



## “How will we sustainably feed nine billion people in 2050?”

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We hope you enjoy this video and encourage you to dig deeper and consider the following questions as a jump start for a great conversation with friends or fellow alumni!

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### Discussion Questions:

- 1) President Rosenberg and Professor Moseley discuss how the common explanation of food scarcity as a lack of production and too large a population is an oversimplification of the interconnectedness of markets and social structures today. What factors do you see as issues in food insecurity? What steps do you see as helpful or unhelpful in the way we approach hunger?
- 2) Rosenberg, Moseley, and Morgan discussed the macro and micro impacts of population growth, agricultural changes, and economic disparities within both local communities and on a global scale. What changes have you seen or experienced? How are issues of access addressed in your community? What programs or changes have you found successful in your own life or community? How might these changes be amplified or altered to reach a greater number of people?
- 3) Professor Moseley, in response to an audience question, discusses how food and agricultural systems are global, and that the choices of residents in the Global North impact outcomes in other parts of the world. How might we, as residents of the 'Global North', work to minimize our negative impact on global food systems? If we fail to take mitigating action, are we complicit in the oppression of the food-insecure poor?
- 4) How might a Macalester education—specifically one that is focused on Food, Agriculture, and the Environment—help us solve some of these complex, multi-faceted issues?
- 5) In this Big Question event, Professor Bill Moseley is joined by our first alumna guest, Julia Morgan '18. Julia noted that her educational and professional path was changed by the impact of her first year course and subsequent research with Moseley. Was there a class or faculty member that changed your trajectory? How and why?

## Meet Our Speakers:



**Bill Moseley** is a professor of geography, and director of the Food, Agriculture & Society Program, at Macalester College teaching courses on human geography, environment & development, food & agriculture, and Africa. He has worked in Mali, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Zimbabwe, South Africa, Botswana, Malawi, Niger and Lesotho and has research interests in tropical agriculture, food security, and environment and development policy. The author of over 80 peer-reviewed articles and books chapters, his latest book, *Africa's Green Revolution: Critical Perspectives on New Agricultural Technologies and Systems*, published in 2016. In 2011, he received the Educator of the Year award from students at Macalester College, and in 2013, was awarded the Media Award from the Association of American Geographers for his work communicating geography to the general public via essays that have appeared in outlets including the New York Times, Washington Post and Al Jazeera English.



**Julia Morgan '18** is a graduate of Macalester's geography department, with a concentration in community and global health. During her time at Macalester she had the opportunity to accompany Professor Bill Moseley during his fieldwork in Burkina Faso for two consecutive summers where she collected data to complete her honors project. Her work focused on the interaction between international agriculture interventions, local food systems and their relationship with community nutrition. She currently works as a data analyst for the Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation in Seattle, WA.

## Additional Resources:

Looking to dig deeper? Check out the following resources suggested by Professor Moseley!

### Videos

#### **Faces: A Case for Academia**

<https://themacsweekly.com/2018/03/faces-a-case-for-academia/>

#### **MacTalks: How to Make West African Peanut Sauce**

<https://tinyurl.com/macpeanut>

### Selected Editorials in the popular press (with a focus on food, agriculture & development) \* = student co-author

Moseley, W.G. and J. Morgan\*. 2018. "Why it's important to recognise multiple food systems in Africa." *The Conversation Africa*. June 18.

Moseley, W.G. and R. Fehr\*. 2016. "Female farmers suffer most in southern Africa drought." *Al Jazeera English*. Sept 30

Moseley, W.G. 2014. "Graduation advice for aspiring humanitarians." *Al Jazeera English* (print). May 28.

### Books

Moseley, W.G., M. Schnurr and R. Bezner Kerr. 2016. *Africa's Green Revolution: Critical Perspectives on New Agricultural Technologies and Systems*. Oxford, UK: Taylor & Francis.

McCusker, B., W.G. Moseley and M. Ramutsindela. 2015. *Land Reform in South Africa: An Uneven Transformation*. Lanham, MD: Rowman and Littlefield Publishers, Inc.

Moseley, W.G. and L.C. Gray (eds). 2008. *Hanging by a Thread: Cotton, Globalization and Poverty in Africa*. Athens, OH: Ohio University Press and Nordic Africa Press.

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