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"NONTROVERSY: EVALUATING THE SCIENCE BEHIND GENETICALLY MODIFIED ORGANISMS"

January 14th, 2020



Dr. Tim Durham will present "Nontroversy: Evaluating the Science Behind Genetically Modified Organisms."

Since their rollout in 1996, genetically modified organisms (GMO's) have erupted in a firestorm of controversy. Derided as "Frankenfoods", opponents have claimed widespread environmental and human health effects - but what does the science say? Despite their rep, are GMO's an essential prescription for food security in an increasingly resource strained world? Just what is natural? What about corporate control and loss of "seed sovereignty" that we hear about? We'll evaluate some of the ethical and practical arguments for/against GMO's and separate the wheat from the proverbial chaff.

Tim is a lifelong agriculturist. His family operates Deer Run Farm – a 30 acre "truck" farm on Long Island, New York.

After graduating from Cornell University in 2001

with a B.S. in Plant Science, he worked at various levels of state and federal government while continuing to work seasonally at the farm. In 2004, he was awarded a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship for study at Lincoln University, New Zealand, where he studied public perception of GMO's. In 2008, Tim graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in Plant Medicine, the equivalent of a "plant M.D." He is currently an Associate Professor of Crop Science at Ferrum College.

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Please join us for a great program, fellowship, lunch, and bring a friend!

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(To register, please complete this form and return it with the registration fee to the Center by January 10th)

Name _____ Spouse/Guest _____
(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Daytime Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Mobile Phone Number _____ Any special dietary accommodations? _____

Please make your check payable to Phoebe Needles Center, Inc.

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INFORMATION AT A GLANCE...

You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social time and coffee. The program will begin promptly in McCauley Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow immediately after the program. Special parking for handicapped and those with difficulty climbing steps can be found behind the McCauley Hall. To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the page, call the office at (540)-483-1518, or you may also go to our website (www.PhoebeNeedles.org) to register and pay for the event using PayPal. Please make your reservations the Friday before the event. **The fee for non-members is \$18.00 and \$10.00 for members.** The fee includes the program and a lunch. The fee is non-refundable after the reservation deadline. Although we will try, we are not able to accommodate all needs relating to diet. Vegetarian entrees are available by request with advance notice. Pets are not permitted. Dress is casual. For more information, contact Phoebe Needles Center, Inc. All buildings, rooms, and porch areas are smoke-free.



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