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on the 50th anniversary of the nation's first teach-in

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This event marks the fiftieth anniversary of the nation's first teach-in on the war in Vietnam, held at the University of Michigan on March 24-25, 1965. Organized and led by faculty, the teach-in addressed one of the most pressing public issues of the day: our nation's rapidly escalating war in Vietnam, and drew more than 3,000 participants. The teach-in format was replicated at countless colleges and universities across the country over the next several months and years.

To commemorate this historic event, we have assembled several of the key participants in the 1965 teach-in to reflect on its lasting significance. But the wider purpose of the conference, in the words of Arthur Waskow, a speaker at the original teach-in, is "commemoration through emulation." To that end we are presenting a new teach-in focused on one of the most pressing issues of our time: the escalating war against the planet represented by climate change and the threat it poses to the web of life on earth.

Like the first teach-in, this even is open to the public. Anyone interested in climate change – which should be everyone – is welcome to participate. Our intent is to raise awareness about climate change to a general audience, and to expand the ongoing conversation about possible solutions.



War movement, and a speaker at the original Teach-in in Ann Arbor. Waskow pioneered for a two-state peace between Israel & Palestine; in calling for equality of women and GLBTQ people in Jewish & American life; and in developing theology, liturgy, daily practice, and activism for Eco-Judaism.

Harvey Wasserman, U-M alum and former Michigan Daily writer, teaches history and cultural diversity at Columbus State University and Capital University. He has marched for various causes, confronted (and defeated) a proposed nuclear plant, and spoken at numerous rallies, including Woodstock. Wasserman wrote the futuristic novel Solartopia!, envisioning a green-powered Earth, which Pete Seeger and David Bernz turned into a song. His Green Power & Wellness radio show is at www.prn.fm and he edits www.nukefree.org.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Workshops- Concurrent student-led workshops **located** in Mason Hall (**MH**) 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Searching for Solutions at U-M and Building National and International Coalitions

Native American Students Association (**NASA**) - **1359 MH**
"Indigenous views on Climate Change and Resource Management"

School of Natural Resources and Environment (**SNRE**) **Envoys**- **1436 MH, 4:00-5:15 pm***
"Climate Justice 101: Community Considerations in Climate Adaptation"

UMBees - 1437 MH
Film viewing: More Than Honey & Discussion for a Pollinator-Friendly Campus

U-M Sustainable Food Program (**UMSFP**) - **1460 MH**
"Creating a More Sustainable Food System at U-M"

U-M Student Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects (**SASLA**) - **1469 MH**
"Towards a Design Democracy: Landscapes for Climate and Environmental Justice"

Divest Invest - 2325 MH
"How to put the "I" in Divest"

Brian Fadie (SNRE) - 2333 MH
"Climate Change Communications: How to Win the Debate and Influence Decision Makers"

Students for Clean Energy - 2330 MH
"Renewable Energy On Campus"

Join the conversation, tweet:
#climateteachin50

Dr. Jacquelyn Bolman holds a PhD and is a native of the Great Plains (Lakota Oyate) and Black Hills of South Dakota. Bolman founded and currently serves as President of InterTribal Student Services (I.S.S.), a Self-Determined Indian Organization to ensure American Indian and Indigenous students have the right and opportunity to conduct Tribal research in their ancestral homelands. I.S.S. works in partnership with Tribal Nations across the U.S. and Central and South America.

M. Jahi Chappell, Director of Agroecology and Agriculture Policy at the Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, leads IATP in analyzing and developing actions and policies to create a sustainable, decentralized, and deeply democratic food and agriculture system. Chappell has worked with and consulted for La Via Campesina, the City of Belo Horizonte (Brazil), the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), and the urban agriculture nonprofits Growing Hope (Ypsilanti, MI) and Growing Gardens (Portland, OR).

Tom Hayden, author of the famed Port Huron Statement, was a leader in the student, antiwar, and civil rights protests in the 1960s. He took up the environmental cause in the 1970s, leading campaigns to shut down nuclear power plants and serving as California's first solar energy official. Hayden was elected to the California legislature in 1982, serving for eighteen years. He continues to write as an editor for *The Nation*, and has taught at many campuses. He is the director of the Peace and Justice Resource Center in California.

Michelle Martinez, a Detroit-based environmental justice activist, speaker and writer, has worked on a variety of intersecting issues including immigration and voting rights, environmental justice and women's rights. She is an advocate for participatory democracy, collective resource management, and popular education. Martinez currently volunteers with the Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition.

Stephanie Mills, a bioregionalist, has been speaking, editing, writing, and organizing for ecology and social change since 1969. She has produced seven books, including *Epicurean Simplicity* and *On Gandhi's Path* as well as scores of essays, articles, and book reviews. Mills was featured in the PBS documentary "Earth Days", and is a Fellow of the Post-Carbon Institute.

Natalie Sampson, assistant professor at U-M Dearborn, conducts community-based research to study social and physical enviornments and their effects on human health. She is a steering committee member of the Detroit Climate Action Collaborative and a member of the statewide Michigan Environmental Justice Coalition. As a Reach the Decision Makers Fellow, Sampson works with community and academic partners to promote evidence-based policy at the EPA related to environmental reproductive health issues.

Sandra Steingraber, a biologist, writes about climate change, ecology, and public health. She is co-founder of New Yorkers Against Fracking, a statewide coalition of more than 280 grassroots organizations, and Concerned Health Professionals of New York. Her book, *Living Downstream: An Ecologist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment*, was adapted and released as a documentary in 2010. A scholar in residence at Ithaca College, Steingraber is currently writing about a civil disobedience movement.

Rabbi Arthur Waskow founded and directs The Shalom Center. In 2014 he was honored by *T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights* with their first Lifetime Achievement Award as a "Human Rights Hero." He was a leader in the anti-Vietnam

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

Auditorium A - Angell Hall

Panel 1 | 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Moderated by: Theresa Wei Ying Ong
Graduate Student, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Welcome

Marie Lynn Miranda
Dean, U-M School of Natural Resources

Commemoration Through Emulation: Antiwar Movements from Vietnam to Climate Change

William Gamson
Convener at the 1965 Teach-in

Marshall Shalins
Convener at the 1965 Teach-in

Amy Goodman
Keynote address

Dinner Break

Panel 2 | 8:00 - 10:00 pm

Moderated by: Zelda Gamson
Former U-M Faculty, Professor, Boston College

The Science and Politics of Climate Change

Knute Nadelhoffer
"Planning for Climate Change: Evidence-based Decision Making in a Belief-based World"

Ivette Perfecto
"Industrial Agriculture versus Small-Scale Agroecology: Which is Better for the Planet?"

John Vandermeer
"Climate Change Denialism: Political Origins of a Pro-Industry Strategy"

Juan Cole
"The End of Oil, US Security, & the Future of the Middle East"

Bill McKibben (via live feed)

Open Meeting | 10:00 pm

Science for the People

Student-led, community-wide discussions. Drafting the AA statement

BIOGRAPHIES

Juan Cole is the Richard P. Mitchell Collegiate Professor of History and Director of the Center for Middle Eastern and North African Studies at U-M and recently authored *The New Arabs: How the Millennial Generation is Changing the Middle East*. He has been a regular guest on PBS's Lehrer News Hour, and has also appeared on ABC World News Tonight, Nightline, the Today Show, Charlie Rose, Anderson Cooper 360, Rachel Maddow, Chris Hayes All In, the Colbert Report, Democracy Now! and many others.

William Gamson Professor of Sociology, Boston College, former U-M faculty, co-directs the Media Research and Action Project (MRAP) at Boston College. Gamson is a distinguished scholar who has written a number of books and articles on political discourse, the mass media and social movements. His current work involves the development of game simulations as a tool for social change.

Amy Goodman is the host and executive producer of Democracy Now!, a national, daily, independent, award-winning news program airing on over 1,300 public television and radio stations. Time magazine named Democracy Now! its "Pick of the Podcasts." She has written numerous books, including *The Silenced Majority: Stories of Uprisings, Occupations, Resistance, and Hope; Breaking the Sound Barrier and Standing Up to the Madness: Ordinary Heroes in Extraordinary Times.* For more, see democracynow.org

Bill McKibben is an author, environmentalist, and activist. In 1988 he wrote *The End of Nature*, the first book for a common audience about global warming. He is co-founder and Senior Advisor at 350.org, an international climate campaign that works in 188 countries around the world. For more info, see 350.org

Knute J. Nadelhoffer, Professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology at U-M, is Director of the U-M Biological Station (UMBS) and serves on the Board of the Environmental Law and Policy Center. His research focuses on carbon and nutrient cycling in forests and arctic tundra, and he collaborates with research teams to elucidate relationships among terrestrial ecosystems, water quality, and the climate system. As Director of UMBS, Nadelhoffer leads and collaborates in programs focused on human-environment interactions and climate change impacts in the Great Lakes region

Ivette Perfecto, Geroge W. Peck Professor in the U-M School of Natural Resources and Environment, has more than 25 years of experience working on issues related to agriculture, agroecology, biodiversity and food sovereignty. In 2009 she co-authored a review paper on the effect of industrial agriculture on climate change that was used by the peasant organization La Via Campesina at the Alternative Forum of the UN Climate Talk in Copenhagen to argue that small-scale farmers can feed the world and cool the planet.

Marshall Sahlins, Professor Emeritus of Anthropology and of Social Sciences, University of Chicago and a former U-M faculty member. He is an internationally recognized scholar whose research focuses on the intersection of culture and history, especially as those play out in early-modern Pacific societies.

John Vandermeer, Asa Gray Distinguished University Professor in the department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at U-M, was active in the anti-Vietnam war movement and was a founding member of the Ann Arbor chapter of Science for the People (1972). He was also a founding member of the New World Agriculture and Ecology Group, a political organization promoting the transformation of the industrial food and agriculture system. Vandemeer works in support of the global movement La Via Campesina, dedicated to promoting the idea of food sovereignty and dismantling the capitalist world agriculture system.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 28

Breakfast | 9:00 - 10:00 am

Auditorium A - Angell Hall

Panel 3 | 10:00 am - Noon

Moderated by: Lilly Fink Shapiro
Graduate Student, School of Public Health

Searching for Solutions at the Global and National Level

Tom Hayden
"Ending the Wars Over Fossil Fuels"

Jahi Chappell
"Eco-commensalism: Setting the table for what comes after capitalism"

Arthur Waskow
"Facing the Carbon Pharaohs: The role of Spiritual Communities in Organizing to Heal our Climate Crisis"

Sandra Steingraber
"Life During Wartime and the Dream of an Unfractured Future"

Lunch Break

Panel 4 | 1:45 pm - 3:45 pm

Moderated by: Zachary Hajian-Forooshani
Graduate Student, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Searching for Solutions at the State and Local Level

Harvey Wasserman
"The Joy of Eco-Activism"

Stephanie Mills
"Humility, Natural History, and Hope: Making Peace with Earth, Place by Place"

Jacquelyn Bolman
"Looking Beyond Oneself: A Tribal Perspective on Climate Change"

Natalie Sampson
"Every Sector is a Public Health Sector: Planning to Prevent Climate-Related Health Disparities in Detroit"

Michelle Martinez
"It's no longer called climate change: Doing the work through Adversity and Uncertainty"