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**CULTIVATING COSMIC PATRIOTISM BY CULTIVATING COSMOS:
URBAN GARDENING AND THE CREATION OF COMMUNITY**

Open discussion: 3:00 PM-4:15 PM
IUPUI, Campus Center (CE) 309
420 University Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46202

This essay considers urban gardening as an important setting in which to cultivate what Jane Addams calls “cosmic patriotism,” an alternative to the patriotism of the tribe, and a form of patriotism characterized by a commitment to multiculturalism, humanitarianism, and internationalism. Community gardens, “guerilla gardens,” and other collective, urban agricultural ventures offer the very sorts of urban settings Addams argued were crucial for the nurturance of such patriotism: a pleasurable, or recreational setting in which city residents could share their knowledge and culture with each other in a spirit of play and openness. Heldke will discuss these issues in an informal afternoon session. The essay is available to read at <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mpsg/Heldke.htm>—click on title to download essay

**STAYING HOME FOR DINNER:
RUMINATIONS ON LOCAL FOODS IN A COSMOPOLITAN SOCIETY**

Reception: 6:00 PM
Lecture: 6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Lilly Auditorium
On lower level of IUPUI University Library
755 W Michigan St., Indianapolis, IN 46202

(Parking is available at the North Street Garage, 819 W. North St. Bring your ticket to the event for a free validation stamp)

Reflecting on the decision to eat locally produced food suggests that ethical decisions cannot be cast as individual choices between two clear alternatives. When we seek morally unambiguous choices, we focus our ethical energies in the wrong place. The moral focus of our ethical decision-making should fall on building communities because the importance of any choice we make lies in the relationships that give our choices context. Food is an especially rich intersection of relations and so provides many opportunities to reflect, connect, and imagine more democratic communities. Recognizing these opportunities leads us to see ourselves not as food consumers but as food citizens who seek to enact and transform our relations not only through our purchasing and eating choices but also through our collective work in organizations that promote healthy, just, fair, safe, and delicious food systems for all people.

Space is limited for both events. Please R.S.V.P at jrhodes4@indy.rr.com

Professor Heldke’s areas of research include American Philosophy, Philosophy of Food, and Feminist Philosophy. She is also concerned with the nature of justice, oppression and resistance, and human liberation, particularly in connection with racism, sexism and heterosexism. She is the co-editor of *Cooking, Eating, Thinking: Transformative Philosophies of Food*, a collection of writings about the philosophy of food; and *The Atkins Diet and Philosophy*, part of a series of books that explores popular culture using philosophy. She is the author of *Exotic Appetites: Ruminations of a Food Adventurer* in which she examines the colonialist attitudes that persist in common approaches to foreign cuisine.

For more information email Martin Coleman at martcole@iupui.edu or visit <http://liberalarts.iupui.edu/mpsg/Heldke.htm>

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