



# Community

# Food Justice Conference

**Edible Entanglements: Race, Environment and Ethics**

**October 14, 2025 (Tuesday)**

**9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., UCLA Royce Hall, Room 314**

**Come and hear international leaders in Food Justice including**

**Kathy Freston** (New York Times Best Selling Author)

**Gwenna Hunter** (Founder of Planetary Unity)

**Lisa Bloom** (Civil Rights Attorney)

**Julieanna Hever** (Dietitian)

**Jennifer Jay** (Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UCLA)

**David Cleveland** (Professor of Sustainable Food and Agriculture, UCSB)

**Free healthy lunch  
is provided for all attendees.**

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# Program:

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

## GLOBAL FOOD SYSTEMS

**Jennifer George** (Magic Marble Foundation, online from Michigan)

**Dash Meizler** (Podrska Foundation, online from Uganda)

**Aprajita Asish** (Founder & Director at ACH Foundation, online from India)

**Paige Parsons** (Founder of Plant-based in the Burbz)

Arvind Thomas (Moderator)

10:30 a.m.–11 a.m.

## Opening Remarks

11 a.m.–12 p.m.

## VOICES FOR LARGE-SCALE CHANGE

**Kathy Freston** (New York Times Best Selling Author)

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**Gwenna Hunter** (Founder of Planetary Unity)

**David Cleveland** (Professor of Sustainable Food and Agriculture, UCSB)

Prabhat Gautam (Moderator)

12 p.m.–12:30 p.m.

## Lunch, Cooking Demo with Annie Vitality

12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m.

## IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

**Julieanna Hever** (Dietitian)

**Dr. Jane McGarvey** (Medical Doctor)

**Travone Edwards** (Prison Reform)

**Bob Isaacson** (Attorney)

**Ashinee Reynolds** (Founder of Read and Feed)

Kim Somers (Moderator)

1:30 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

## PUBLIC SPEAKING TO RAISE AWARENESS

**Megan Costa** (Influencer)

**Chef Daniella Marie Malfi** (Minister/Chef)

**Shaka Smith** (Attorney, Actor, Vegan Athlete)

Dave Rutan (Moderator)

2:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m.

## BUSINESSES THAT CREATE CHANGE

**Alec Pedersen** (Financial Advisor)

**Charlotte Cressey** (Vegan Paradigm Shift)

**Jeffrey Harris** (Plant-Based Consultant)

**Dr. Cory Roberts** (Psychologist)

Prabhat Gautam (Moderator)

3:30 p.m.–4:30 p.m.

## FOOD HEALERS

**Jennifer Jay** (Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering, UCLA)

**Salesh Rao** (Climate Healers)

**Jesse Tandler** (New Roots Institute)

Vanessa Marsot (Moderator)

4:30 p.m.–5:30 p.m.

## THE URGENCY OF YOUTH IN FOOD SYSTEM REFORM

**Jeremy Martinez** and **Sarahjeet Dosanjh** (Plant Futures at UCLA)

**Lauren Ornelas** (Food Empowerment Project)

Christopher Locke (Moderator)

5:30 p.m.–6 p.m.

## Closing remarks

6 p.m.–7 p.m.

## NETWORKING MIXER

This schedule is subject to change.