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[Tim Roufs](#) inspecting [Durians](#) in Singapore Market, 2017

Welcome to the Anthropology of Food

Available on-line in your

 canvas folder at

<<http://canvas.umn.edu/>>

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**This will be a great course, and a great experience.
You will see. . . .**

Normally about this time of year we start thinking about the great Minnesota State Fair food. Minnesota State Fair food is legendary, each year featuring about two-dozen new foods and a half-dozen new vendors!



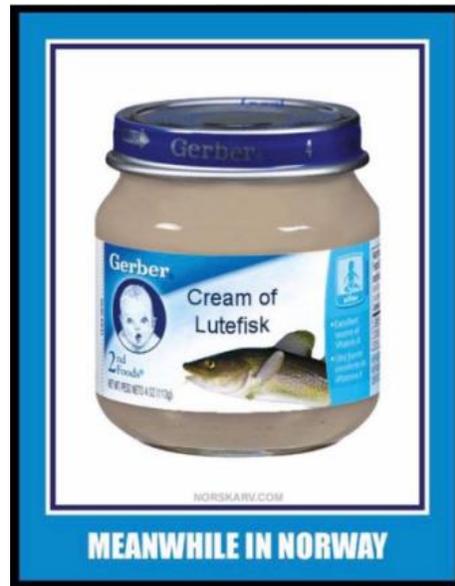
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But Alas! As with lots of other things in life COVID-19 has put the kibosh on that greatest of all Minnesota gatherings . . . although it is reported that starting next Monday, for \$59.95, you can get a “State Fair to Go” box. “According to its website, the box includes the following fair favorites: two dozen cookies from Sweet Martha's Cookie Jar, sweet corn from Axdahl's, corn dogs from Elliott's Up North, Rosie's French Fries, Ellsworth Creamery cheese curds and State Fair Mini Donuts.”

<https://bringmethenews.com/minnesota-lifestyle/more-fair-food-options-company-now-offering-state-fair-to-go-box>.

And, of course, there are the other 275 or so perennial Minnesota State Fair food favorites, my favorite being, of course, the “Tiny Tim” doughnuts. . . . (How do you spell “doughnuts”?) The Minnesota State Fair normally offers 450 different kinds of food—typically more than 60 of them on sticks—from about 300 vendors.

This year it looks like we’re going to have to wait until Christmas for our *lutefisk* [literally “lye fish”].



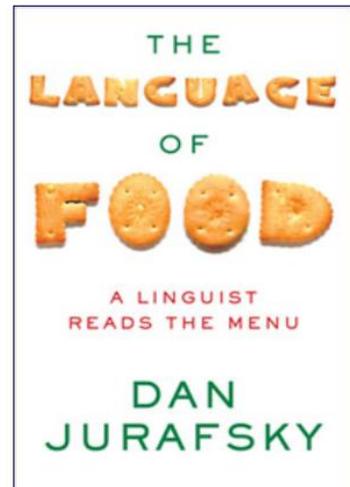
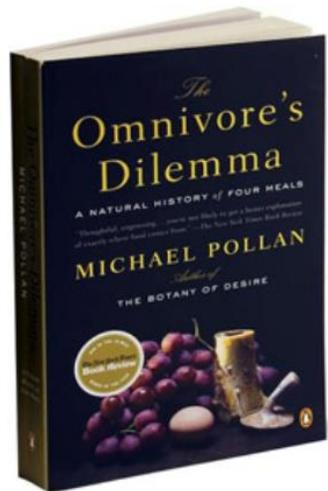
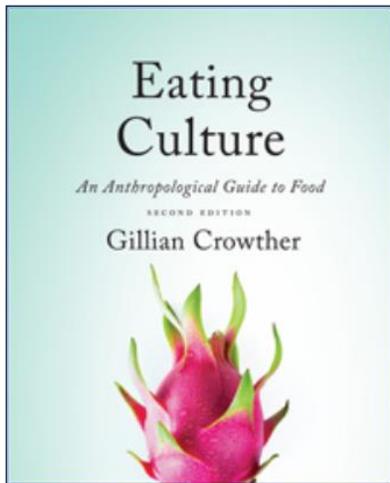
Some people like to procrastinate. Others like to arrive early to a party, and in some ways those folks are “pre-crastinators”.

I am sending this note out early to make it more convenient for the pre-crastinators to order the textbooks on-line (if that is an attractive option for you), and / or to let you get started reading **some of the interesting materials that we have for the class** (if you are the kind of person who likes to do that sort of thing). Classes start in 20 days, on the 30th of August 2020.

Or you might want to start watching one or other of the internationally-**award-winning films and videos** that we have lined up for the class.

If neither of these options applies to you, and you just feel like a little more summertime procrastination is in order, just relax and enjoy the great summer weather—wherever you happen to be, and enjoy the rest of your break.

Either way, with all of the goings-on about COVID-19, you might want to get a headstart in at least ordering your textbooks—award winning textbooks that actually fun to read. . . .



Detailed Information on the Textbooks is Here . . .

<https://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aftexts.html#title>

[click ↑ here]

(Consider renting the Crowther, or buy used copies; exams are open-book, so you should have a copy of each one. And on-line the Pollan and Jurafsky books are cheap. We'll be using these texts again in the Spring (in ANTH 3888 Anthropology of Food), so if the UMD bookstore is still back in operation then there should be a local market for used copies.)

Here are some other things that you might be curious about . . .

click on the items for more information . . .

(links may or may not work on your cell phone)

Reading Assignments

Class Videos

The Term Project

Exams: Midterm / FINAL

Optional Extra Credit Opportunities

Meet Your Professor

Office Hours and Other Contact Information

Interest in food and culture has never been greater. You can see that in the news and editorial pages of the weekly papers and the other news media as across the globe tens of thousands of restaurants have closed, and crowds scurry to their local food markets to stock up on canned goods and dried food products, and hoard other “related” products.

Lots of things are happening on the various cultural food fronts . . . virtually every day featuring food news for everyone. Some of the best sources for up-to-date news on food include What FoodAnthro is Reading Now. . . and Marion [no-relation-to-the-company] Nestle’s Food Politics Blog. The New York Times Food Section, BBC Food, the StarTribune, and MPRNews > The Splendid Table regularly carry interesting and important articles on food around the world.

I am looking forward to “meeting you” in class as we begin our anthropological journey into the world of food. In the meantime, at your leisure, you might want to peruse the information in your  canvas folder at <<http://canvas.umn.edu/>>. The Canvas Student Guide / Overview / Tour can be very helpful.

Student Guide -- written guides with step-by-step instructions for

Canvas tools 

Canvas Student Overview (6:47 min) 

So once again, welcome to ANTH 3888 Anthropology of Food. This will be a great course, and a great experience. You will see. . . .

Thanks for signing on for the class.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu.

Best Warm Wishes for the rest of the Summer,

Tim Roufs
10 August 2020

P.S. If you are new to the  canvas course management system don't worry too much about that.  canvas has a very good orientation tutorial.

Suggestion: Use the  canvas Calendar feature . . .

REM: Links on screenshots are not “hot” (active)

Clicking on “Agenda” (when you’re signed on to the  canvas “Calendar”) will give you a notebook listings view

”Calendar” view for Week 1

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Fall 2020 Greetings



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Today ← → August 2020 Agenda +

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 8:02a AF Wk 1 The Course in a Nutshell	31 8:01a AF Wk 1 First Day Handout (The "Syllabus")	1 8:01a AF Wk 1 Getting Started	2 8:01a AF Wk 1 Video: That Sugar Film (90 min.)	3 8:01a AF Wk 1 Main Characteristic of Anthropology (intro .pptx)	4 8:01a AF Wk 1 Due: Self Assessment	5 (optional) AF UM Meet / Zoom ... Information for Holding Meetings, Office Hours, Study Groups, and Webinars Online
(optional) AF Wk 1 For Fun Food	8:02a AF Wk 1 Introduce	8:02a AF Wk 1 Orientation		AF Wk 2 Video Clip: An Inmate's	(optional) AF Wk 1 Complete or	(optional) AF Wk 1 Canvas

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NOTE: Many things listed on the "Calendar" are (optional)