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N E W S R E L E A S E

# Anna Lappé

## *Ethics at the End of Our Fork*

Monday, February 9 / 5:00 p.m. / Free  
UCSB Corwin Pavilion

S U M M A R Y F A C T S

- Anna Lappe, best-selling author of *Diet for a Hot Planet* and *Grub* and co-founder of the Small Planet Institute
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## **Event Description:**

The poet-farmer Wendell Berry has said, "Eating is an agricultural act." Eating is also an ethical act. The choices that we make as individuals — and as a society — about food have ripples that affect every aspect of our lives, from the environment to the climate, from social justice to public health. In this talk, national bestselling author and advocate, Anna Lappé, will discuss how the food system impacts so many different aspects of our lives and how recent and diverse social movements motivated by a profound ethic of food are transforming how we feed ourselves. Ultimately, these movements show the transformative power of talking about the ethics of food

## **Speaker Profile:**

Anna Lappé is a widely respected author and educator, known for her work as an expert on food systems and as a sustainable food advocate. The co-author or author of three books and the contributing author to ten others, Anna's work has been widely translated internationally and featured in *The New York Times*, *Gourmet*, *Oprah Magazine*, among many other outlets. Named one of Time magazine's "eco" Who's-Who, Anna is a founding principal of the Small Planet Institute and the Small Planet Fund. She is currently the head of the Real Food Media Project, a new initiative to spread the story of the power of sustainable food using creative movies, an online action center, and grassroots events.

Anna can be seen as the co-host of the public television series, *The Endless Feast* and as a featured expert on PBS's *Need to Know*, the Sundance Channel's *Big Ideas for a Small Planet* and the PBS documentary, *Nourish*. Anna is a regular guest on nationally syndicated radio shows and has been on hundreds of radio programs, including National Public Radio's Weekend Edition, The Diane Rehm Show, and WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show and Leonard Lopate Show. With her mother Frances Moore Lappé, Anna co-founded the Cambridge-based Small Planet Institute, an international network for research and popular education about the root causes of hunger and poverty. The Lappés are also co-founders of the Small Planet Fund, which has raised nearly \$1 million for democratic social movements worldwide, two of which have won the Nobel Peace Prize since the Fund's founding in 2002.

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 Fellow, a national program of the WK Kellogg Foundation. In 2010, she was the first "Innovator" with the Glynwood Institute for Sustainable Food and Farming. Among other consulting and advisory roles, Anna is an active board member of Rainforest Action Network and an advisor to the International Fund to Amplify Agro-Ecological Solutions.

## ***Diet for a Hot Planet* Book Reviews:**

"Anna Lappé is a breath of fresh air. She is one of the few people focusing on the way food fits into the big pictures of the world economy, climate change, and globalization. We need this kind of thinking." — Marion Nestle, author of *Food Politics*

“Lappé decodes food labeling, dissects Big Ag’s “greenwashing” tactics and offers ‘seven principles of a climate-friendly diet’ in an impeccable, informative, and inspiring contribution to the quest for environmental reform.”— *Booklist*

“Accessibly written, rationally argued, and focused on action over rhetoric . . . An essential toolkit for readers looking for a pragmatic climate-response action plan of their own.” — *Kirkus*

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