



The Locavore's Dilemma: In Praise of the 10,000-Mile Diet

"If widely adopted, either voluntarily or through political mandates, locavorism can only result in higher costs and increased poverty, greater food insecurity, less food safety and much more significant environmental damage than is presently the case."

Pierre Desrochers & Hiroko Shimizu, *The Locavore's Dilemma*

Author Meets Critics

Thursday, September 20, 2012

1:00-2:30pm in Ellis Hall, Room 323, Queen's University

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Pierre Desrochers



Dr. Pierre Desrochers is an Associate Professor of Geography at the University of Toronto and co-author (with

Hiroko Shimizu) of *The Locavore's Dilemma*. He has published more than 40 peer-reviewed articles on topics ranging from economic development and globalization to energy and transportation issues. Desrochers is affiliated with numerous policy research centers and has always made an effort to reach a broad audience through his more than 100 columns, shorter pieces, and regular contributions to various media outlets. To learn more about *The Locavore's Dilemma*, visit www.globavore.org

Melanie Bedore



Dr. Melanie Bedore is a Post-Doctoral Fellow in the University of Ottawa's School of Political

Studies. She is a specialist in the politics of urban food systems, community economic and social development, social justice, and vulnerable populations. Her doctoral research (Queen's University, Geography) studied grocery store closures in Kingston's lower-income North End to understand retail change and food justice in cities. Bedore has published in numerous academic journals and is a member of the Board of Directors for Loving Spoonful, a grassroots food organization in Kingston.

Dianne Dowling



Dianne Dowling is the president of Local 316, National Farmers Union. The NFU operates at the

local, provincial, national, and international level, advocating for small- and medium-sized family farms. Local 316 has been working for about a decade to build a more sustainable local food system in the Kingston region. In 2010, Local 316 received an Ontario government award for agri-food innovation for its NFU New Farm Project. Ms. Dowling, her husband, and son operate an organic dairy farm east of Kingston. She was an elementary school teacher for 32 years.



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