

**TITLE: Conversion of a Science Writer: From Climate Change to GMOs
With author/journalist Mark Lynas**

HOST: Ron Herring

DATE: Tuesday, April 30th – 8:30 – 9:30am, Mann Library 102

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Author, activist and journalist Mark Lynas joined 20+ faculty for a “topical breakfast,” sponsored by ACSF and CALS International Programs for an open discussion about the pros and cons of Genetically Modified Crops and the latest controversies related to GMOs. Mark shared insights about his personal switch from an anti-GMO activist to one who supports the need to use GMO crops to feed the world at a time of increasing pressure on food safety and security with climate change and growing population. He explained that the science of GMOs convinced him that the anti-GMO movement was misguided. The range of faculty in the room included plant breeders, government and politics, agriculture, and social scientists. The breakfast was a continuation of a panel discussion “Changing Crops for a Changing Climate” that took place the evening before in the Statler Auditorium.

<http://www.cornell.edu/video/mark-lynas-changing-crops-for-a-changing-climate>

Attendees:

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Herring	Ron	Rjh5@cornell.edu	GOV	
Lynas	Mark			

Participant RSVP (attending):

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Chambliss	Lauren	elc55	ACSF	
Davies	Peter	pjd2		
DiSalvo	Frank	fjd3	ACSF	
Earle	Lisa	ede3		
Evanega	Sarah	snd2		
Hammond	Anna Garber	ag556		
Hilgartner	Stephen	shh6		
Kolady	Deepthi	dek28		
Lee	David	drl5		
Plantan	Elizabeth	enp27		
Roberts	Ken	Kr99		
Smith	Margaret	mes25		
Thaler	Greg	gmt45		
Thies	Janice	jet25		

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Regrets:

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