Anthropology of Food Week 12

Student Presentations

REM

No class on Thursday, 17 November 2016

I will be at the American Anthropological Association 115th Annual Meeting in Minneapolis

Watch on-line:

American Meat
(1:22)

And, if you have not yet seen Food, Inc. please also watch that film

Food, Inc.
(1:33)

(Food, Inc. is on reserve at the main desk of the UMD Library, and is available on Netflix)

As I have been mentioning throughout the semester a major part of this course is your research project—not just for the points, but because researching a topic you are interested in, and
presenting your findings to others, and then writing the results up as a formal paper, is one of the best ways to learn things, and it gives you valuable practice for presenting your ideas and arguments before a small group.

Keep in mind what I said earlier on about your Presentations, viz., that they are intended to be a report on work in progress, that is, basically, a rough draft of your ideas that should eventually make their way into your final Term Paper.

The class Presentations WebPage, if you would like to review, is at <http://www.d.umn.edu/cla/faculty/troufs/anthfood/afpresentations.html>.

REM: Please upload your Presentation audiovisual file (if you have one) at least one hour before class. . .

Dropbox for Presentations, Tuesday, 15 November 2016

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The details of the remaining Presentations schedules are at . . .

- Presentations Session III: Week 13 Day 24 (Sign up here) Tuesday, 22 November 2016 Wiki
- Presentations Session IV: Week 14 Day 25 (Sign up here) Tuesday, 29 November 2016 Wiki
- Presentations Session V: Week 14 Day 26 (Sign up here) Thursday, 1 December 2016 Wiki
This week, on-line, have a look at *American Meat*.

“American Meat is a pro-farmer look at chicken, hog and cattle production in America.”

“Beginning with a history of our current industrial system, the feedlots and confinement operations are unveiled, not through hidden cameras, but through the eyes of the farmers who live and work there. From there, the story shifts to Polyface Farms, where the Salatin family has developed an alternative agricultural model based on rotational grazing and local distribution. Nationwide, a local-food movement of farmers, chefs, and everyday people has taken root... But could it ever feed us all?”

If you have seen *Food, Inc.*, have a look at *American Meat*.

*Food, Inc.* probably would have won the 2010 Oscar for Best Documentary had not *The Cove* won it (we’ll see *The Cove* Week 15). *Food, Inc.* is the very same film that the Director, Robert Kenner, spoke about at UMD when he was here, and it features, among others, Joel Salatin who also spoke at UMD (Joel Salatin, at the 3rd Annual Community Wellness Day April 28th 2012 at UMD).

This week’s salutes goes to... **Will Allen**, of Growing Power, one of *Time* Magazine’s 2011 most important 100 people in the world, "The World's Most Influential People"<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Will_Allen_%28urban_farmer%29>, and **Joel Saladin** of Polyface Farm, Swoope, Virginia, a hero in his own right<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Salatin>. Joel has come out with another book, *Folks, This Ain’t Normal: A Farmer's Advice for Happier Hens, Healthier People, and a Better World* (Center Street, October, 2011), and *The Pigness of Pigs: Respecting and Caring for All God’s Creation* (FaithWords, May 2016). Will Allen’s biography, *The
Good Food Revolution: Growing Healthy Food, People, and Communities (Gotham/Penguin 2013) is a great tribute to a great person, and an interesting book to read. It’s a testament to what one committed person can do, with the help of others in the community.

"In Folks, This Ain't Normal, Joel Salatin says it's high time we stopped taking our industrialized food system as a given and instead consider local, sustainable food production as the norm. Good plan. Whether or not you agree with his contention that we would be better off if the government got out of food regulation, his ideas are compellingly written, fun to read, and well worth pondering." (Marion Nestle, Dept. of Nutrition, Food Studies, and Public Health, NYU, and author, Food Politics.)

"Joel . . . is one of the most creative, productive and sustainable farmers working in America today . . . His message is that we eaters can change the world, one meal at a time." (Michael Pollan, in the introduction to Holy Cows and Hog Heaven: The Food Buyer’s Guide to Farm Friendly Food.)

You’ll meet Joel and Will in the text and in the videos.

And speaking of Joel Salatin and Extra Credit . . . his talk at UMD is one that qualifies for the Extra Credit Review (which is due at the end of the week) . . .

YouTube Talk:

Joel Salatin at the 3rd Annual Community Wellness Day April 28th 2012, UMD Duluth, Minnesota
View Video On-line: *American Meat* [UMD Library Link; click on "View Online" > "view full text"]

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As usual, be sure to check the details of the activities and assignments of the week on your Moodle HomePage. This week they include . . .

**Response to the film American Meat** (Due by the end of Week 12—Saturday, 19 November 2016; Your Name Will Be Logged)

REM: Share your ideas with others in class, on-line . . .

**Student Collaboration Space**

for your own personal use

Wiki for Project Collaboration

QUICKMAIL (see sidebar)

The above items will be found at the top of your Moodle folder under "Student Collaboration Space".

Check the results of the class Video Responses from earlier weeks when they close. You can find the results in the Moodle Blocks where they first appeared. This week have a look at . . .

**Results--Food Design** f2016

**Results--Feeding Frenzy - The Food Industry, Marketing & the Creation of a Health Crisis** f2016

**Results--Fed Up** f2016

**Results--Two Fat Ladies "Timber!"** f2016

**Results--The Meaning of Food: "Food & Family"** f2016

**Results--Soul Food Junkies** f2016 File resource

**Results--Food Fight** f2016

**Results--King Corn: You are What You Eat** f2016

**Results--Big River: A King Corn Companion** f2016
Results--We Feed the World f2016
Results--Food for Body and Spirit f2016
Results--The Pig Commandments f2016
Results--Desert People f2016 File resource
Results--The Meaning of Food: Food & Culture f2016
Results--The Meaning of Food: "Food & Life" f2016
Results--Did Cooking Make Us Human? f2016
Results--Holy Cow f2016

Your **Readings** and **Assignments and Activities listings** are available in the **Week 12 Block** of your **Moodle** folder.

As usual, if you have any general or specific questions—especially about your Project, or about the assignments, or about the extra credit option(s), or about the Exams—please do not hesitate to stop in after class, or post them on **Moodle**. or e-mail troufs@d.umn.edu.

Best Regards,

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