Anthropology of Food Week 8

Canadian Thanksgiving

14 October 2019
[Second Monday in October]

FAO World Food Day
Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations

Wednesday, 16 October 2019

"Eating-Out and Gastronomy"
1. *King Corn* and its companion *Big River* (videos)

2. Your Project

3. **REM** Extra Credit

4. Take the Student Survey

5. **Assignments**

   For Fun Food Trivia
This week we’re going to have a look at

1. King Corn and its companion Big River

film homepage

Watch

King Corn: You are What You Eat and its companion video, Big River. In King Corn: You are What You Eat you will see “. . . college buddies Ian Cheney and Curt Ellis return to their ancestral home of Greene, Iowa, to find out how the modest corn kernel conquered America.” For Big River: A King Corn Companion, Ian and Curt return to Iowa “to investigate the environmental impact their acre of corn has sent to the people and places downstream.” In a journey that spans from the heartland to the Gulf of Mexico, Ian and Curt “set out to see the big world their little acre of corn has touched.” And their “little acre” touched a lot! You’ll see.

[Use your Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection if you are off campus]
2. Your Project

If you haven’t already done so, *schedule some serious time blocks to work on your Project*. And be sure to ask if you have any questions about your “Promissory Abstract”, and *Working Bibliography*, or even about your Proposal itself.

One thing you should already have started to *think about is how you might present your findings*. Generally it is a good idea to pretty much finish at least a draft your paper before you do too much work on your presentation (your presentation is basically a preliminary report on your work-in-progress paper), but, having said that, it is still a good idea to at least start thinking about what your presentation might be like.

3. REM Extra Credit

If you didn’t do quite as well as you might have liked on the Midterm Exam, or if you did better than you even hoped on the Midterm exam but want to “bank” some insurance points for your final course grade, think about doing one (or even two—one of each) of the optional extra credit papers.

There are **two Extra Credit options**: (A) a case study, and/or (B) a review of a lecture (such as one of the Nobel Conference 46 “Making Food Good” lectures, or the Harvard University School of Engineering and Applied Sciences Series on Food Science) or a food film (other than one of the films we see in class). For the review option you may also *compare* two or more food films. (Remember from Week 1, one of the main features of anthropology is that it is *comparative*?)
• **Details on the extra credit** are on-line at [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#title](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#title)


• **Harvard Food Science Lectures** from the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Harvard University [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aflectures.html#harvardlectures](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aflectures.html#harvardlectures)

• **Other Lectures, including TED lectures are on-line at**’ [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aflectures.html#otherlectures](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/aflectures.html#otherlectures)

• A list of **food films** is on-line at [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/affoodfilms.html#title](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/affoodfilms.html#title)

• **Details of the Case Study Extra Credit Option** are on-line at [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#casestudy](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#casestudy)

• **Details of the Film/Lecture Review Extra Credit Option** are on-line at [http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#filmreview](http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afextracredit.html#filmreview)

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4. **Take the Student Survey**

For this week our course developer, has prepared an on-line survey of the class. Please help us by filling it out honestly, and promptly. Your views are very important in the future development of this course.

[Student Survey Feedback](https://canvas.umn.edu/courses/124753/quizzes/146080)
5. Assignments and Events

... this week are listed on your "Calendar".

This Week’s "Calendar"

REM: Links on screenshots are not “hot” (active)
AND REM: Clicking on “Agenda” will give you a listings view

For Fun Food Trivia this week . . .

What do Italian biscotti (biscotti di Prado) and German zwiebach have in common?

Answer
If you have any **questions** right now, please do not hesitate to post them on the Course “Chat”, or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu, or stop by Cina 215 [map].

Best Regards,

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