

Michael Pollan
Curriculum vitae

Current Affiliation

Contributing writer, <i>New York Times Magazine</i>	1995-present
James S. And John L. Knight Professor of Journalism University of California, Berkeley, School of Journalism	2003-present

Education

Bennington College, Bennington, VT (Bachelor's)	1977
Mansfield College, Oxford University	1975
Columbia University (Masters, English; President's Fellowship)	1981

Journalism Experience

<i>Vineyard Gazette</i> (Reporter)	1973
<i>Village Voice</i> (Assistant Editor, summers)	1974-76
<i>Politicks & Other Human Interests</i> (Assistant Editor)	1977-78
Gateway Productions	1978
Associate Producer on "A House Divided," a nationally syndicated documentary about the House of Representatives post-1974.	
WOR-TV	1980
Associate Producer, "Straight Talk," a daily public affairs talk show.	
<i>Channels Magazine</i> (Senior Editor)	1981-83
Wrote and edited articles on FCC policy, technology, and network programming for a non-profit magazine, published by the Markle Foundation, covering the telecommunications industry revolution.	
<i>Harper's Magazine</i> (Executive Editor)	1983-1994
Hired by Lewis Lapham to help re-format and re-launch the magazine in March 1984. Started as Senior Editor responsible for design of the Index and Readings sections. Promoted in 1985 to Executive Editor, responsible for day-to-day management of the editorial staff and budget, editing of departments, and regular commissioning and editing of feature articles. <i>Harper's</i> won six National Magazine Awards during my tenure.	
<i>New York Times Magazine</i> (Contributing Editor and Writer)	1998-1999
Member of the team that edited the <i>Magazine's</i> six special issues marking the millennium. Responsible for editing issues three (Adventure) and six (the Times Capsule). Conceived and oversaw development and design of a time capsule that became the basis for the final issue of the series. The Times Capsule, designed by Santiago Calatrava, is now permanently installed at the Museum of Natural History in New York; the issue about its making was the most successful in the magazine's history.	

<i>New York Times Magazine</i> (Contributing Writer)	1995-present
<i>Harper's Magazine</i> (Contributing Editor)	1995-2003
Modern Library Garden Series (Series Editor)	2001-2006

Publications: Books

<i>Second Nature: A Gardener's Education</i> (Atlantic Monthly Press)	1991
Recipient of the QPB New Vision Award; VLS bestseller; published also in England, Japan, Holland. Named one of the 75 best gardening books of the century by the American Horticultural Society; the book is taught in many environmental studies and history courses.	
<i>A Place of My Own: The Education of an Amateur Builder</i> (Random House)	1997
Recipient of John Burroughs Natural History Award; <i>New York Times Book Review</i> "notable book" of 1997.	
<i>The Botany of Desire: A Plant's-Eye View of the World</i> (Random House)	2001
<i>New York Times</i> bestseller; published also in England, France, Germany, Japan, China, Israel, Italy. Winner of the Border's Original Voices award for the best work of non-fiction in 2001, and a finalist for the Book Sense Best Book of the Year Award for 2001.	
<i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: A Natural History of Four Meals</i> (The Penguin Press)	2006
<i>New York Times</i> bestseller; named one of the ten best books of 2006 by the <i>New York Times</i> and the <i>Washington Post</i> . It also won the California Book Award, the Northern California Book Award, the James Beard Award for Best Writing on Food, and was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award. Published in more than a dozen countries.	
<i>In Defense of Food: An Eater's Manifesto</i> (The Penguin Press)	2008
Number one <i>New York Times</i> bestseller.	
<i>The Omnivore's Dilemma: the Secrets Behind What You Eat</i> (The Penguin Press) Young Readers Edition.	2009
<i>New York Times</i> bestseller; named one of Booklist's Top 10 Environmental Titles for Youth.	
<i>Food Rules: An Eater's Manual</i> (The Penguin Press)	2010
Number one <i>New York Times</i> bestseller.	
<i>Cooked: A Natural History of Transformation</i> (The Penguin Press)	2013
<i>New York Times</i> bestseller; named one of the best books of the year by the <i>Washington Post</i> and Amazon.com, one of the top ten books of the year by <i>Library Journal</i> and one of the top eight food books of the year by <i>The Guardian</i> . Published in more than a dozen countries.	

Publications: Anthologies (selected)

- "The Season of the Reagan Rich" in *Fast Forward: The New Television and American Society*, Les Brown, ed. (1983: Andrews & McMeel)
- "Why Mow?" in *The Best American Essays*, Justin Kaplan, ed. (1990: Ticknor & Fields)
- "The Garden's Prospects in America" in *Keeping Eden: A History of Gardening In America*, Walter T. PUNCH, ed. (1992: Little, Brown)
- "Why Mow? The Case Against Lawns" in *Being In The World: An Environmental Reader for Writers*, Scott H. Slovic, ed. (1993: MacMillan)

- "The Idea of a Garden" in Walter Levy and Christopher Hallowell, eds. *Green Perspectives: Thinking and Writing about Nature and the Environment* (Harper Collins, New York: 1994)
- "Two Gardens" in *Bloom & Blossom*, Mary Swander, ed. (1997: Ecco Press)
- "Consider the Castor Bean" in *My Favorite Plant*, Jamaica Kincaid, ed. (1997: Farrar Strauss)
- "Second Nature" in *Our Land, Ourselves: Readings on People and Place*, Peter Forbes et al, eds. (1999: The Trust for Public Land)
- "The Tulip and Its Trespasses" in *Tulipa: A Photographer's Botanical*, by Christopher Baker (2000: Artisan)
- "Weeds are Us" in *The Norton Anthology of Nature Writing*, Finch and Elder, eds. (2001: WW Norton)
- "An Animal's Place" in *Best American Essays 2003* (Houghton Mifflin)
- "Mme Hardy and Cuisse de Nympe" in *Roses: A Celebration*, Wayne Winterrowd, ed. (2003: North Point Press)
- Excerpt from *Second Nature* in *American Garden Writing: An Anthology*, Bonnie Marranca, ed. (2003: Taylor Trade Publishing)
- "Naturally" in *A Slice of Life: Contemporary Writers on Food*, Bonnie Marranca, ed. (2003: Overlook, Woodstock NY)
- "Cruising on the Arc of Taste" in *Best American Science Writing 2004* (Houghton Mifflin)
- Excerpt from *The Botany of Desire* in *This is My Best: Acclaimed QPB Authors Share Their Favorite Work*, Retha Power and Kathy Kiernan, eds. (2004: Quality Paperback Book Club)
- "Agri-Cultural Contradictions of Obesity" in *Farm Aid: A Song for America*, Holly-George Warren, ed. (2005: Rodale Press)
- "Playing God in the Garden" in *The New Humanities Reader*, Richard Miller and Kurt Spellmeyer, eds. (2005: Houghton Mifflin. Boston)
- Excerpt from *Second Nature* in *The Royal Horticultural Society Treasury of Garden Writing*, Charles Elliot, ed. (2005: Frances Lincoln, London)
- "The Meal: Grass-Fed" in *Best Food Writing 2006*, Holly Hughes, ed. (2006: Avalon Books)
- Introduction to *The Anatomy of Dessert*, Edward Bunyard (2006: Modern Library)
- "My Industrial Organic Meal" in *American Food Writing*, Molly O'Neil, ed. (2007: Library of America)
- "Power Steer" in *The New Kings of Nonfiction*, Ira Glass, ed. (2007: Riverhead Books)
- "Farmer, Chef, Storyteller: Building New Food Chains" in *Manifestos on the Future of Food and Seed*, Vandana Shiva, ed. (2007: South End Press)
- Excerpt from *The Omnivore's Dilemma* in *American Earth: Environmental Writing Since Thoreau*, Bill McKibben, ed. (2008: Library of America)
- "The Vegetable-Industrial Complex" in *Reading Critically, Writing Well: A Reader and Guide*, Rise B. Axelrod, Charles R. Cooper, and Alison M. Warriner, eds. (2008: Bedford/St. Martin's)
- "An Animal's Place" in *The Presence of Others: Voices and Images That Call for Response*, Andrea A. Lunsford and John J. Ruszkiewicz, eds. (2008: Bedford/St. Martin's)

Excerpt from "In Defense of Food" in *Best Food Writing 2008*, Holly Hughes, ed. (2008: Da Capo Press)
Introduction to *Bringing It to the Table: On Farming and Food*, Wendell Berry (2009: Counterpoint)
Introduction to *The Art of Fermentation*, Sandor Ellix Katz. (2012: Chelsea Green)
"The 36-hour Dinner Party" in *New California Writing 2012*, Gail Wattawa, ed. (2012: Heyday Books)
"Made by Hand" in *A Fork in the Road*, James Oseland, ed. (2013: Lonely Planet Publications)
Introduction to *Grass, Soil Hope*, Courtney White. (2014: Chelsea Green)

Publications: Periodical (selected)

December 22, 1981, "Keeping Television Regulated," *New York Times* Op Ed Page
May 1987, "Cultivating Virtue: The Moral Imperatives of Compost," *Harper's Magazine*
June 19, 1988, "Gardening Means War," *The New York Times Magazine*
May 28, 1989, "Why Mow? The Case Against Lawns" (cover story),
The New York Times Magazine
November 5, 1989, "Weeds Are Us," *The New York Times Magazine*
April 1990, "Cultivating Nature" (A Forum on Environmentalism), *Harper's Magazine*
May 6, 1990, "Putting Down Roots," *The New York Times Magazine*
September 9, 1990, "Autumn," *The New York Times Magazine*
July 21, 1991, "A Gardener's Guide to Sex, Politics and Class War" (cover story),
New York Times Book Review
April 1992, "A Gardener Cultivates His House," *House & Garden*
Winter 1993, "The Garden's Prospects in America," *Orion*
May/June 1993, "A Porch With a View," *Metropolitan Home*
November 1993, "Grenada: The Peace Dividend," *Conde Nast Traveler*
March 20, 1994, "The Seed Conspiracy," *The New York Times Magazine*
May 15, 1994, "Against Nativism," *The New York Times Magazine*
June 1994, "A Growing Field," *Vogue*
July 24, 1994, "How to Make a Pond," *The New York Times*
September 4, 1994, "This Bud's For You," *The New York Times Magazine*
February 19, 1995, "How Pot Has Grown" (cover story), *The New York Times Magazine*
November 26, 1995 Review of "*Hope, Human and Wild*" by Bill McKibben,
Los Angeles Times Book Review
November 1995, "Children in Paradise," *Vogue*
February 9, 1997, "Building a Room of My Own," *The New York Times Magazine*
March 14, 1997, "Living at the Office," *The New York Times* Op Ed Page
March 1997, "A Room With Too Much View," *Harper's Magazine*
April 1997, "Opium Made Easy: One Gardener's Encounter with the War on Drugs"
(cover story), *Harper's Magazine*
June 14, 1997, "Inner Space," *The Guardian* (London)
July 27, 1997, "The Pot Proposition: Living with Medical Marijuana" (cover story),
The New York Times Magazine
December 14, 1997, "Town-Building is no Mickey Mouse Operation" (cover story),
The New York Times Magazine
January 22, 1998, "Dream Pond: Just Add Water," *The New York Times*

Winter/Spring 1998, "Beyond Wilderness and Lawn," *Harvard Design Magazine*
April 2, 1998, "The Chain Saws of Salvation," *The New York Times*
May 31, 1998, "Gardening," *The New York Times Book Review*
June 4, 1998, "Seed, Reseed, Secede: Seaside, Fla.," *The New York Times*
October 25, 1998, "Playing God in the Garden" (cover story),
The New York Times Magazine
November 5, 1998, "The Call of the Wild Apple," *The New York Times*
March 7, 1999, "The Real World of Interiors" (special issue lead essay), *The New York Times Magazine*
July 11, 1999, "Land of the Free Market," *The New York Times Magazine*
September 12, 1999, "A Very Fine Line," *The New York Times Magazine*
December 12, 1999, "Feeding Frenzy," *The New York Times Magazine*
April 9, 2000, "The Triumph of Burbopolis" (special issue lead essay), *The New York Times Magazine*
January 7, 2001, "Claude Hope: Floral Conquest," *The New York Times Magazine*
Jan 14, 2001, "Produce Politics," *The New York Times Magazine*
March 4, 2001, "The Great Yellow Hype," *The New York Times Magazine*
May 13, 2001, "Naturally" (cover story), *The New York Times Magazine*
May 2001, "What Sweetness Was," *Harper's Magazine*
June 24, 2001, "Poison" (review of *Body Toxic* by Susanne Antonetta), *The New York Times Book Review*
September 27, 2001, "Is This Country Living? Ask the Cows," *The New York Times*
Fall 2001, "The Easiest Vacation in America," *Travel + Leisure Family*
March 31, 2002, "Power Steer" (cover story), *The New York Times Magazine*
September 2002, "Sustaining Vision," *Gourmet*
November 10, 2002, "An Animal's Place" (cover story), *The New York Times Magazine*
January 12, 2003, "Fat Land" (lead review), *The New York Times Book Review*
May/June 2003, "Cruising on the Ark of Taste," *Mother Jones*
May 3, 2003, "The Futures of Food," *The New York Times Magazine*
October 12, 2003, "The (Agri)Cultural Contradictions of Obesity,"
The New York Times Magazine
January 11, 2004, "Cattle Futures?" *The New York Times Magazine*
May 16, 2004, "An American Transplant," *The New York Times Magazine*
September/October 2004, "The Cheapest Calories Make You the Fattest" (interview),
Sierra Magazine
October 17, 2004, "Our National Eating Disorder," *The New York Times Magazine*
December 2004, "A Conversation With Michael Pollan" (interview),
California Monthly
January 2005, "Amazing Graze" (interview), *Diablo Magazine*
Spring/Summer 2005, "Hawaii's Wild Side," *Travel + Leisure Family*
March 26, 2006, "The Modern Hunter-Gatherer," *New York Times Magazine*
May 2006, "No Bar Code," *Mother Jones*
June 4, 2006, "Mass Natural," *New York Times Magazine*
June 4, 2006, "Six Rules for Eating Wisely," *TIME Magazine*
June 15, 2006, "What's Eating America," *Smithsonian*
October 15, 2006, "The Vegetable-Industrial Complex," *New York Times Magazine*
January 28, 2007, "Unhappy Meals," *New York Times Magazine*

April 22, 2007, "You Are What You Grow," *New York Times Magazine*
December 16, 2007, "Our Decrepit Food Factories," *New York Times Magazine*
Apr. 20, 2008, "Why Bother?" *New York Times Magazine*
May 19, 2008, "How to Feed the World," *Newsweek*
October 12, 2008, "Farmer in Chief," *The New York Times Magazine*
August 2, 2009, "Out of the Kitchen, Onto the Couch," *The New York Times Magazine*
September 1, 2009, "Love and Lies," *National Geographic Magazine*
September 2, 2009, "Wendell Berry's Wisdom," *The Nation Magazine*
September 10, 2009, "Big Food vs. Big Insurance," *The New York Times*
October 11, 2009, "Rules to Eat By," *The New York Times Magazine*
June 10, 2010, "The Food Movement, Rising," *The New York Review of Books*
October 10, 2010, "The 36-Hour Dinner Party,"
The New York Times Magazine
November 29, 2010, "A Stale Food Fight," *The New York Times*
September 11, 2011, "How Change is Going to Come to the Food System,"
The Nation Magazine
October 10, 2012, "Vote for the Dinner Party," *The New York Times Magazine*
May 15, 2013, "Some of My Best Friends Are Germs,"
The New York Times Magazine (cover story)
September 12, 2013, "My Tragic Encounter with James Taylor's Pig,"
The New York Times Magazine
December 23, 2013, "The Intelligent Plant," *The New Yorker*
November 7, 2014, "How a National Food Policy Could Save Millions of Lives" (co-author),
The Washington Post
February 9, 2015, "The Trip Treatment," *The New Yorker*
April 28, 2015, "Why 'Natural' Doesn't Mean Anything Anymore,"
The New York Times Magazine
December 15, 2015, "A Secret Weapon to Fight Climate Change: Dirt" (co-author), *The Washington Post*
October 9, 2016, "Big Food Strikes Back: Why did the Obamas fail to take on corporate agriculture?" *The New York Times Magazine*

Film and Television Projects

2009 Special Consultant and co-narrator, *Food Inc.*, a theatrical documentary nominated for an academy award and broadcast on public television, spring 2010
2009 Appeared in *The Botany of Desire*, a two-hour public television special based on my book of the same title. Funded by the National Science Foundation
2015 Host and narrator of *In Defense of Food*, an Emmy-nominated two-hour public television special based on my book of the same title. Funded by the National Science Foundation
2016 Host and narrator of *Cooked: A Natural History of Four Meals*, a four-part Netflix series based on my book of the same title. Produced by Alex Gibney. Premiered at the Berlin Film Festival

Speeches (Selected)

April 1991, "The Great American Lawn: A History," Cooper Hewitt Museum, NY, NY
June 1993, "What is an American Garden?" New York Botanical Garden, NY, NY

April 1994, "The Future of the American Garden," Rochester Museum, Rochester, NY
June 1994, "The Literature of the Garden and the Wilderness," New York Public Library,
New York, NY
October 1994, "Beyond the Wilderness and the Lawn: Toward a New American Garden,"
Dumbarton Oaks, Washington, D.C.
January 1994, University of Pittsburgh, visiting writer in non-fiction, Pittsburgh, PA
February 1995, "The Future of the American Garden and Wilderness" Harvard
University Graduate School of Design, Cambridge, MA
September 1995, "Beyond the Wilderness and the Lawn: Updating America's Land
Ethic," UC Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara, CA
March 1996, "Is There an American Garden?" Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD
October 1997, University of Wisconsin, Writer in Residence
April 1999, "Notes Toward a New Gothic Garden," University of Virginia,
Charlottesville, VA
January 2000, "In Search of the American Garden," University of Malmo, Sweden
June 2000, "Can Biotechnology Help Fight World Hunger?" United States House of
Representatives, congressional workshop
August 2000, "Notes Toward a New Environmental Ethic," Trust for Public Land,
Sonoma, CA
September 2000, "Playing God in the Garden: Genetically Modified Food," Culinary
Institute of America, Hyde Park, NY
April 2001, "Into the Neo-Gothic Garden," The National Trust International Garden
Conference, Bath, England
April 2001, "The Politics of Genetically Modified Food," Oxford University, Oxford, UK
May 2001, "The Organic Industrial Complex," Organic Trade Association, Austin, TX
February 2001, "The Human Bumblebee," Yale University, Hartford, CT
September 2001, "Evolution and the Botany of Desire," NASA, Sunnyvale, CA
October 2001, "The Botany of Desire," Bioneers Conference, Marin Civic Center, CA
October 2001, "Putting GMO Foods in Context," Sarah Lawrence College,
Bronxville, NY
April 2002, "Toward a Neo Gothic Garden," Victoria and Albert Museum, London
May 2002, "The Forgotten Power of Plants," New York Botanical Garden, NY, NY
May 2002, "The Chicken and Globalization," Yale University, Hartford, CT
May 2002, "Towards a Neo Gothic Garden," Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, Boston, MA
June 2002, "The Forgotten Power of Plants," Parrish Art Museum, Southampton, NY
June 2002, "The Botany of Desire," Atlanta Botanical Garden, Atlanta, GA
June 2002, "The Forgotten Power of Plants," Pacific Open Space Trust, Menlo Park, CA
June 2002, "The Botany of Desire," California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, CA
September 2002, "Organic v. Local," Baum Forum, San Francisco, CA
October 2002, "The Power of Plants," The Bruce Museum, Greenwich, CT
November 2002, "Cannabis, Forgetting, and the Botany of Desire," The Avenali
lecture, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
March 2003, "The Forgotten Power of Plants," New York Public Library, NY, NY
March 2003, "The High Cost of Cheap Food," E.F. Schumacher Institute,
Great Barrington, MA
October 2003, "The High Cost of Cheap Food," Pesticide Action Network,
San Francisco, CA

October 2003, "The Cornification of America," Los Angeles Public Library,
Los Angeles, CA
October 2003, "The High Cost of Cheap Food," Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, OH
October 2003, UC Berkeley, Guest Lecturer in Environmental Studies, Professor Hass and
Professor Sposito, Berkeley, CA
November 2003, "Factory Food: Are the Alternatives Viable?" UC Berkeley Graduate
School of Journalism, Berkeley, CA
December 2003, "The Problem of Science Journalism," Northern California Science
Writers Association, San Francisco, CA
January 2004, "The Politics of Food," Roots of Change Council, San Francisco, CA
February 2003, UC Berkeley, Guest Lecturer in Anthropology, Professor Brandes
March 2004, "Organic: Is the Food Any Better?" University of Arizona College of
Medicine, Tucson, AZ
March 2004, UC Berkeley, Guest Lecturer in American Studies, Professor Lovell
March 2004, "The Promise of Grass Farming," Grass Farmers Conference, Sacramento, CA
April 2004, "Connecting Agricultural Policy and Health," Kellogg Food and Society
Conference, Keynote Speaker
July 2004, "Following the Food Chain: The High Cost of Cheap Food," Dartmouth
University, Hanover, NH
September 2004, "Humanity 2.0: Will Your Grandchildren be Genetically Modified?" UC
Berkeley, Moderator
October 2004, "The Cornification of America," The Land Institute, Salina, KS
October 2004, "Bush Science: On the Use and Abuse of Science in Policymaking," UC
Berkeley, Moderator
October 2004, "You Are What You Eat Eats," Slow Food Conference, Terra Madre,
Turin, Italy, Moderator and Speaker
November 2004, UC Berkeley, Guest Lecturer in Environmental Studies, Professor Miguel
Altieri
November 2004, "The Future of Food," Slow Food Benefit, Moderator
December 2004, Knight Journalism Fellows, Stanford University, Seminar in Food
Journalism, Palo Alto, CA
January 2005, "The High Cost of Cheap Food," Eco Farm, Monterey, CA
March 2005, "The High Cost of Cheap Food," University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA
March 2005, "Following the Food Chain," University of Kentucky, KY
April 2005, "The Power of Plants," UC Berkeley Botanical Garden, Berkeley, CA
May 2005, "A Conversation with Michael Pollan," Peninsula Open Space Trust's Wallace
Stegner Lecture Series, Mountain View, CA
September 2005, Hadley Lecture "The High Cost of Cheap Food," Humboldt State
University, Arcata, CA
September 2005, "A Conversation on Climate Change with Sir David King," UC
Berkeley, Moderator, Berkeley, CA
October 2005, "Berkeley Writers at Work," UC Berkeley, Doe Library, Reading and
Interview, Berkeley, CA
October 2005, "Science is Sexy," Litquake Festival, Commonwealth Club, San
Francisco, CA
November 2005, "Organic Agriculture and Beyond," guest lecturer, Department of
Environmental Science and Policy Management, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA

November 2005, "The Politics of Science Journalism" guest lecturer, Department of Biology, UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
January 2006, "The Cornification of America," School of Geography, UC Berkeley, CA
April 2006, "The Cornification of America," UC Berkeley, guest lecturer, School of Public Policy, Food Politics Lecture Series, Berkeley, CA
April 2006, "Beyond Barcodes: The Importance of Local Food Systems," Century Club of New York, NY
April 2006, "Marion Nestle on What to Eat: Sensible Food Choices in this Era of Corporate and Scientific Confusion," on stage interview UC Berkeley, Berkeley, CA
May 2006, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Center for Land-Based Learning, Winters, CA
May 2006, "Searching for a Perfect Meal in a Fast Food World," UC Berkeley, in conversation with Davia Nelson, Berkeley, CA
May 2006, "A Conversation with Ruth Reichl," 92nd Street Y, New York, NY
May 2006, "The Cornification of America," American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY
May 2006, "Beyond the Bar Code: The Importance of Local Food Systems," Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum, Chicago, IL
May 2006, "From Botany of Desire to What's for Dinner," Smithsonian Institution, Washington D.C.
May 2006, "Beyond the Bar Code: The Importance of Local Food Systems," Dupont Circle Farmer's Market, Washington D.C.
May 2006, "A New Gothic Garden for America: Beyond the Wilderness and the Lawn," Denver Botanical Garden, Denver, CO
September 2006, "The Politics of Obesity," UCSF School of Medicine, San Francisco, CA
September 2006, "Beyond the Bar Code," San Francisco Botanical Garden, CA
October 2006, "Globalization and Food," SEEDS Benefit, Durham, NC
October 2006, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, NC
October 2006, "No Bar Code: The Politics of Local Food," Bioneers Conference Plenary Speech, San Rafael, CA
October 2006, "The Parliament of Species: Biodiversity and Food," Terra Madre/Slow Food Plenary Speech, Turin, Italy
November 2006, Benefit talks at Zen Hospice Program and Breast Cancer Action, San Francisco, CA
November 2006, "The Human Bumblebee: A Plant's-Eye View of Us," Imaging the Environment Conference, Stanford Humanities Center, Palo Alto, CA
November 2006, "One Farmer's Battle with Monsanto: A Conversation with Percy Schmeiser," UC Berkeley, CA
November 2006, "The Omnivore's Ethical Dilemmas," Food, Ethics, and the Environment Conference, Princeton University, Princeton, NJ
November 2006, Speaker/Panelist, Nieman Conference on Narrative Journalism, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA
November 2006, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," UC Davis Mondavi Center, Davis, CA
November 2006, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," San Francisco Public Library, SF, CA
January 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Town & Gown Club, Berkeley, CA
February 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Colorado College, Colorado Springs, CO
February 2007, "The Past, Present, and Future of Food: A Conversation with John Mackey, CEO of Whole Foods," UC Berkeley, CA

March 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Drue Heinz Lecture at Carnegie Music Hall, Pittsburgh, PA

March 2007, "A Plants-eye View of the World," Invited speaker, TED Conference, Monterey, CA

March 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Newport Beach Public Library Foundation, Newport Beach, CA

March 2007, "Food Fight: A Teach-in On the 2007 Farm Bill: Michael Pollan in conversation with Dan Imhoff, George Naylor, and Ann Cooper, UC Berkeley, CA

April 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Oakland Public Library, Oakland, CA

April 2007, "What's for Dinner? The Ethics and Aesthetics of Eating," University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Minneapolis, MN

April 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," California State University, Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

May 2007, "Marion Nestle and Michael Pollan in Conversation," City Arts & Lectures, San Francisco, CA

May 2007, 4th Annual Nutrition and Health Conference, co-directed by Andrew Weil, San Diego, CA

June 2007, Marin Organics Benefit at Stubbs Vineyard, West Marin, CA

June 2007, Revelle Forum, University of California, San Diego, CA

October 2007, Sweet Briar College Waxter Forum, Sweet Briar, VA

October 2007, "The Omnivore's Dilemma," Williams College, Williamstown, MA

January 2008, "In Defense of Food," City Arts and Lectures, San Francisco, CA

January 2008, World Economic Forum, panel on food issues, Davos, Switzerland

February 2008, "In Defense of Food," Brown University, Providence, RI

February 2008, "In Defense of Food," Butler University, Indianapolis, IN

February 2008, "In Defense of Food," Gardiner Museum, Toronto, Canada

March 2008, "In Defense of Food," Stanford University, Palo Alto, CA

March 2008, "In Defense of Food," Google Author Series, Mountain View, CA

March 2008, "In Defense of Food," Utah Museum of Natural History, Salt Lake City, UT

March 2008, "In Defense of Food," Expo West, Anaheim, CA

April 2008, "In Defense of Food," Yale University, New Haven, CT

April 2008, "In Defense of Food," College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, MA

May 2008, "What We Eat" (with editor Gerry Marzorati), Times Talks, NY, NY

June 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," George D. Aiken lecture series, University of Vermont, Burlington, VT

September 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Carmel Authors and Ideas Festival, Carmel, CA

August 2008, New York Horticultural Society, PSI, "The Human Bumblebee: Looking at the World from the Plant's Point of View," NY, NY

August 2008, "The World Food Crisis," "Re-Localizing Food" "Slow Food Nation" "Slow Food Nation, San Francisco, CA

September 2008, "A Sun Food Agenda" Google's Zeitgeist Conference, Mountain View, CA

October 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Saint Mary's College, Moraga, CA

October 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Otis Lecture, Bates College, Lewiston, ME

October 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution,"
Oberlin College, Oberlin, OH

October 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Bastyr
University, Kenmore, WA

November 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Web 2.0,
San Francisco, CA

November 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," The
Cabin, Boise, ID

November 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution,"
Washington University, Saint Louis, MO

November 2008, "In Defense of Food: The Omnivore's Solution," Sun
Valley Center for the Arts, Ketchum, ID

November 2008, "One Writer's Path," Washington University, Center for the Humanities
2008 Humanities Prize and Grossman Humanities Medal, St. Louis, MO

January 2009, Seattle Arts & Lectures, Benaroya Hall, Seattle, WA

January 2009, Portland Arts & Lectures, Portland, OR

February 2009, Berlin Film Festival, premiere "Food, Inc." Berlin, Germany

March 2009, "The Sun Food Agenda," Georgia Organics Conference, Atlanta, GA

March 2009, "The Omnivore's Solution," Tufts University Richard E. Snyder
Presidential Lecture, Medford, MA

April 2009, The Richmond Forum; "A Conversation with Marion Nestle" Richmond, VA May
2009, "Michael J. Fox in conversation with Michael Pollan" San Francisco, CA

May 2009, "The Omnivore's Solution" Temple Judea/Books & Books, Coral Gables, FL

May 2009, "The Omnivore's Solution" West Roxbury Branch Library,
West Roxbury, MA

May 2009, "In Conversation with Peter Hoffman," American Museum of Natural
History, New York, NY

May 2009, Politics & Prose, Washington, DC

May 2009, Enoch Pratt Library, Baltimore, MD

May 2009, "A Conversation with Bill Curtis" Chicago Public Library, Chicago, IL

May 2009, Union Temple/Rainy Day Books, Kansas City, MO

May 2009, Unity Church/Boulder Bookstore, Boulder, CO

May 2009, St. Louis County Library, St. Louis, MO

June 2009, "The Sun Food Agenda," Univ. of British Columbia Farm, Vancouver, BC

June 2009, Benefit for the Chez Panisse Foundation, San Francisco, CA

June 2009 "In conversation with Novella Carpenter," Berkeley, CA

June 2009, World Affairs Council, San Francisco, CA

June 2009, Westminster Presbyterian Church/California Lectures, Sacramento, CA

September 2009, "The Sun Food Agenda," Food for Thought Festival, Madison, WI

September 2009, "The Omnivore's Solution," Lecture at the Kohl Center, University of
Wisconsin-Madison, Madison, WI

September 2009, Lyceum Lecture Series, Winona State University, Winona, MN

September 2009, Chicago Botanic Garden, Chicago, IL

September 2009, "The Omnivore's Solution," Xavier University, Cincinnati, OH

September 2009, Zellerbach Hall. "The Omnivore's Solution," UC Berkeley's College of
Letters & Science's On the Same Page program, Berkeley, CA

October 2009, Fundraiser for Cal Poly's Sustainable Agriculture Resource Center,
San Luis Obispo, CA

October 2009, "The Sun Food Agenda" Poptech Convention, Camden, ME,
October 2009, "The Sun Food Agenda," Bioneers, San Rafael, CA
November 2009; City Arts & Lectures. "In conversation with Wendell Berry,"
San Francisco, CA
December 2009, "In Conversation with Dr. Dean Ornish," Jewish Community Center, San
Francisco, CA
January 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Silicon Valley Reads, Campbell, CA
January 2010, SF Ferry Building, Farmers' Market, San Francisco, CA
January 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Western Washington University,
Bellingham, WA.
January 2010, Washington State University, Pullman, WA
February 2010, Copperfield's Bookstore at SEED Bank, Petaluma, CA
February 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Luther College, Decorah, IA
February 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Allegheny College, Meadville, PA
February 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Indiana University, Bloomington, IN
February 2010, "The Sun Food Agenda," Earlham College, Richmond, IN
April 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI
April 2010, "In Conversation with Sanford Ungar," Goucher College, Baltimore, MD
April 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Denison University, Granville, Ohio
May 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," College of San Mateo, San Mateo, CA
June 2010, 75 years of Penguin Books Anniversary, Books Inc., Berkeley, CA
September 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Google, Mountain View, CA
October 2010, Friends of the Central Library, Syracuse, NY
October 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Bellarmine University, Louisville, KY
November 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," University of Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI
November 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Spirit and Place Festival, Indianapolis, IN
December 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," Humboldt State University, Arcata, CA
December 2010, "The Omnivore's Solution," University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX
January 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Northwest Associated Arts, Seattle, WA
February 2011, Conversation with Eric Schlosser at University of Southern California,
Los Angeles, CA
February 2011, University of California Santa Barbara and Orfalea Foundation,
Santa Barbara, CA
March 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Marin Center, San Rafael, CA
April 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," University of Portland, Portland, OR
May 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Yoga Journal Conference,
New York City, NY
October 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Hudson Valley Community College,
Troy, NY
October 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Strathmore Hall Foundation, Bethesda, MD
October 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," The Progressive Forum, Houston, TX
October 2011, "The Omnivore's Solution," Texas Tech University, Lubbock, TX
November 2011, Book signing at Barnes and Noble, New York, NY
January 2012, "The Omnivore's Solution," Baltimore Speakers Series presented by
Stevenson University, Baltimore, MD
January 2012, "The Omnivore's Solution," Cambridge Speaker Series, sponsored by
Robert Morris University, Pittsburgh, PA

January 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Cambridge Speaker Series, sponsored by Widener University, Philadelphia, PA
January 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Cambridge Speaker Series, St Louis, MO
January 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Cambridge Speaker Series at Boston Symphony Hall, Boston, MA
February 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Paramount Theatre, Denver, CO
March 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Southern Methodist University, Dallas, TX
April 2012, “The Farm Bill: What’s at Stake,” The Horace M. Albright Lecture in Conservation, sponsored by the UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources, Berkeley, CA
April 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Benwood Foundation, Chattanooga, TN
May 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Walton Arts Center, Fayetteville, AR
May 2012, The Connecticut Forum at the Bushnell Theater, Hartford, CT
July 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Capitol Theatre, Melbourne, Australia
July 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Sydney Opera House, Sydney, Australia
September 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Teton Wellness Institute, Jackson, WY
November 2012, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Paramount Theatre, Austin, TX
May 2013, “Cooking As a Political Act,” Bristol Festival of Ideas, Bristol UK
May 2013, “Cooking as a Political Act,” London School of Economics, London, UK
September 2013, “How Cooking Can Change Your Life,” Kenyon College, Gambier, OH
October 2013, “Out of the Garden and on to the Plate: A Writer’s Education,” Flinn Foundation Centennial Lecture, Tempe, AZ
November 2013, “What’s Next for the Food Movement? A conversation, Kathleen Merrigan and Michael Pollan,” The Horace M. Albright Lecture in Conservation, sponsored by the UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources, Berkeley, CA
March 2014, “The State of the Food Movement: What Needs to Happen Now,” Permaculture Voices Conference, Temecula, CA
March 2014, “A Conversation with Michael Pollan,” The Salk Institute, La Jolla, CA
April 2014, “The Rise of the Local Food (and Beer) Economy,” Brewers Association Annual Meeting, Denver, CO
June 2014, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” UMass, Amherst
October 2014, “An Evening with Michael Pollan,” University of CA-San Diego
October 2014, “An Evening with Michael Pollan,” University of Vermont, Burlington VT
October 2014, “A Conversation with Sam Kass and Mark Bittman,” James Beard Conference, New York City
November 2014, “The Soil Solution: Food and Climate Change,” Keynote speech, New York Times Food for Tomorrow Conference, Stone Barns, Tarrytown, New York
November 2014, “A Conversation with Will Allen,” Growing Power annual meeting, Milwaukee, WI
January 2015, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” New Albany Foundation, New Albany, Ohio
February 2015 “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Pepperdine University, Malibu, CA
March 2015, “A Writer’s Path,” The American School of Paris
April 2015, “An Evening with Michael Pollan,” University of Washington, Seattle
April 2015, “An Evening with Michael Pollan,” University of California-Santa Barbara
June 2015, “An Evening with Michael Pollan,” Young Presidents Organization, Chicago
September 2015, “The Omnivore’s Solution,” Sacramento Speakers Series, Sacramento, CA

- October 2015, "A Conversation with Michael Pollan," Williams College,
Williamstown, MA
- October 2015, "A Conversation with Michael Pollan," George Washington University,
Washington, DC
- October 2015, "Reflections on Writing About Science," Boston Museum of Science
- November 2015, "A Conversation with Michael Pollan," Common Ground Speakers Series,
Atherton, CA
- April 2016, "Your Next Meal: Where nature and culture intersect," Arizona State University,
Tempe, AZ
- September 2016, "Psilocybin and the Next Frontier in Psychological Support for those Living
with Advanced Illness" (panel moderator), National Summit on Advanced Illness Care,
Washington, DC
- September 2016, "Shaking up the food system," Guilford College, Greensboro, NC
- October 2016, The George Link Environmental Awareness Lecture/Food Day Keynote,
Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH

Awards and Honors (Selected)

- 1991 QPB New Visions Award for *Second Nature*
- 1997 John Burroughs Prize for Best Natural History Essay
- 1999 Horticultural Society of America Golden Trowel Award
- 2000 Reuters-World Conservation Union Global Award for Excellence in Environmental
Journalism for "Playing God in the Garden." (Prize was a fellowship to Green College,
Oxford).
- 2001 Borders Original Voices Prize for the year's best non-fiction book for *Botany of
Desire*
- 2002-3 Avenali Fellowship, Townsend Center for the Humanities, University of
California, Berkeley
- 2002 Award from the Connecticut Center of the Book for Best Nonfiction Book of the
Year
- 2002 Genesis Award from the Humane Society of the United States for "Power Steer" and
"An Animal's Place"
- 2002 James Beard Award for Best Magazine Feature Article for "Sustaining Vision" in
September 2002 *Gourmet*
- 2006 Pioneer of Precaution Award from the Center for Health, Environment & Justice, the
Environmental Research Foundation, and the Science and
Environmental Health Network
- 2006 Fellowship, The National Humanities Center, Research Triangle Park,
North Carolina
- 2006 *The Omnivore's Dilemma* selected as one of the 10 Best Books of the Year by *The
New York Times Book Review*, *Amazon.com*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Boston
Globe*
- 2006 California Book Award for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
- 2006 Northern California Book Award for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
- 2006 Finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
- 2007 James Beard Award for Best Writing on Food for *The Omnivore's Dilemma*
- 2008 Truth in Journalism Award from the American Corn Growers Association

- 2008 Washington University Humanities Prize from the Center for the Humanities, Washington University
- 2008 Named one of "The Plenty 20," *Plenty Magazine's* annual list of "the dynamic individuals, companies and ideas that are changing the world"
- 2008 Named one of *Men's Health Magazine's* "Heroes of Health and Fitness"
- 2008 *Bon Appétit Magazine's* Food Writer of the year
- 2009 Voices of Nature Award from the Natural Resources Defense Council
- 2009 President's Citation Award of the American Institute of Biological Sciences
- 2009 Named one of *Newsweek's* Top 10 "New Thought Leaders"
- 2010 Social Justice Champion Award from the California Center for Public Health
- 2010 Finalist, National Magazine Award for "Out of the Kitchen, Onto the Couch"
- 2010 Named to the *TIME* 100, the magazine's annual list of the world's 100 most influential people
- 2010 George Orwell Award, given by the National Council of Teachers of English
- 2010 Lennon Ono Grant for Peace, awarded biannually by Yoko Ono
- 2012 Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of Biology Teachers.
- 2013 Premio Nonino prize, an international literary prize, awarded by a committee chaired by V.S. Naipaul
- 2014 Nierenberg Prize for Science in the Public Interest from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, UC San Diego
- 2014 James Beard Foundation Leadership Award
- 2015-2016 Fellow, Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University
- 2015 The Washburn Award for "an outstanding contribution to public understanding of science," from the Boston Museum of Science
- 2016 Emmy Award nomination for In Defense of Food documentary

Affiliations and Memberships (Selected)

- New York Institute of the Humanities (Fellow)
- Calhoun College, Yale University (Fellow)
- Trust for Public Land (Stegner Circle of Advisors)
- PEN American Center (Member)
- Center for Urban Education about Sustainable Agriculture (Board of Advisors) The Knight Program for Science and Environmental Journalism (Director)
- Alameda County Meals on Wheels (Advisory Board)
- The Food Project's Real Food Challenge (Advisory Committee Member)
- The Knight Program for Science and Environmental Journalism (Director)
- NRDC Growing Green Awards Committee (member, former Chair)
- Orion Magazine (Editorial Advisory Board)
- The UC Berkeley-11th Hour Food and Farming Journalism Fellowship (Director)
- Berkeley Food Institute (Executive Committee)