

**Farmers and Philosophers:
Agriculture and Philosophies of Organism
January 20, 2018
Location: Pilgrim Place, Napier Common Room**

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8:00 AM 8:20 AM		Snacks and Refreshments
8:30 AM 9:00 AM		Greetings and Welcomings John B. Cobb
9:00 AM 10:00 AM		Keynote: "The Spiritual Dimension of Agriculture: A Practical Necessity" Fred Kirschenmann
10:00 AM 10:15 AM		Break/Refreshments
10:20 AM 12:00 PM		Panel Discussion: Philosophies of Farming: Finding Meaning and Hope in Changing Systems Chair: Kristen Ritzau Panelist: Robert W. Jensen, Michael Moss, Adam Hyde, and Natalia Pinzón Jiménez
12:00 PM 2:00 PM		Lunch
2:00 PM 3:00 PM		"Agroecology as Tool for Decolonization and Social Justice: Experiences and Perspectives from the Global South" - Ana Galvis "Life: A Biological Paradigm" - Dan Kittredge
3:00 PM 3:15 PM		Break
3:20 PM 4:20 PM		"Food Democracy Now!" - Lisa Stokke "Healing the Agricultural/Surplus Mind" - Bill Vitek
4:20 PM 7:30 PM		Break/Dinner
7:30 PM 9:00 PM		Keynote w/ Reception: "The Solution to the 10,000 Year Old Problem of Agriculture is Now Underway" Wes Jackson

Participant Bios:

John B. Cobb, Jr., is an American theologian, philosopher, and environmentalist. A unifying theme of Cobb's work is his emphasis on ecological interdependence—the idea that every part of the ecosystem is reliant on all the other parts. He is the author of more than fifty books.

Stephen Cochenour, farmer for Denver Public Schools, Ecopsychology graduate student at Naropa University, and adjunct instructor at Front Range Community College.

Travis Cox holds a PhD from Iowa State University in Sustainable Agriculture and is Associate Professor and Chair of Ecopsychology at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado.

Adam Hyde is a professional farmer and consultant, passionate naturalist, father, and owner-operator of Broadfork Farm in Trout Lake, WA. Adam graduated from University of Vermont with a degree in environmental studies and later with an advanced degree in holistic science from Schumacher College.

Wes Jackson is the founder of the non-profit organization, The Land Institute, whose main goal is the development of “Natural Systems Agriculture.” Life magazine named Wes Jackson as one of 18 individuals they predicted to be among the 100 “most important Americans of the 20th century.”

Robert W. Jensen is a professor in the School of Journalism at the University of Texas, a founding board member of the Third Coast Activist Resource Center, and a member of the board of Culture Reframed.

Natalia Pinzón Jiménez is the Director of Programs & Technology of MESA. She spearheads the development and management of MESA’s Social Learning Network for Social Change as well as the Certificate in Applied Agroecology and the Climate Course for Farmers.

Fred Kirschenmann, a longtime national and international leader in sustainable agriculture, shares an appointment as Distinguished Fellow for the Leopold Center and as President of Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture. He also was one of the first 10 recipients of the James F. Beard Foundation Leadership awards in 2011 and received the 2012 Sustainable Agriculture Achievement Award from Practical Farmers of Iowa.

Dan Kittredge has been an organic farmer for more than 30 years, and is the founder and executive director of the Bionutrient Food Association, an 8-year old non-profit educational organization whose mission is to “increase quality in the food supply”.

Ana Galvis Martinez is a leader at Mesa in Berkeley, and holds a bachelor degree in Biology, a Master's in Sustainable Development and a Master's in Latin American Studies with an emphasis in food justice.

Michael Moss, has been farming commercially since 2013 when he founded Kilt Farm, but his roots in food reach back to his first restaurant job at 14. His focus to grow nutrient dense food is as much for his customer's health as it is for the health of the land that he stewards.

Kristin Ritzau, a farmer and scholar on women in agriculture. In addition, she is the director of Center for Spirituality and Sustainability at Claremont School of Theology.

Lisa Stokke is co-founder of Food Democracy Now!. For nearly a decade, Lisa focused on creating a local food system in Northern Iowa, working to connect consumers with farmers who raise and grow food sustainably.

Bill Vitek, a Professor of Philosophy and Chair of the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Clarkson University in Potsdam, New York. His research is focused on the intersection between social practices and the environmental, cultural, and historical contexts.