

Whelen Visiting Lecture

Tuesday, October 25, 2011 7:00 pm

Adam Ballroom Delta Bessborough Hotel
Free Admission—No tickets required
Public Reception and Book Signing to Follow

How to Feed the World

Humanity produces enough food to feed everyone in the world today, and yet the world is disfigured by inequality. There are today one and a half billion people overweight, and one billion are hungry. And it's likely to get worse. We'll soon be living in a world of 10 billion people. The planet can't sustain the way that we in the Global North live, and one doesn't need to be a Malthusian to worry about how we'll all get to eat tomorrow. Plans for the future include a revamp of the Green Revolution, big land deals, and more intensive farming. Yet while Big Agriculture has plans to profit from 10 billion mouths, the real solutions for tomorrow's hunger will come from the communities in the Global South that are already producing food, managing climate change, and fighting poverty in the twenty-first century.

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Raj Patel is an award-winning writer, activist and academic. He has degrees from the University of Oxford, the London School of Economics and Cornell University, has worked for the World Bank and WTO, and protested against them around the world. He's currently a visiting scholar at UC Berkeley's Center for African Studies, an Honorary Research Fellow at the School of Development Studies at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and a fellow at The Institute for Food and Development Policy, also known as Food First. He is currently an IATP Food and Community Fellow. He has testified about the causes of the global food crisis to the US House Financial Services Committee and is an Advisor to the United Nations Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food. In addition to numerous scholarly publications, he regularly writes for *The Guardian*, and has contributed to the *LA Times*, *NYTimes.com*, *The San Francisco Chronicle*, *The Mail on Sunday*, and *The Observer*. His first book was *Stuffed and Starved: The Hidden Battle for the World Food System* and his latest, *The Value of Nothing*, is a *New York Times* best-seller.

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The Whelen Visiting Lecture was established in 1986 through a bequest from a distinguished alumnus of the University of Saskatchewan, Dr. Myron Whelen of Wilmington, Delaware.

Dr. Whelen came from the small farming community of Birch Hills in north-eastern Saskatchewan. He was very much aware of the lack of opportunity in such locations to hear from and interact with people—artists, scientists, public servants and teachers—who have an international reputation in their field. The University of Saskatchewan has worked hard to enhance learning opportunities beyond the campus. Thus, the very broadly-based mandate of the Whelen Lectureship—to bring to this campus an internationally-recognized authority in a discipline taught at this University—has given a major impetus to our educational outreach.

In keeping with the spirit of Dr. Whelen's bequest and in the tradition of the University of Saskatchewan, the program for the Whelen Visiting Lectureship is designed with a very broad spectrum of the Saskatchewan public in mind: students, teachers, and researchers; members of professional organizations and interest groups; the broader public community and, where possible, specific communities outside of Saskatoon.



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