From the Land Grant to Growing Power: Is the Future of Food Sustainable?

Two Tuesdays: May 1 & May 8, 2018
10 AM - Noon   Tallent Hall #182

Our favorite plant ecologist, Dr. Dave Rogers, will explore the recent history of agriculture that led to the “green revolution” which has produced both an unprecedented abundance of cheap food, but also significant declines in soil and water quality, biodiversity, human health and animal welfare. Sustainable agriculture seeks to retain the productivity benefits of the green revolution, but in a way that minimizes or reverses these negative impacts. Innovations in plant and animal breeding and farming techniques are on-going to meet the ever-increasing needs of the human population and the challenges imposed by global warming.

Equally important is the development of new economic models and social norms that support these necessary technological changes. We will discuss the challenges that innovators like Will Allen and his non-profit “Growing Power” face as they seek to demonstrate the economic viability of sustainable food production, particularly as consumer demand for “organic” and “sustainable” products increases and more competitors enter the marketplace.

Dr. David Rogers, assistant professor of biological sciences at UW Parkside, is a plant ecologist with expertise in the flora and natural history of the Great Lakes region. Dr. Rogers teaches botany, ecology, and conservation biology with a goal of preparing students for careers or graduate training in field biology and biological conservation.

Questions? Call Jo Ann Shea at 262-554-8081 or email joaz44@hotmail.com

Future of Sustainable Food?   Members $10, Guests $ 20   Register by Tues, April 17th, 2018

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