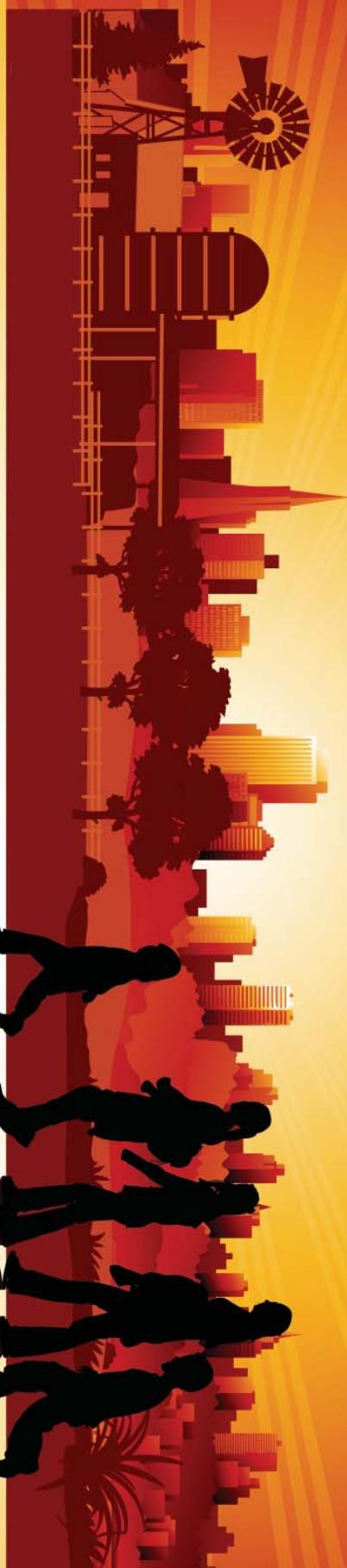


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# **Reclaiming Our Healthy Future**

## **Political change to protect the next generation**

**UC Berkeley Clark Kerr Conference Center ■ March 14-16, 2008**  
**A Chronological Summary of the Program**

### **Friday, March 14**

12:30 - 5:00pm	<b>Bus Tour of Grayson, Stanislaus County, California</b>
4:30 - 6:30pm	Registration and Reception
5:00 - 6:00pm	<b>Introduction to Pesticides</b>
6:00 - 11:00pm	<b>Reception, Keynote and Performance</b>
	6:00 - 6:50pm Reception and Welcome
	6:50 - 7:20pm <i>The Arctic Paradox</i>
	7:20 - 7:30pm <i>DDT in Africa Today</i>
	7:30 - 9:00pm <b>A Sense of Wonder performance</b>
	9:00 - 11:00pm Reception and book signing

### **Saturday, March 15**

8:00 - 8:40am	Continental Breakfast and Registration
8:45 - 9:15am	Welcome
9:15 - 10:45am	<b>Poisoning Our Future</b>
11:00 - 11:30am	<b>Pesticides and the Secret History of the War on Cancer</b>
11:30am - 12:00pm	<b>Farmworker Justice and Our Healthy Future</b>
12:00 - 1:20pm	Lunch with optional Farmworker Advocacy Training and Drift Catcher Demonstration
1:30 - 3:00pm	<b>Workshop Block I</b> Controlling Malaria Without DDT ■ Building Power and Moving Leaders into Advocacy ■ Preventing Worker Exposure to Pesticides ■ Healthy Indoor Environments ■ Poisoning Our Future Follow-Up
3:15 - 4:15pm	<b>Building a Stronger Movement</b>
4:30 - 6:00pm	<b>Workshop Block II</b> Learning from Innovative Partnerships with Health Professionals ■ Critiquing Solutions to the Climate and Energy Crisis ■ The Power of Local Pesticide Monitoring ■ Advancing Meaningful Change ■ Taking the Lead at the Local Level
6:15 - 6:30pm	<b>Youth Report, Saturday Wrap-up</b>
6:30 - 7:00pm	<b>Californians for Pesticide Reform Gathering</b>
7:15pm	Breast Cancer Roundtable

### **Sunday, March 16**

8:15 - 8:50am	Continental Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30am	<b>Food, Justice and Political Change</b>
10:45am - 12:15pm	<b>Workshop Block III</b> Global Pesticide Politics and Priorities ■ Using Science and Research in Your Struggles ■ Healthy, Holistic Land Care and Landscape Management ■ Protecting People from Pesticide Drift ■ Catalyzing Transitions to Safe and Sustainable Agriculture
12:15 - 1:45pm	Lunch
2:00 - 3:30pm	<b>Workshop Block IV</b> Taking Advantage of Political Change ■ Threatened Waters ■ Building Bridges to Support Agricultural Transitions ■ Picking Your Poison
3:30 - 4:00pm	Closing



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## Schedule of Events

### Friday, March 14

12:30 - 5:00 pm  
[CLARK KERR LOBBY]

■ **Bus Tour to Grayson, California**, a pesticide-affected community surrounded by industrial agriculture. Tour led by the Grayson Neighborhood Council.

4:30 - 6:30 pm  
[CLARK KERR LOBBY]

#### Registration

5:00 - 6:00 pm  
[ROOM 102]

#### ■ Introduction to Pesticides

Caroline Cox, research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA  
Susan Kegley, PhD, senior scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

6:00 - 11:00 pm  
[KRUTCH THEATRE]

#### ■ Reception, Keynote and Performance

6:00 - 6:30 pm  
Reception

6:30 - 6:50 pm  
Welcome

Robina Suwol, Beyond Pesticides board president, California Safe Schools, Los Angeles, CA

Beyond Pesticides Dragonfly Award recipient:

Shelley Davis, Farmworker Justice, Washington, DC  
Martha Dina Arguello, CPR steering committee chair, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles, CA  
Amy Shannon, PANNA board president, Enlaces America, Chicago, IL

6:50 - 7:20 pm  
The Arctic Paradox

Marla Cone, author, *Silent Snow*, Los Angeles, CA  
Shawna Larson, moderator, environmental justice program director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics/Indigenous Environmental Network, Anchorage, AK

7:20 - 7:30 pm  
Remarks: DDT in Africa Today

Paul Saoke, MD, MPH, executive director, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Kenya, Nairobi, Kenya

7:30 - 9:00 pm  
A Sense of Wonder

A play written and performed by actress Kaiulani Lee portraying Rachel Carson and her wisdom.  
Norma Grier, moderator, executive director, Northwest Coalition for Alternatives to Pesticides, Eugene, OR

9:00 - 11:00 pm  
Reception and book signing



## Saturday, March 15 continued

12:00 - 1:20 pm ■ Lunch

[DINING CENTER GREAT HALL]

**Optional sessions:** Participants may choose to network, relax or attend one of these informative lunchtime sessions.

12:00 - 1:20 pm **Farmworker Advocacy Training**

[ROOM 102] Shelley Davis, deputy director, Farmworker Justice, Washington, DC

12:35 - 1:20 pm **Drift Catcher demonstration**

[ROOM 104] Karl Tupper, staff scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

1:30 - 3:00 pm ■ Workshop Block I

Conference workshops fall into three broad categories, following the themes of the conference: health impacts of pesticides on children, workers and communities; efforts to promote justice and protections for those most affected by pesticides; and progress toward safe and sustainable food.

### 1) Controlling Malaria Without DDT

[ROOM 104]

Peter Orris, MD, MPH, professor and chief of service, Occupational and Environmental Medicine, University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center, Chicago, IL

Paul Saoke, MD, MPH, executive director, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Kenya, Nairobi

Karl Tupper, staff scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

Shawna Larson, moderator, environmental justice program director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics/Indigenous Environmental Network, Anchorage, AK

◆ This workshop will explore the impetus and impacts of the controversial increase in U.S. support for DDT spraying to control malaria. Experts will review the latest science on health effects of low-level exposure to DDT, and present case studies of successful alternative malaria control efforts in Kenya and Mexico.

### 2) Skills Training: Building Power and Moving Leaders into Advocacy

[ROOM 203]

Lupe Martinez, director of organizing, Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment, San Francisco, CA

Mily Treviño-Sauceda, executive director, Organización en California de Líderes Campesinas, Pomona, CA

Paul Schramski, state director, Pesticide Watch, Sacramento, CA

Rosenda Mataka, moderator, outreach coordinator, Grayson Neighborhood Council, Westley, CA

◆ Community organizing is a key part of winning campaigns and building power in our movement. Hear from three seasoned organizers about how they build leadership at the local level and mobilize communities to win campaigns. In this engaging, hands-on session, you will also have the opportunity to practice some essential organizing skills that will help build community involvement and activism.



## Saturday, March 15 continued

4:15 - 4:30 pm      Break (*refreshments and displays in lobby*)

4:30 - 6:00 pm      ■ Workshop Block II

### 1) Learning from Innovative Partnerships with Health Professionals

[ROOM 102]

**Cecil Corbin-Mark**, director of programs, WE ACT for Environmental Justice, New York, NY

**Molly Polverento**, health program director, Michigan Environmental Council, Lansing, MI

**Mark Miller, MD, MPH**, director, Pediatric Environmental Health Specialty Unit University of California, San Francisco  
**Carolina Simunovic**, moderator, environmental health director, Fresno Metro Ministry, Fresno, CA

◆ This workshop will feature effective collaborative initiatives involving environmental health advocates and health professionals. Presenters will explore lessons learned through joint projects, including the benefits of working directly with the medical community, hurdles to overcome, and opportunities to strengthen work with these important allies to more effectively protect children and communities from pesticide exposure.

### 2) Critiquing Solutions to the Climate and Energy Crisis: The pesticide perspective

[ROOM 104]

**Zach Conrad**, Cool Foods campaign coordinator, Center for Food Safety, Washington, DC

**Tad W. Patzek, PhD**, professor of GeoEngineering, University of California, Berkeley, CA

**Martha Dina Arguello**, executive director, Physicians for Social Responsibility-Los Angeles, CA

**Warren Porter, PhD**, moderator, professor of zoology, University of Wisconsin-Madison

◆ Global warming, considered by many to be the most important issue of our generation, is interconnected with practices dependent on toxic chemicals. This session will examine the organic agriculture solution and the carbon footprint of the current U.S. food system, the impact of biofuels on the environment and global food supply, and the effect of California's global warming act (AB 32) on the state's residents.

### 3) The Power of Local Pesticide Monitoring

[ROOM 203]

**Pamela Miller**, executive director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Anchorage, AK

**Irma Arollo**, director, El Quinto Sol, Lindsay, CA

**Robert Shimek**, special projects coordinator, Indigenous Environmental Network/White Earth Pesticide Action Network, Bemidji, MN

**Sharyle Patton**, moderator, director, Health and Environment Program, Commonweal, Bolinas, CA

◆ Two exciting tools for documenting pesticide contamination will be discussed in this workshop: the Drift Catcher, a simple air sampling system that has been used to document pesticides in our air, and biomonitoring, which can show the presence of pesticides in our bodies. Experiences of communities in AK, CA and MN where these tools have been used in organizing will be discussed.



## Sunday, March 16

8:15 - 8:50 am  
[CLARK KERR LOBBY]

### Continental Breakfast

9:00 - 10:30 am  
[KRUTCH THEATRE]

### ■ Food, Justice & Political Change

**Jim Riddle**, organic outreach coordinator, University of MN Southwest Research and Outreach Center, Lamberton, MN  
**María Elena Martinez**, Desarollo Alternativo and International Network of Women's Funds, Oaxaca, México  
**Craig Vicenec**, conservation program coordinator, Agriculture & Land-Based Training Association (ALBA), Salinas, CA  
**ALBA Farmer** (to be announced)  
**Allen Spalt**, moderator, Toxic Free North Carolina (Pest Ed), Carrboro, NC

10:45 am - 12:15 pm ■ Workshop Block III

#### 1) Global Pesticide Politics and Priorities

[ROOM 102]

**Pamela Miller**, executive director, Alaska Community Action on Toxics, Anchorage, AK

**Gilbert Sape**, international assistant, Pesticide Action Network International, Penang, Malaysia

**Joe Digangi, PhD**, moderator, senior scientist, Environmental Health Fund, Chicago, IL

♦ This workshop will focus on the politics of pesticides from the Arctic to Asia, including updates on key international treaties and the role of the U.S. and its allies in blocking progress. Presenters will highlight how U.S. campaigns are linked to international struggles, and key emerging priorities for pesticide activists worldwide.

#### 2) Skills Training: Using Science and Research in Your Struggles

[ROOM 104]

**miho kim**, information activist, Data Center, Oakland, CA

**Irma Arrollo**, director, *El Quinto Sol*, Lindsay, CA

**Kathryn Gilje**, moderator, executive director, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA

♦ This interactive workshop will provide an overview of how to effectively integrate research and scientific information in your campaigns, including a hands-on approach to identify power structures, pressure points, organizing handles and tactics. We will discuss how data gathered through community monitoring in a California-based campaign has been used to press for change.

#### 3) Healthy, Holistic Land Care and Landscape Management

[ROOM 203]

**Chip Osborne**, president, Osborne Organics, Marblehead, MA

**Lani Malmberg**, director, Ewe4ic Ecological Services, Lander, WY

**Brett Ramey**, Urban Lifeways project coordinator, Native Movement, Flagstaff, AZ

**Terry Shistar**, moderator, Beyond Pesticides board member, Lawrence, KS

♦ To effectively manage outdoor spaces, it is necessary to understand soil health and the local ecology. Learn from a practitioner who converted Massachusetts town parks and playing fields to organic, a rancher who uses a herd of cashmere goats to manage rangeland weeds and improve soil fertility, and an organization restoring native plants and knowledge to the land.



## Sunday, March 16 continued

2:00 - 3:30 pm      Workshop Block IV continued

### 2) Threatened Waters: Turning the tide on pesticide contamination

[ROOM 104]

**Susana DeAnda**, co-director, Community Water Center, Visalia, CA  
**Jenifer Jackson**, pollution prevention coordinator, East Bay Municipal Utility District, Oakland, CA

**Jen Kovecses**, staff scientist, Baykeeper San Francisco, CA  
**Debbie Davis**, moderator, legislative analyst, Environmental Justice Coalition for Water, Oakland, CA

♦ Studies show nearly all surface water and much ground water to contain one or more pesticides at detectable levels. Pesticides from agriculture, lawn care and home maintenance products contaminate our water supply, impact aquatic environments and deny us the basic human right of clean drinking water. Discuss what's threatening our water resources and what practices and policies must be put in place to protect water.

### 4) Picking Your Poison: Making decisions if and when pesticides are used

[ROOM 204]

**Caroline Cox**, research director, Center for Environmental Health, Oakland, CA

**Luis Agurto**, president, PESTEC, San Francisco, CA

**Chris Geiger, PhD**, integrated pest management program manager/ toxics reduction coordinator, San Francisco Department of the Environment

**Jonathan Kaplan**, director of the Sustainable Agriculture Project, Natural Resources Defense Council, San Francisco, CA

**Jay Feldman**, moderator, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC

♦ Defining prioritized decision-making that eliminates the use of toxic pesticides and embraces least-toxic approaches is key to safe management of land and buildings. When pesticides are introduced as a last resort, how should choices be made? This workshop explores approaches to defining acceptable practices and products in least-toxic management systems.

3:30 - 4:00 pm

[KRUTCH THEATRE]

### ■ Closing

**Jay Feldman**, executive director, Beyond Pesticides, Washington, DC

**David Chatfield**, executive director, Californians for Pesticide Reform, San Francisco, CA

**Kathryn Gilje**, executive director, Pesticide Action Network North America, San Francisco, CA



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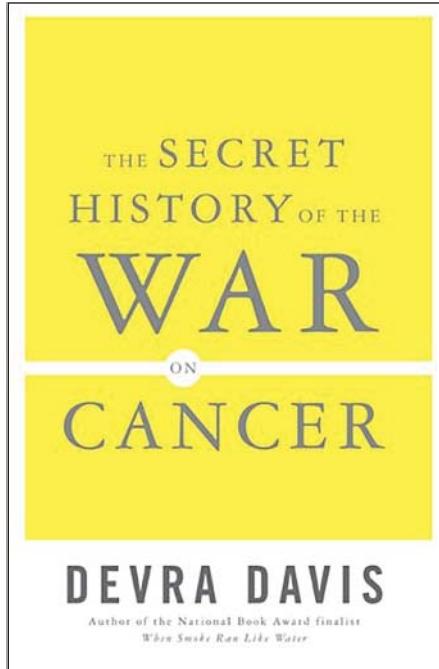
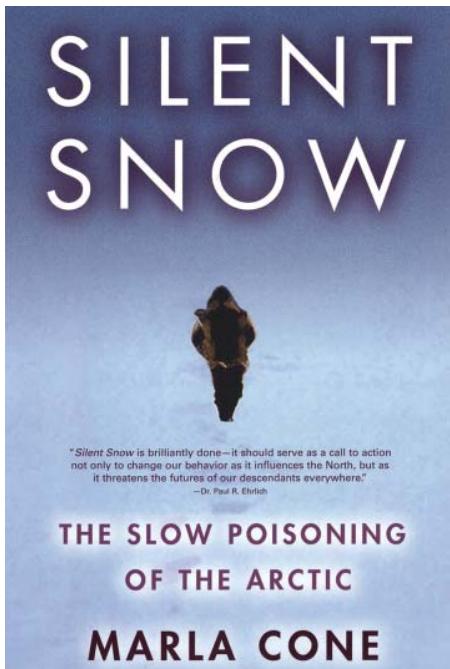
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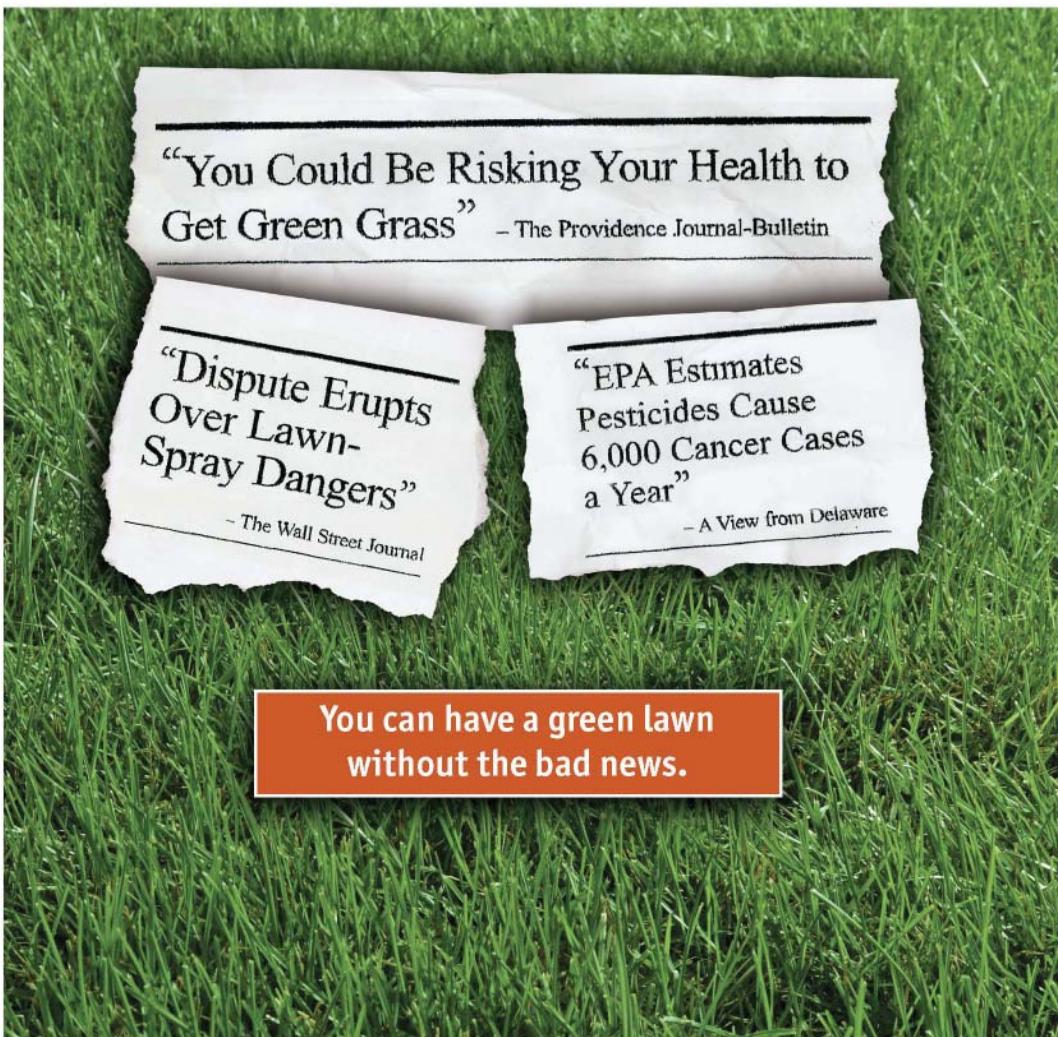
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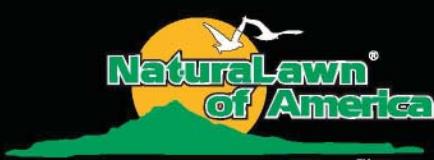
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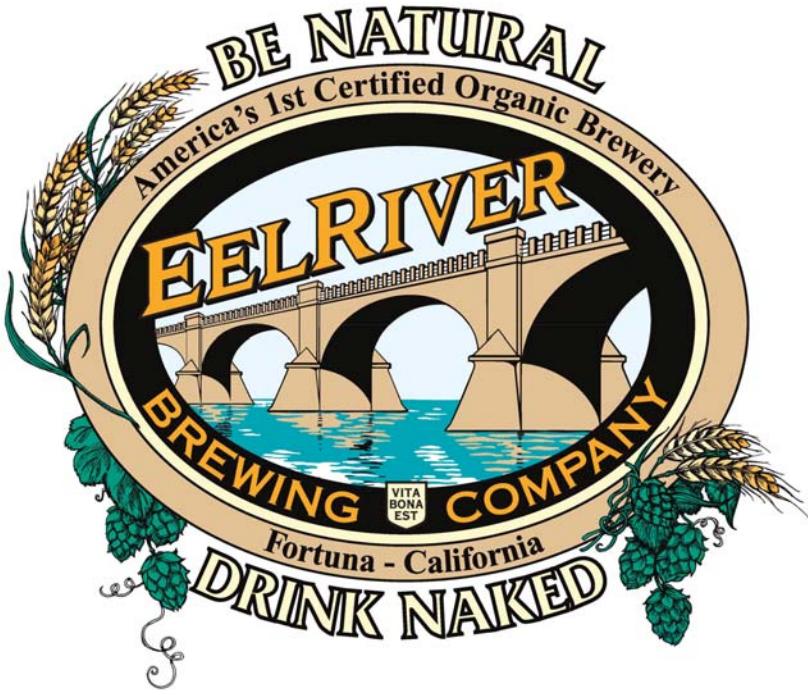
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