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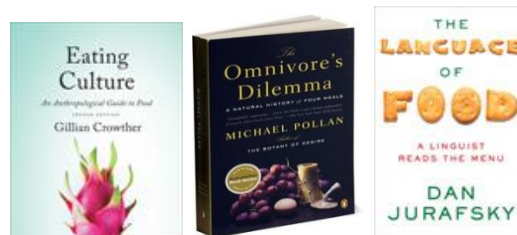
29 September 2019

Anthropology of Food Week 6

Midterm Exam
"Recipes and Dishes"
Food and Religion

Video Exploration:
The Pig Commandments (72 min.)

Very Short "Selective Attention Tests" (2)





- 1. Midterm Exam**
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- 3. Food and Religion**
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1. Midterm Exam

The Midterm Exam this week, will be available from Monday a.m. to Friday (starting time) 10:00 p.m.
(29 September – 4 October 2019)

Live Chat,
for last-minute questions, is **Sunday, 29 September 2019, 7:00-8:00 p.m.**

Other Information on the Midterm Exam
is available at http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afexams_midterm.html#title.

Don't forget . . . that you can use the class  **canvas study questions for the Midterm.** Be sure to read my comments and suggestions about the questions. The Midterm will be **four essay questions**, selected from a pool generated from those included in the  **canvas Midterm Questions** exercise:

Midterm Exam Study Questions

@ https://canvas.umn.edu/courses/124753/discussion_topics/375429

The final *pool* of questions generally contains 12-16 questions, all taken from the annotated wiki list of questions (link above), including at least **one current affairs question that I will add.**

[The final pool of questions will not include more than one question on the same (or essentially similar question), which is one of the reasons why it usually ends up with 12-16 questions; other questions that were submitted would be better for the final exam, and those questions are noted).]

2. Selective Attention Tests

After the Midterm Exam

—and for much of **the remainder of the term**—
we'll be spending most of the time examining

“How People Get Their Food in Industrial Societies”

and what that means to various groups of people around the world. We will be exploring the social, corporeal, sacred, psychological, political, economic, and cultural aspects of food *via* the texts and videos.

And hopefully, also as noted last week, in the remainder of the term you will be **applying your analytical anthropological skills** that you have been developing and honing in the first five weeks of the course. We will be visiting many parts of the globe in the process—so you will have lots of opportunities to practice your skills.

Speaking of skills . . . this week, after you are finished with your Midterm Exam, take the two short minute-and-a-half **tests of your observational skills** before you continue your intensive look at the wide variety of Anthropology of Food video materials. You should take those short tests this week, but wait until after you have finished the Midterm Exam (you will have enough to do before the Exam).



**After the Exam Take the Two (Very Short)
Selective Attention Tests in Preparation for Watching Remaining Videos .**

(Be sure to take both tests. Read the instructions carefully.)

First, take the . . .

Selective Attention Test

<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo>>

Read and follow the directions carefully.

(Be sure to also count the *bounce* passes.)



When you are finished with the Selective Attention Test, watch . . .

The Monkey Business Illusion

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IGQmdoK_ZfY

(It too is short: 1:42)

Again, read and follow the directions carefully.

(And as with The Selective Attention Test, be sure to also count the *bounce* passes.)



3. FOOD AND RELIGION

This week food and family and religion come together head-to-head in *The Pig Commandments* where we'll see **how in traditional Malaysian Chinese culture Buddhist food beliefs are literally tearing families apart.**

On the one hand **religion**—in this case Chinese Buddhism—**unites families, and** on the other **it tears them apart.**

Last week you saw the short (29 min.) film *Food for Body and Spirit*—the second film of a classic four-part series, *A Taste of China*—the film shows **how in Chinese culture religion and food has united families for over a thousand years.** *Food for Body and Spirit* visits a sacred Taoist retreat, high on Blue City Mountain in Szechuan Province, China.

 *Food for Body and Spirit* (29 min.)

[Food for Body and Spirit Viewing Guide](#)



This is a **“controlled comparison”** involving —
Chinese : Buddhism : Food
in China and Malaysia

In *Food for Body and Spirit* we had a look at a Chinese Taoist temple and Buddhist Slow Food and [Locavorism](#) which has a thousand year history . . . and we saw **how food holds a part of Chinese culture together** . . .

In *The Pig Commandments* we see how food *tears apart* a major segment of Chinese culture in Malaysia.



4. Assignments and Events

. . . **this week** are listed on your **”Calendar”**.



The screenshot shows a course website interface. On the left is a vertical navigation menu with icons for Quizzes, Google Drive, My Media, Media Gallery, Student Rating of Teaching, NameCoach Roster, Lib, Calendar (highlighted with a yellow circle and a yellow arrow pointing to it with the word 'Calendar' written on it), Inbox, and Help. The main content area features a 'Welcome to Anthropology of Food' header, a 'Fall 2019 Greetings' sub-header, and a photograph of a man in a hat inspecting durians in a market. Below the photo is the caption 'Tim Rouns Inspecting Durians in Singapore Market, 2017' and a 'Meet Your Professor' link. On the right side, there is a list of assignments and events, including 'AF Wk 1 For Fun Food Trivia: What is longest' (Aug 25 at 11:59pm), '(optional) AF List of Readings for the Entire Se' (Aug 26 at 1am), 'AF Wk 1 Readings' (Aug 26 at 1am), and 'AF Wk 1 Getting Started' (Aug 26 at 2am).

This Week's "Calendar"

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29	30	1	2	3	4	5
8a AF Week 6 Memo	12:01a AF Wk 6 Midterm Exam will be available from Monday a.m. to Friday 10:00 pm (starting time)	AF Wk 6 After the Exam Take the Two Selective Attention Tests (very short, 0:1:21 and 0:1:41)	AF Wk 6 After the Exam Video: The Pig Commandments (72 min.)		AF Wk 6 MIDTERM ON-LINE EXAM -- Timed at 1-1/4hrs. (The timing will start after you read the introduction, when you "say 'go'")	AF Wk 6 Discussion: "Yes, We Have No Bananas"
7p (optional) AF Wk 6 Live Chat for Midterm Exam	1a AF Wk 6 Readings (after exam)					AF Wk 6 Discussion: And Maybe We Have No Coffee Either ... and Maybe No Vanilla ... or Saffron ...
AF Wk 6 For Fun Food Trivia: What was the average consumption of potatoes per person in Ireland before the great potato famine of 1845?						AF Wk 6 Due: Project Part 2: Formal Promissory Abstract and Working Bibliography

Live Chat
Sunday 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Exam

For Fun Food Trivia


this week . . .

What was the average consumption of potatoes per person in Ireland before the great potato famine of 1845?



Famine Memorial, Dublin, Ireland

Answer

If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the  **Canvas** Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop by Cina 215 if you’re in the neighborhood [\[map\]](#).

Best Regards,

Tim Roufs

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