

## EAST BAY CONVERSATIONS

# The Promises and Perils of Biotechnology

All events begin 7:30pm at the Brower Center's Goldman Theater (2150 Allston Way, Berkeley)  
Free and Open to the Public. Visit [SynBioWatch.org](http://SynBioWatch.org) for live stream info.

### WHEN GREEN TECH ISN'T CLEAN TECH



**Jim Thomas and Rebecca Burgess**  
*in conversation with Gopal Dayaneni*  
*of Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project.*

**Thursday, March 21, 2013**

Synthetic biology includes creating novel life forms using DNA not found in nature, promising "green" fuel, cosmetics, cures, and more. Geoengineering promises techno fixes for climate change, including limiting sunlight and removing CO2 from the air. ETC Group's technology watchdog Jim Thomas and Fibershed Founder Rebecca Burgess tell us what we're not hearing from promoters about these "false solutions" -- their land grabs, environmental and safety risks, and threats to "real green" technology solutions.

### PATENT PENDING: THE RISE OF GM HUMANS



**Stuart Newman, PhD**  
*in conversation with Milton Reynolds*  
*of Facing History and Ourselves.*

**Thursday, June 6, 2013**

In 1997, New York Medical College cell biologist Stuart Newman applied for a patent on a "humanzee" -- part human, part chimp -- to call attention to the ethical hazards of biotech patenting. Last year, researchers in the UK and US sought approval for creating and implanting genetically modified (GM) human embryos. What is the state of human genetic modification? What is at stake for the species?

### SEEDING LABS, CEDING SEEDS: REGIONAL AND GLOBAL IMPACTS OF THE BIOTECH BONANZA



**Vandana Shiva, PhD**  
*in conversation with Gopal Dayaneni*  
*of Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project.*

**Wednesday, September 11, 2013**

World renowned environmental philosopher and activist Vandana Shiva illuminates the corporate assault on biological and cultural diversity and helps us connect the dots: What is the East Bay "Green Corridor," who is creating it, and what does it mean for communities here and around the globe?

### BIOSAFETY BY THE BAY: COMMUNITIES AND WORKERS AT RISK



**Becky McClain**  
*in conversation with Gopal Dayaneni*  
*of Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project.*

**Wednesday, October 16, 2013**

Former Pfizer, Inc. molecular biologist Becky McClain became seriously ill after exposure to genetically modified agents at the pharmaceutical giant's Connecticut lab. Last year she won the appeal upholding her case against the company for its violation of her right to free speech after she called attention to inadequate biolab safety conditions. What can the experience of the world's first successful biotech whistleblower tell us about the push to develop biolabs in the East Bay "Green Corridor" -- along the earthquake prone Pacific Ring of Fire?

## Join the Conversation!

East Bay Conversations invites the general public to consider the social and civil justice issues arising from biotechnological development. It is a joint effort of Alliance for Humane Biotechnology, Center for Food Safety, ETC group, Friends of the Earth, Global Justice Ecology Project, International Center for Technology Assessment, and Movement Generation: Justice and Ecology Project.

For more information visit: [www.SynBioWatch.org](http://www.SynBioWatch.org)