WHO CONTROLS WHAT WE EAT?

A CONVERSATION WITH PHILIP H. HOWARD Thursday, September 15, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Room 1279 Anthony Hall MSU Main Campus 474 S Shaw Lane East Lansing, MI 48824

Curious about the pedigree of your favorite food brands? Wondering what you can do about the hidden impacts of your shopping list? Meet Philip H. Howard as he talks about his book, "Concentration and Power in the Food System: Who Controls What We Eat?"

At almost every key stage of the food system, four firms alone control 40% or more of the market, with implications for negative impacts on the environment, human health, and communities.

Phil's book reveals the dominant corporations, and the extent of their control over markets. It also analyzes their strategies to reshape society in order to further increase their power, particularly in terms of their bearing upon the more vulnerable sections of society. Opposed by numerous efforts, from microbreweries to seed saving networks, Phil's book explores how opposition has encouraged the most powerful firms to make small but positive changes.

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Concentration and Power in the Food System

Who Controls What We Eat? Philip H. Howard



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