Talk title: “Climate refugees and food insecurity in drought-stricken desert regions: restoring agricultural sustainability and hope”

Location: Sumner Auditorium, Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Date and Time: 6 pm, January 31st, 2019

Biography: Gary Paul Nabhan is an Agricultural Ecologist, Ethnobotanist Ecumenical Franciscan Brother, and author whose work has focused primarily on the interaction of biodiversity and cultural diversity of the arid binational Southwest. He is considered a pioneer in the local food movement and the heirloom seed saving movement. He co-founded Native Seeds/SEARCH. Native Seeds is a non-profit conservation organization which works to preserve place-based Southwestern agricultural plants as well as knowledge of their uses. He then became founding director of the Center for Sustainable Environments at Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff, AZ. He currently serves as the serves as the Kellogg Endowed Chair in Southwestern Borderlands Food and Water Security at the University of Arizona. There, he founded the Center for Regional Food Studies and catalyzed the initiative to have UNESCO designate Tucson as the first City of Gastronomy in the U.S. He is a MacArthur Fellow and has authored over 30 books including The Desert Smells Like Rain (1982), Growing Food in a Hotter, Drier Land: Lessons from Desert Farmers on Adapting to Climate Uncertainty and Renewing America’s Food Traditions.