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   Corporations of developed countries dominate food supply chains, which provide consumers with cheap foods of questionable quality. The article explores tensions between organizations regulating food quality and the corporate forces of an industrialized food market.


   This article looks at the material, socio-cultural, and corporeal domains of women’s relationship to food to describe the state of contemporary gender relations in the global agrifood system.

4. Larch Maxey – Can We Sustain Sustainable Agriculture? Learning from small-scale producer-suppliers in Canada and the UK

   Ethnographic research with small-scale producer-suppliers in south Wales and Southern Ontario explores the challenges of maintaining sustainable farming and the key issues for consumers and policy-makers.

5. Hanna Garth - Things Became Scarce: Food Availability and Accessibility in Santiago de Cuba Then and Now

   This article uses semi-structured interviews, community mapping, and participant-observation to examine how consumers in Santiago de Cuba struggle to maintain food traditions and revitalize the food economy in the wake of the collapse of Cuban agro-industry.


   This article explores the foodways of Oregon’s back-to-the-landers and freegans who resist the global industrial food system by tapping into subsistence strategies that offer alternatives to the capitalist food economy.

7. Laura Lawson - Cultural Geographies in Practice: The South Central Farm: Dilemmas in Practicing the Public
Focusing on the South Central Farm, a 14-acre community urban garden in Los Angeles, California, the article outlines the conflicts and legal issues that face urban gardeners when their land is claimed by developers.

8. Meredith E. Abarca - Charlas Culinarias: Women Speaking from Their Public Kitchens

Through the methodology of “culinary chats,” this paper looks at Mexican women who have transformed their home cooking abilities into an economic resource to support themselves and their families, and the philosophical approach they give to their entrepreneurial efforts.

Section 2 – Rethinking Food Consumption

9. N.O.A. Kwate, Chun-Yip Yau, Ji-Meng Loh, and Donya Williams - Inequality in obesigenic environments: Fast food density in New York City

In New York City, obesity is more prevalent in predominantly Black areas, both high and low income, which have higher densities of fast food restaurants than predominantly White areas, showing the importance of considering race and class in formulating policy to reduce obesity.

10. Caroline B. Webber, Jeffery Sobal, and Jamie S. Dollahite - Physical Disabilities and Food Access Among Limited Resource Households

This qualitative study examines food access among low-income rural and urban families in upstate New York to explore how physical disabilities affect food access, food choice, quality of life, and health.

11. Psyche Williams-Forson - Other Women Cooked for my Husband: Negotiating Gender, Food, and Identities in an African American/Ghanaian Household

Using autoethnography this author explores the performances with food within an African American and Ghanaian household. In this “intercultural black household,” home is not only a complex culinary landscape of gender, race, and ethnic accommodation, but also a site marked by distinctions of social class, and power negotiation.

12. Amie Breeze Harper – Going beyond the Normative, White, “Post-racial” Vegan Epistemology

What do race conscious approaches have to do with veganism? In what ways does mainstream media acknowledge vegans of many races and ethnicities? This essay considers popular representations of veganism to argue that race is often overlooked in discussions of veganism.

13. C. Rouse and J. Hoskins - Purity, Soul Food, and Sunni Islam

African American followers of Sunni Islam use food to demonstrate their religious affiliation and spiritual purity while debating the meanings of “soul food,” bodily health, and mental liberation.
Through food, Muslim women express agency in defining their religious discipline.

14. Ferne Edwards and David Mercer - Gleaning from Gluttony: An Australian Youth Subculture Confronts the Ethics of Waste

This article focuses on a case study in Australia of youth subcultures participating in dumpster diving, Food Not Bombs, and freeganism to challenge capitalist consumption and develop alternatives.

15. Julie Guthman - If They Only Knew: Color Blindness and Universalism in California Alternative Food Institutions

Surveys and interviews of managers of two kinds of alternative food institutions—farmers’ markets and community-supported agriculture—reveal their color-blind mentalities and universalizing impulses, which interfere with their ability to reach potential low income and nonwhite consumers.

Section 3 – Performing Food Cultures

16. Anita Mannur - Feeding desire: Food, domesticity and challenges to heteropatriarchy

Ismat Ghughtai’s 1941 short story “The Quilt,” and Dorothy Allison’s “A Lesbian Appetite,” Mira Nair’s film Monsoon Wedding are used to explore ways that food consumption and preparation in domestic spaces can challenge compulsory heterosexuality and the implicitly heteronormative logic of the home.

17. Julia C. Ehrhardt - Towards Queering Food Studies: Foodways, Heteronormativity, and Hungry Women in Chicana Lesbian Writing

A close reading of Carla Trujillo’s lesbian novel What Night Brings exemplifies the author’s goal of queering food studies by considering how food habits and meanings support and challenge patriarchal heteronormativity.

18. C. Wesley Buerkle - Metrosexuality Can Stuff It: Beef Consumption as (Heteromasculine) Fortification

This article explores the importance of beef consumption in performing a traditional masculinity that defies the supposed effeminization embodied in the image of the metrosexual.


Deutsch uses fine-grained ethnographic data to explore how urban firemen express a complex masculine gender identity while carrying out the stereotypically feminine tasks of cooking, shopping, meal planning, and feeding other men in the firehouse.

What motivates professional competitive eaters? What provokes them? And why are we entertained by watching them eat? Using Bakhtin’s notion of the carnivalesque, this essay consider what these elaborate eating contests tell us about our culture, the needs of our bodies, and the anxieties in our lives.


*The* article ponders the complex meanings surrounding *breast milk* in North America aroused by artist Jess Dobkin’s provocative performance art "The Lactation Station Breast Milk Bar," where she did a public tasting of breast milk.

22. G. Denise Lance - Do the Hands that Feed Us Hold Us Back?: Implications of Assisted Eating, Physical Disabilities and Food Access Among Limited Resource Households

Interviews with people of marginal income reliant on others to feed them reveal the complex social implications of assisted eating.

23. Alison Caldwell - Will Tweet for Food

Social media has changed the ways in which we talk about food and food practices. Twitter is one of many new modes of communicating daily trends, changes, and geographical locations for gourmet mobile food vendors in New York City. Using the social networking tool they convey their location, daily specials, and gimmicks to customers.

24. Melissa Salazar - Visualizing 21st Century Foodscapes: Using Photographs and New Media in Food Studies

Using examples from the author’s research on middle-school immigrant children in California, this article explores some of the pros and cons of using new media and photography to study contemporary foodways.

*Section 4 - Food Diasporas: Taking Food Global*

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26. Valerie Imbruce - From the Bottom Up; The Global Expansion of Chinese Vegetable Trade for New York City Markets

The Chinese vegetable trade in New York City, which supplies globally sourced fruits and vegetables to independent vendors in NYC’s several Chinatowns, exemplifies alternative food globalization characterized by a plethora of small traders, resistance to consolidation, and high quality produce at reasonable prices.
27. Ty Matejowsky - SPAM and Fast-food ‘Glocalization’ in the Philippines: Perspectives from the Provincial Philippines

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28. J. I. Grieshop - The Envios of San Pablo Huixtepec, Oaxaca: Food, home, and transnationalism

   *Envios*—the small-scale package services sending food and other culturally meaningful goods from Mexico to far-flung citizens in the United States—show the significance of food in linking migrants to their homes and culture in the Diaspora.

29. June Nash - Consuming Interests: Water, Rum, and Coca-Cola from Ritual Propitiation to Corporate Expropriation in Highland Chiapas

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30. Marcie Cohen Ferris - Feeding the Jewish Soul in the Delta Diaspora

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31. Julie Botticello - The Yoruba Body

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32. Marie Sarita Gaytan - Tequila Shots

   This photo essay explores what makes tequila so special, and how did it come to be regarded as Mexico’s national drink?

33. Elizabeth Fitting - The Political Uses of Culture: Maize Production and the GM Corn Debates in Mexico

   This article explores the politics involved in the complex debates surrounding genetically modified corn in Mexico and the ways maize is a symbol of traditional culture but also an increasingly monetized focus of large scale agricultural production and neo-liberal market forces.

   *Section 5 – Food Activism*

34. Neva Hassanein - Practicing Food Democracy: A Pragmatic Politics of Transformation

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alternative food system activists and their results in achieving the transformation of the food and agricultural system.

35. Rachel Schurman - Fighting ‘Frankenfoods’: Industry Opportunity Structures and the Efficacy of the Anti-Biotech Movement in Western Europe

This article analyzes how a new social movement against genetic engineering in agriculture in Western Europe managed to turn a major industry upside down by exploiting vulnerabilities in “industry structures.”


This photo-essay explores the ways in which Hispanic women in Southern Colorado use food practices developed in the home to make money, express agency, and act politically in the public sphere.

37. Kathleen Schroeder - A Feminist Examination of Community Kitchens in Peru and Bolivia

Community kitchens in Peru and Bolivia both empower and oppress the women who organize and run them, and they also perpetuate inequality by allowing the state to abdicate its responsibility to the poor.

38. Allison Hayes-Conroy and Jessica Hayes-Conroy - Visceral Difference: Variations in Feeling (Slow) Food

Difference, it is argued, is a process of bodily feeling/sensation. Paying attention to biosocial processes at work within us may help reveal why people respond differently to participating in alternative food movements.

39. Lisa Markowitz - Expanding Access and Alternatives: Building Farmers’ Markets in Low-Income Communities

Farmers' markets are the most important recent alternative agrofood institutions, however, this ethnographic study set in Louisville, Kentucky reveals how inequalities of class and geography limit their accessibility to economically vulnerable populations.

40. Carol Morris and James Kirwan - Vegetarians: Uninvited, Uncomfortable or Special Guests at the Table of the Alternative Food Economy?

This article describes some of the complex personal and political tensions involved in vegetarianism and assesses its impact in promoting alternative food practices and safe-guarding the environment.

41. Denise Copelton - Advocacy and Everyday Health Activism among Persons with Celiac Disease: A Comparison of Eager, Reluctant, and Non-Activists

Celiac Disease (CD) involves allergy to gluten, a common component in many foods. Drawing on participant-observation with CD support groups, national CD conferences, and interviews, this article explores the different ways those with CD deal with their disease.
42. Chad Lavin - The Year of Eating Politically

Critical analysis of alternative food politics in the U.S. shows their limitations in charging the market with responsibility for political change and suggests the need to shift to a collective consumerist politics that transforms ownership and control in the food system.

43. Eric Holt-Giménez - From Food Crisis to Food Sovereignty: The Challenge of Social Movements

Conceptualizing the global food crisis as a result of failing neoliberal free-market politics, the article describes peasant activism and farmer-to-farmer movements as hopeful efforts to establish food sovereignty and power for producers.