

WES JACKSON: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH



Wes Jackson is President of The Land Institute. After attending Kansas Wesleyan (B.A Biology, 1958), he studied botany (M.A. University of Kansas, 1960) and genetics (Ph.D. North Carolina State University, 1967). He was a professor of biology at Kansas Wesleyan and later established the Environmental Studies program at California State University-Sacramento, where he became a tenured full professor. He resigned that position in 1976.

The work of The Land Institute has been featured extensively in the popular media including *The Atlantic Monthly*, *Audubon*, *National Geographic*, *Time Magazine*, The MacNeil-Lehrer News Hour, and National Public Radio's "All Things Considered." *Life* magazine named Wes Jackson as one of 18 individuals they predict will be among the 100 "important Americans of the 20th century." In the November 2005 issue, *Smithsonian* named him one of "35 Who Made a Difference," and in March, 2009 Wes was included in *Rolling Stone's* "100 Agents of Change."

Wes Jackson is a recipient of the Pew Conservation Scholars award (1990), a MacArthur Fellowship (1992), and Right Livelihood Award (Stockholm), known as "Alternative Nobel Prize" (2000). He has received four honorary doctorates and in 2007 received the University of Kansas Distinguished Service Award.