Food, like air and water, is a basic necessity, but stands as a glaring example of how the gap between this country's "haves" and "have-nots" remains deep and wide. No matter what aspect of the subject we consider - hunger, obesity, or the latest food trends like local and organic - food is emblematic of a promise fulfilled for some but falling ever so short for many.

From organizing breakfast programs for low-income children in Maine to developing innovative national food policies in Washington, DC, Mark Winne has dedicated his professional life and writing to finding local, state, and federal solutions to America's food disparities. As Executive Director of the Hartford Food System, Winne organized and developed numerous community food projects and programs that aimed to increase access to healthier foods for all residents in the city. Winne also co-founded various food and agricultural policy groups, such as the City of Hartford Food Policy Commission and the national Community Food Security Coalition.

Join us in this public lecture where Mark Winne discusses the issues of hunger, food insecurity, and the policies and systems that seek to close the food gap in America.

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