"Recipes and Dishes"

Thursday is World Anthropology Day . . .

20 February 2020

1. Midterm Exam
   Midterm Exam Study Questions

2. After the Exam
   Short Selective Attention Tests

3. Food and Religion (cont.)
   Video Explorations:
   The Pig Commandments (72 min.)

4. Assignments and Events
   Readings for the Semester
   Class Slides for the Semester

Discussion This Week:
   “Yes, we have no bananas!”
   And maybe no coffee, vanilla, saffron . . . either.

For Fun Food Trivia
1. Midterm Exam . . .

Midterm Exam Study Questions are at
<https://canvas.umn.edu/courses/149026/discussion_topics/533864>

The Midterm Exam this week, will be available from Monday a.m. to Saturday 10:00 p.m. (starting time)
(17 February – 22 February 2020)

Live Chat,
for last-minute questions, is Sunday, 16 February 2020, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Other Information on the Midterm Exam is available at

Midterm Exam General Information

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).]

This could be a handy reference when reviewing the readings for the exam:

List of Readings for the Entire Semester

2. After the Midterm Exam
Selective Attention Tests

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.**)

![Selective Attention Test Image](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vJG698U2Mvo)
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.)

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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](image)

*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.
Have a look at . . .

4. Assignments and Events

. . . this week as they are listed on your "Calendar". They are also listed on the “Syllabus” section of your canvas folder, if you prefer to have them in another form (see below).

This Week’s "Calendar"

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The links to the on-line movies are on your Canvas calendar.
The “Syllabus” version is found here:

In the “Syllabus” version the assignments look like this:

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What was the average consumption of potatoes per person in Ireland before the great potato famine of 1845?
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](mailto:troufs@d.umn.edu), or stop by Cina 215 if you’re in the neighborhood [map](#).

Best Regards,

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