

**TITLE: Conversion of a Science Writer: From Climate Change to GMOs
With author/journalist Mark Lynas**

HOST: Ron Herring

DATE: Tuesday, April 30th – 8:30 – 9:30am, Mann Library 102

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Author, activist and journalist Mark Lynas joined 20+ faculty for a “topical breakfast,” sponsored by ACSF and CALS International Programs for an open discussion about the pros and cons of Genetically Modified Crops and the latest controversies related to GMOs. Mark shared insights about his personal switch from an anti-GMO activist to one who supports the need to use GMO crops to feed the world at a time of increasing pressure on food safety and security with climate change and growing population. He explained that the science of GMOs convinced him that the anti-GMO movement was misguided. The range of faculty in the room included plant breeders, government and politics, agriculture, and social scientists. The breakfast was a continuation of a panel discussion “Changing Crops for a Changing Climate” that took place the evening before in the Statler Auditorium.

<http://www.cornell.edu/video/mark-lynas-changing-crops-for-a-changing-climate>

Attendees:

| Last Name | First Name | NetID or email | Dept (if known) | College (If known) |
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| Herring | Ron | Rjh5@cornell.edu | GOV | |
| Lynas | Mark | | | |
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Participant RSVP (attending):

| Last Name | First Name | NetID or email | Dept (if known) | College (If known) |
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| Chambliss | Lauren | elc55 | ACSF | |
| Davies | Peter | pjd2 | | |
| DiSalvo | Frank | fjd3 | ACSF | |
| Earle | Lisa | ede3 | | |
| Evanega | Sarah | snd2 | | |
| Hammond | Anna Garber | ag556 | | |
| Hilgartner | Stephen | shh6 | | |
| Kolady | Deepthi | dek28 | | |
| Lee | David | drl5 | | |
| Plantan | Elizabeth | enp27 | | |
| Roberts | Ken | Kr99 | | |
| Smith | Margaret | mes25 | | |
| Thaler | Greg | gmt45 | | |
| Thies | Janice | jet25 | | |

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| Dieterich | David | | | |
| Schember | Helene | | | |
| Wolfe | David | | | |
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