Law, Pace Law School

Wenonah Hauter, Executive Director, Food & Water Watch

Judith Labelle, President and Founder, Glynwood Center

Bill Weida, Director, factoryfarm.org, and Professor of Economics at Colorado College

MODERATOR

Laura Murphy, Staff Attorney, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, Vermont Law School

Farm Policy: Factory Fields, Hunger, & the Environment

This panel will explore the interplay between farm policy decisions and sustainable agriculture, specifically as relating to industrial crop agriculture (“factory fields”) and resulting impacts on the environment and national/global hunger. The panel will attempt to define the problems associated with industrial crop agriculture; explain the underlying legal and economic mechanisms that support it, such as Farm Bill policies; and offer ideas on possible solutions to transform the system toward sustainability.

PANELISTS

John Davidson, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of South Dakota School of Law

Janet Larsen, Director of Research, Earth Policy Institute (invited)

Martha Noble, Senior Policy Analyst, Sustainable Agriculture Coalition

MODERATOR

Marne Coit '04, Staff Attorney at the National Agricultural Law Center at the University of Arkansas School of Law



Agriculture's Relationship to Climate Change: Biofuels, Livestock, & Efficiency

This panel will analyze the relationship between agriculture and climate change. Specifically, it will explore how agricultural practices, including biofuel and livestock production, impact global warming and ways to avoid or mitigate those impacts (if any). It will also address whether biofuels or changes in agricultural practices, including efficiency practices, can be effective tools in combating climate change.

PANELISTS

Gidon Eshel, Fellow, Bard Center, Simon's Rock College

Neil Elliott, Program Director, American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy, Industry and Agriculture

Tim Searchinger, Senior Fellow, Georgetown Environmental Law and Policy Institute, Visiting Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson School, and a German Marshall Fund Transatlantic Fellow

MODERATOR

Patrick Parenteau, Senior Counsel, Environmental and Natural Resources Law Clinic, and Professor of Law, Vermont Law School

Sustainable Agriculture in Vermont: Creating a Working Model

The panelists, from their varied roles and experience, will describe successes (including strategies unique to Vermont) and challenges involved in creating and maintaining a sustainable agriculture model in Vermont, and describe their vision for the future. Topics of discussion will include the local food movement, connecting people to their food sources, marketing, organic vs. conventional agriculture, and more.

PANELISTS

Martin Kemple, Founder and Administrative Director, Foodworks

Amy Shollenberger, Director, Rural Vermont

Will Stevens (I, Addison-Rutland), Vermont House of Representatives, Organic Farmer

MODERATOR

Enid Wonnacott, Executive Director, Northeast Organic Farming Association of Vermont

Keynote Speaker

Anna Blythe Lappé

Anna Lappé is a national bestselling author and sought-after public speaker, respected for her work on sustainability, food politics, globalization, and social change. Named one of *Time* magazine's “Eco-Who's Who,” Anna has been featured in *The New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *O: The Oprah Magazine*, *Domino*, *Food & Wine*, *Body + Soul*, *Natural Health*, *Utne Reader*, and *Vibe*.

Since 2002, Anna has been collaborating with her mother, Frances Moore Lappé, through their Cambridge-based Small Planet Institute, an international network for research and popular education about sustainability and democracy. They are also co-founders of the Small Planet Fund, which has raised more than \$500,000 for democratic social movements worldwide, two of which have won the Nobel Peace Prize since the Fund's founding in 2002.

Anna's first book *Hope's Edge: The Next Diet for a Small Planet* (Tarcher/Penguin 2002), co-written with her mother Frances Moore Lappé, chronicles courageous social movements around the world that address the root causes of hunger and poverty. Winner of the Nautilus Award for Social Change, *Hope's Edge* has been published in several languages and is used in classrooms across the country.

Called “ingenious” by *The New York Times*, Anna's second book *Grub: Ideas for an Urban Organic Kitchen* (Tarcher/Penguin 2006) combines an exposé of industrial agriculture with chef Bryant Terry's seasonal menus. For *Grub* publicity, Anna organized a sixty-five city community education tour, connecting with grassroots community groups nationwide.

Anna's writing has been published in *The Washington Post*, the *Los Angeles Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, and Canada's *Globe and Mail*. She is a contributing author to numerous books, including

WorldChanging: A User's Guide to the 21st Century (Abrams 2006) and *Feeding the Future: How the Battle Over Food Will Change Your Life* (Realize Media 2004).

Anna often serves as a consultant to foundations, media projects, and not-for-profit organizations and served as a consulting editor for *The Nation* magazine special issue on food in 2006. She is an active board member of the Center for Media and Democracy and was a board member for the Community Food Security Coalition, the nation's leading network of food justice and sustainable agriculture organizations.

Anna holds an M.A. in Economic and Political Development from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and graduated with honors from Brown University. From 2004 to 2006 she was a Food and Society Policy Fellow, a national program of the WK Kellogg Foundation.

Anna has worked and lived in South Africa, England, and France. She currently lives in Brooklyn, New York where she is at work on her third book, about food, farming, and climate change.

