

**Wednesday,  
June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
12:00-1:00pm**

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Sacramento, CA 95814**

**Lunch will be served**

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## “What’s On Your Plate? Why Diet Change Is Critical For Successful Climate and Health Policies”

**Professor David Cleveland  
University of California, Santa Barbara**

Our food system contributes 25% or more of our greenhouse gas emissions. Our diets are also driving an epidemic of non-communicable diseases like diabetes, heart disease and cancers. The cost of health care for these diseases also generates greenhouse gases. Finally, climate change itself threatens our food system and our health. Diet change could make a major contribution to California’s climate change mitigation targets, and is needed to link successful climate and health policies.

David A. Cleveland is a human ecologist and Research Professor in the Environmental Studies Program and the Department of Geography at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has worked with small-scale farmers in West Africa, Mexico, Pakistan, California, and Indian county. Cleveland’s research and teaching have focused on sustainable, small-scale agrifood systems, including plant breeding and conservation of crop genetic diversity, local and scientific knowledge, and collaboration between farmers and scientists. He is currently researching the potential for food system localization and diet change to improve nutrition, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and promote food and climate justice. His latest book is [Balancing on a Planet: The Future of Food and Agriculture](#) (2014, U California).



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