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**Great News!: 5/23 - Univ. of California Reverses Itself & Gives Tenure to Leading Biotech Critic Ignacio Chapela**

## PROFESSOR CANNED FOR RELEASING PAPER ON GE CONTAMINATION



A well-respected and popular professor at the University of California in Berkeley has been fired after publishing a scientific paper regarding the uncontrolled contamination of irreplaceable native Mexican corn varieties by genetically engineered corn.

Dr. Ignacio Chapela, whose corn contamination article was published in the science journal "Nature," was mysteriously denied his tenure, despite the fact the UC Berkeley tenure review panel had actually voted almost unanimously to approve his tenure.

Chapela, who was kicked out of his office on December 31, 2004, has now filed a lawsuit against UC Berkeley. The former professor says the University removed him under pressure from Novartis, a multinational biotechnology corporation who had provided the school with \$25 million in funding. Sign a petition to demand a review of Dr. Chapela's tenure denial.

### More info:

4/20 - [Fired Biotech Critic Ignacio Chapela Sues University of California](#)

12/23 - [Ignacio Chapela on Mexico's New "Monsanto Law"](#)

12/17 - [Monsanto's Dirty Tricks Campaign Against Fired Berkeley Professor Ignacio Chapela](#)

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2004 - [American Journal of Law and Medicine Report on Suppression of Science Due to Industry Pressure \(PDF\)](#)

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Chancellor Robert J. Birgeneau  
Office of the Chancellor  
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