New Spring 2017 Course!

Sociology 380-01
“The Social Life of Food”

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Mondays & Wednesdays 11:30-12:45 in H-414
Schedule #19828

(Please contact Dr. Collins if you have trouble registering at dcollins@fullerton.edu)

Do you want to learn about how food has a social life, or how “food” and “eating” are social realities created out of institutions and global systems? What about food justice, or the unique ways that people organize to regain power over land use, growing and redistributing our food, and cooking for healthier and socially transformative lives? What about vegan men, food deserts, and what exactly is “ethnic” food? We’ll cover these exciting topics and learn about the social inequalities that are bound to food. Food is mystified in food commodities and eating rituals, yet this course brings to light the social life of food, showing how one of our core human needs—food—strengthens social ties, marks social distinctions, arises out of core global inequalities, and is integrated into social organizations, ranging from households to empires. You’ll watch exciting food documentaries, learn from people actively engaged with food justice in the LA region, and complete exciting assignments—like observing farmer’s markets and food production businesses, interviewing food workers, and writing a recipe that is decolonized, which will be included in a class recipe book and potluck! Join us for an exciting semester!