Join us tomorrow, Thursday, April 20, 2006!

SAGE and the Department of Environmental Studies present:

Earth Day Panel on Sustainable Local Food System

6:00—7:30 p.m., Brookens Auditorium, UIS

Panelists:

Terra Brockman, Executive Director, the Land Connection Foundation
Deborah Cavanaugh-Grant, Research Specialist in Sustainable Agriculture, UIUC
Gayle Keiser, Executive Director, Illinois Stewardship Alliance
Kathy Corso, Farm Beginnings
Tih-Fen Ting, moderator, Assistant Professor, Environmental Studies, UIS

Please join us for a movie on "The True Cost of Food" by the Sierra Club Sustainable Consumption Committee and a panel discussion on food policy, the local food system, and the status of organic farming in Illinois.

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How Chemical Pollutants in Air, Food and Water Violate Human Rights

by Dr. Sandra Steingraber
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An Earth Day Event

April 19, 2006

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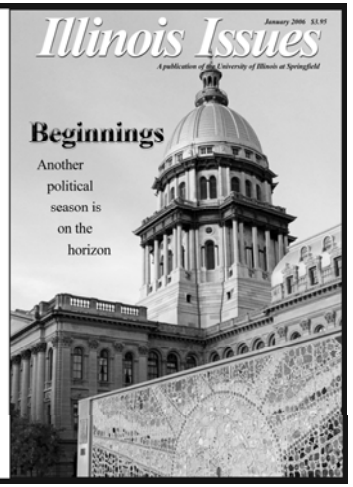

Sandra Steingraber

Ecologist, author, and cancer survivor, Sandra Steingraber, Ph.D., is an internationally recognized expert on the environmental links to cancer and reproductive health. Steingraber is an Illinois native who was born in Champaign and grew up in Pekin. She received a B.A. in biology from Illinois Wesleyan College, a M.A. in English/creative writing from Illinois State University, and a Ph.D. in biological sciences from University of Michigan.

Steingraber's highly acclaimed book, *Living Downstream*, presents cancer as a human rights issue. It was the first to bring together data on toxic release with newly released data from U.S. cancer registries and won praise from international media. Continuing the investigation begun in *Living Downstream*, Steingraber's new work, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood*, explores the intimate ecology of motherhood. Both a memoir of her own pregnancy and an investigation of fetal toxicology, *Having Faith* reveals the alarming extent to which environmental hazards now threaten each crucial stage of infant development.

In 1997, Steingraber was named a *Ms. Magazine* Woman of the Year. In 1998, she received from the Jenifer Altman foundation the first annual Altman Award for "the inspiring and poetic use of science to elucidate the causes of cancer," and from the American Medical Writers Association, the Will Solimene Award for "excellence in medical communication." In 1999, the Sierra Club heralded Steingraber as "*the new Rachel Carson.*" An enthusiastic and sought-after public speaker, Steingraber has keynoted conferences on human health and the environment throughout the United States and Canada and has been invited to lecture at many universities, medical schools, and teaching hospitals, including Harvard, Yale, Cornell, and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. She is recognized for her ability to serve as a two-way translator between scientists and activists.

Suggested Reading List

Rachel Carson, *Silent Spring* (1962).

Sandra Steingraber, *Living Down Stream: A Scientist's Personal Investigation of Cancer and the Environment* (1997).

Sandra Steingraber, *Having Faith: An Ecologist's Journey to Motherhood* (2001).

Sandra Steingraber, "The Pirates of Illiopolis: Why Your Kitchen Floor May Pose a Threat to National Security," *Orion* May/June (2005). http://www.oriononline.org/pages/om/05-3om/Steingraber.html

Terry Tempest Williams, *Refuge: An Unnatural History of Family and Place* (1991).

Michael Pollan, *The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals* (2006).

Tyrone B. Hayes, "There Is No Denying This: Defusing the Confusion about Atrazine," *BioScience* 54 (December 2004): 1138-1149.

Gay Daly, "Hundreds of Man-made Chemicals – In Our Air, Our Water, and Our Food – Could be Damaging the Most Basic Building Blocks of Human Development," *OnEarth* 27 (Winter 2006): 20-27. http://www.nrdc.org/onearth/06win/chem1.asp

Websites

Birth Defect Research for Children, Inc.: Learn more about the National Birth Defects Registry, a research program that studies associations between birth defects and environmental contaminants. *www.birthdefects.org*

Children's Health Environmental Coalition: Learn about environmental toxins that affect children's health. *www.checnet.org*

Beyond Pesticides: Learn more about alternatives to pesticides in homes, gardens, and schools. *www.beyondpesticides.org*

Pesticide Action Network: Learn more about worldwide efforts to advance alternatives to pesticides. *www.panna.org*

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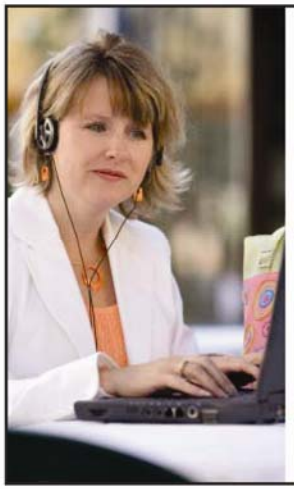

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