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### AAAS Riley Memorial Lecture to be given by ASPB member Pam Ronald

Posted By **Adam Fagen**, Wednesday, May 25, 2011

The 2011 American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Lecture will focus on the role of food and agriculture in providing for a secure food supply and a sustainable economy.



The lecture will be held on the afternoon of **Tuesday, June 21, 2011**, at AAAS headquarters in Washington, D.C.

ASPB member **Pamela C. Ronald**, professor of plant pathology at the University of California, Davis, will deliver the keynote address as the 2011 Riley Memorial Lecturer. Ronald conducts research on the role genes play in plants' response to the environment, and her laboratory has genetically engineered rice for resistance to diseases and flooding. She is co-author of the book *Tomorrow's Table: Organic Farming, Genetics, and the Future of Food*, which examines the contributions of genetically engineered crops and organic farming to sustainable agriculture, and maintains the [Tomorrow's Table blog](#). The book was praised in *Science* for its "clear, rational approach that presents a balance that is sorely needed in our increasing polarized world."



Following Ronald's lecture, there will be a moderated discussion moderated by ASPB member **Nina V. Federoff**, the current president of AAAS, Evan Pugh Professor in the Huck Institutes of the Life Sciences at Penn State University and a distinguished visiting professor at King Abdullah University of Science & Technology in Saudi Arabia. Discussants will include the following:

- **Michael T. Clegg**, Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Irvine; and Foreign Secretary, National Academy of Sciences
- **John D. Hardin, Jr.**, Owner, Hardin Farms
- **Mark Rosegrant**, Director, Environment and Production Technology Division, International Food Policy Research Institute
- **L. Val Giddings**, Senior Fellow, Innovation, Research and Development, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

The event is co-sponsored by the Charles Valentine Riley Memorial Foundation in collaboration with the World Food Prize Foundation.

Additional information about the event, including a form for registration is available at <http://events.SignUp4.com/rileylecture2011>.

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