MINER INSTITUTE AGRICULTURE IN SOCIETY SPEAKER SERIES

Thursday, April 20 at 7 pm

Dr. Joe Schwarcz
Agricultural Myths & Facts

Pesticides, fungicides, herbicides…they are all meant to kill. Obviously these are potentially toxic substances. But that does not mean they cannot be used safely. Indeed, without the proper use of agrochemicals we have no hope of feeding the Earth's increasing population. However, when it comes to weeds on our lawn, we may want to be a touch more circumspect. We need to trace out a rational path between the fear-mongerers and the chemical enthusiasts.

Dr. Joe Schwarcz is Director of McGill University's "Office for Science and Society." He is well known for his informative and entertaining public lectures on topics ranging from the chemistry of love to the science of aging. Professor Schwarcz has received numerous awards for teaching chemistry and for interpreting science for the public and is the only non-American ever to win the American Chemical Society's prestigious Grady-Stack Award for demystifying chemistry. He hosts "The Dr. Joe Show" on Montreal's CJAD and has appeared hundreds of times on The Discovery Channel, CTV, CBC, TV Ontario and Global Television. Dr. Schwarcz also writes a newspaper column entitled "The Right Chemistry" and has authored a number of books. Dr. Schwarcz was awarded the 2010 "Montreal Medal" which is the Canadian Chemical Institute's premier prize recognizing lifetime contributions to chemistry in Canada. In 2015 he was named winner of the Balles Prize for critical thinking by the US based Committee for Skeptical Inquiry.

The event will be held at the Joseph C. Burke Education and Research Center at Miner Institute, 586 Ridge Rd., Chazy.
This event is free and open to the public.
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