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Dr. Maker-Clark holds a BA in English Literature from Northwestern University and received her MD from Rush Medical College in Chicago, IL. She has spent the past two decades studying integrative medicine, nutritional science, botanical medicine, and natural childbirth and has worked in grassroots health clinics all over the world, from rural Brazil to Standing Rock, ND. She is fellowship trained in obstetrics and maternal child health, and a graduate of the University of Arizona 2 year Fellowship in Integrative Medicine, under the supervision of Dr. Andrew Weil. Dr. Maker-Clark started the Food is Power program on the South Side of Chicago to empower middle schoolers with the knowledge and expertise around making great food choices, within a curriculum that focuses on decolonizing food and nutrition education. She is also the founder of the Food is Medicine CME symposium that draws over 250 people annually to Chicago to learn the latest in nutritional science as well as food education innovation. Dr. Maker-Clark was selected as one of twelve food justice activists to the inaugural class of the Castanea Fellowship. She lives in Evanston, IL with her husband and three children.