

Climate Risk, Resilience and the Future of Food



Laura Lengnick has explored agriculture and food system sustainability and resilience through more than 30 years of work as a researcher, policy-maker, educator and farmer. Her work in soil quality and sustainable farming systems was nationally-recognized with a USDA Secretary's Honor award in 2002 and she contributed to the 3rd National Climate Assessment as a lead author of the 2012 USDA report *Climate Change and U.S. Agriculture: Effects and Adaptation*. After more than a decade leading the academic program in sustainable agriculture at Warren Wilson College, Laura left the college in 2014 to launch Cultivating Resilience, LLC a private firm offering climate risk management services. Laura is member of the North Carolina Agriculture and Forestry Adaptation Work Group, is an affiliated researcher with the Appalachian Sustainable Agriculture Project's Local Food Research Center, and holds an adjunct faculty position in the Horticulture Department at North Carolina State University. Laura's new book, *Resilient Agriculture: Cultivating Food Systems for a Changing Climate* was released in May 2015 by New Society Publishers.

SUSTAINABILITY CAFÉ SPECIAL SEMINAR

Dr. Laura Lengnick

12:20 PM

Wednesday, March 2

Lee Hall III

Climate change is upon us and agriculture is inextricably involved. Fundamental to our identity as a species, crucial to the health and well-being of our communities, the way that we eat fuels the 21st century challenges that threaten our way of life. Author, scientist, educator and farmer, Laura Lengnick weaves the practical lessons learned by some of America's best sustainable farmers and ranchers growing food across the U.S. with the latest climate science and resilience theory to explore the climate resilience benefits of sustainable agriculture and food systems.

MEET WITH DR. LENGNICK

Dr. Lengnick will meet with faculty, students and staff following her seminar to informally discuss strategies that principle investigators can utilize to develop grant proposals with a focus on climate change in order to broaden the proposal objectives and scope. This meeting will begin at 2:30 PM and will be held in E-142 Poole Agriculture Center



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