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2009 CAFS CONFERENCE

“Capital Connections: nation, terroir, territoire”

This year’s CAFS conference is fast approaching. The events take place May 22-24 in Ottawa as part of the Congress of the Humanities and Social Sciences. We look forward to a very exciting and varied program this year!

Saturday morning, after opening remarks by CAFS President **Rod MacRae**, plenary papers will be presented by **Brenda Beagan from Dalhousie**, Chiropractor **Jean-François Henry** and **Wayne Roberts** from the Toronto Food Policy Council. Dr. Roberts will be talking about ‘From Critique to Analysis to Program to Policy to Strategy: Where Food Studies are Going.’ We are hosting a political panel on food policy from 1 to 2. Speakers include **Carolyn Bennett and Elizabeth May**.

Join us Saturday evening at the Green Door Restaurant (Ottawa’s oldest and best known vegetarian restaurant, specializing in high quality foods and baked goods made from ingredients that are locally grown and produced). The Green Door is a pleasant 40 minute walk from Carleton University, almost entirely along the historic Rideau Canal, with transit service also available. Walking and bus meet up times and locations will be announced in CAFS conference sessions.

Our Saturday dinner guest speaker **Henry Lickers**, a member of Seneca Nation, Turtle Clan, will give a talk on “**Feeding the Soul - Learning to Eat – Time to Connect**”. As former Director of the Mohawk Council of the Akwesasne, Department of the Environment and in his present position of Environmental Science Officer, he has been the principle investigator on: the EAGLE (Effect on Aboriginal in the Great Lakes Environment) Project; the Naturalized Knowledge Systems Project; and, the First Nation’s Community Health Indicators Project.

If you haven't already seen the preliminary draft of the program, you can find it at: www.foodstudies.ca/about.html.

We look forward to seeing you in Ottawa!

Peter Andree & Sarah Martin, 2009 local arrangements committee

Barb Seed & Michelle Szabo, 2009 program committee

National Hunger Awareness Day is a day to tell the important story of food banks and the families and individuals who turn to them for help. This year, National Hunger Awareness Day will be held on Tuesday, June 2nd. Since its inception in 2005, Food Banks Canada, (formerly the Canadian Association of Food Banks), has organized National Hunger Awareness Day along with food banks across the country who hold open houses and events to mark the day. Food Banks

704,414 Canadians need you.
www.hungerawarenessday.ca
 June 2, 2009



Canada also partners with business, labour and other non-governmental organizations to highlight the issue of hunger on the national stage.

Many find it surprising that hunger continues to affect a significant number of Canadians. Every month more than 700,000 people are assisted by food banks in Canada because they cannot afford basic needs like food, shelter and clothing. More than one-third of those assisted are children.

Across the country, over 800 food banks and 3,000 affiliated agencies distribute food or provide meals to hungry people and those living with household food insecurity. While food banks are able to provide some help to individuals and families, in the long term our mission is to find solutions to reduce hunger in Canada and this can only be accomplished with progressive, strategic partnerships between governments, business and non-governmental organizations. This is the central message of Hunger Awareness Day.



You or your organization can join food banks across the country on National Hunger Awareness Day by holding an event, signing our on-line petition, or donating food, funds or time to assist those in need.

For more information, please visit www.hungerawarenessday.ca .



About Sustain Ontario

Sustain Ontario is a province-wide, cross-sectoral alliance that promotes healthy food and farming. Sustain Ontario takes a collaborative approach to research, policy development and action by addressing the intersecting issues related to healthy food and local sustainable agriculture. Sustain Ontario is working towards a food system that is ecological, equitable and financially viable. Become a member of Sustain Ontario and work with others across the province to build a healthy local food system. <http://sustainontario.com/about>

Golden Carrot Awards '09

Call for Nominations

Manitoba Food Charter

If someone you know has a unique farm or garden, is working quietly behind the scenes to get good food to Manitoba tables, schools or community centres, or is sharing their food traditions with others, then they could be a Golden Carrot Award winner!

Help us honour Manitoba's Own Community Food Champions by nominating them as a:

**RURAL • NORTHERN • URBAN,
MEDIA • BUSINESS • EDUCATION
Community Food Champion!**

Nominating someone is simple, just tell us what they are doing, how to get in touch with them, and send us a picture. Nomination forms can be found on our website. All nominees will be recognized on World Food Day and six nominees will receive the **Golden Carrot Award** and recognition in our newsletter & website. MB Food Charter **Golden Carrot Award** recipients will be those whose efforts most closely match the vision of the Food Charter, in our work towards a just and sustainable food system for all Manitobans.

The deadline for nominations is
June 30, 2009.

The awards will be presented on
**October 16, 2009,
World Food Day.**

For more information contact us at
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or toll free at 1-800-731-2638



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News from the Centre for Studies in Food Security, Ryerson University

Submitted by Evelyn Gere, Research Assistant

It has been a busy few months for the Associates and Staff at the Centre for Studies in Food Security. Most recently, the second **Graduate Student Food Colloquium 2009** was held, April 25, 2009. The aim of this interdisciplinary Colloquium was to enhance the tri-university experience among University of Toronto, Ryerson and York students. For more information, please visit www.ryerson.ca/foodsecurity/foodcolloquium.

In January of this year, **Dr. Cecilia Rocha** (Director of CSFS) was invited to attend the *United Nations High Level Meeting on Global Food Security for All* in Madrid, Spain. With a focus on creating a detailed road map for addressing global food security concerns, the UN High Level meeting was attended by hundreds of high-profile individuals - making up an eclectic mix of government officials from all over the world, delegates from international financial institutions, academics, heads of food corporations, and representatives from international civil society. Speaking at the Roundtable on Increasing the Engagement of Private Entities and Civil Society, Dr. Rocha presented on Brazil's *Fome Zero* strategy for alleviating food insecurity. The case of Brazil is important because Brazil is one of the countries on track to achieve many of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDG), particularly in reducing extreme poverty and malnutrition.

The CSFS has also partnered with the **Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation's** (OSSTF) *Common Threads*, an international solidarity program which offers members the opportunity to travel

abroad and conduct research resulting in the creation of new progressive curriculum on critical issues (<http://www.commonthreads.ca/>). The OSSTF team of eight teachers travelled with Cecilia Rocha for two weeks of visits to food security programs in Brazil. The team is now preparing curriculum material which will be distributed to all public high schools in Ontario. The CSFS will continue to work as an advisor in the project.

This past year, the Centre has hosted and supported multiple projects and is proud of their varied scope and breath. They demonstrate our true interdisciplinary nature and illustrate the wide focuses encompassed by food security. Projects include, *Capturing outcomes of SSHRC funded research in food studies* (led by Mustafa Koc, Department of Sociology); *Food insecurity among Latin American communities in Toronto* (led by Mandana Vahabi, School of Nursing); *Partnerships in governance: Role of civil society organizations in advancing sustainable food security* (led by Cecilia Rocha, School of Nutrition)

Two new urban agriculture courses were offered in Ryerson University's Food Security Certificate program this academic year. *Dimensions of Urban Agriculture* and *Urban Agriculture Types* are the second and third course in a series of four courses developed by The Chang School and the Centre for Studies in Food Security in partnership with ETC-Urban Agriculture and the international network of Resource Centres on Urban Agriculture and Food security (RUAF).

This winter, the Design Exchange in Toronto exhibited Carrot City: Designing for Urban Agriculture from February 28th to May 30, 2009. It was curated by **three associates of the Centre for Studies in Food Security, Mark Gorgolewski, Joe Nasr and June Komisar**. The show aimed to demonstrate how design can enable the production of food in the city at different scales through a variety of strategies.

For more information on the Centre, its work and Associates please visit: www.ryerson.ca/foodsecurity

Call For Papers

ANTHROPOLOGY OF FOOD

<http://aof.revues.org/>

Patrimoines alimentaires / Food Heritage

<http://aof.revues.org/document5842.html>

Alimentations, migrations et identifications/Food, migration and identities

<http://aof.revues.org/document5864.html>



REGISTER NOW!

Culinary Landmarks

A conference celebrating the publication of *Culinary Landmarks: A Bibliography of Canadian Cookbooks, 1825-1949*

May 1 to 3,

University of Toronto

Keynote Speaker

Elizabeth Driver,

Well-known author, historian, educator and museum curator

<http://www.culinaryhistorians.ca/conference2009/registration.pdf>

Presented by

Culinary Historians of Ontario

<http://www.culinaryhistorians.ca>

Research and publication news

SPECIAL ISSUE OF
POLITICS AND CULTURE ON
FOOD(&)
SOVEREIGNTY

As cultural studies and related disciplines attempt to grapple with the ongoing global crisis of food, the term "food sovereignty" has animated the political imagination of activists and scholars the world over. What are the resonances and meanings of this phrase? How do struggles over food politics speak to and against new (and not so new) forms of power, local and global? This special issue takes up these questions through short articles and concise interviews. <http://aspden.conncoll.edu/politicsandculture/arts.cfm?id=81>

Guest editors: Scott Stoneman and Max Haiven

..... EDITORIALS

Scott Stoneman - Learning to learn from the food crisis: consumer sovereignty and the restructuring of subjectivity

Max Haiven - Food, finance, crisis, catalyst: global capitalism and the revolutionary value of food sovereignty

..... INTERVIEWS

Silvia Federici - On capitalism, colonialism, women and food politics

Julie Guthman - On globalization, neoliberalism, obesity, local food and education

Raj Patel - On rights, sovereignty, and suicide

Michael Perelman - On globalization, economics, and the history of food crises

..... ARTICLES

Neoliberalism

Chad Lavin - Pollanated Politics, or, The Neoliberal's Dilemma

Gwendolyn Blue - On the politics and possibilities of locavores: situating food sovereignty in the turn from government to governance

Corporate power and resistance
Kelly Bronson - What we talk about when we talk about biotechnology
Bethany Turner - Corn coalitions: struggles for food sovereignty in Mexico

Irena Knezevic - Monsanto rules: science, government, and seed monopoly

.....NEW FOOD SUBJECTS, LOCAL AND GLOBAL.....

Karine Vigneault - Terroirs as spaces of intergenerational justice: building communities for the "food citizen"

Michael Mikulak - Backyard survivalism: the global politics of the kitchen garden

Emily Johansen - The political allure of the local: food and cosmopolitanism in Timothy Taylor's Stanley Park and Ruth L. Ozeki's

From the *Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition*....

My Year of Meats Wallinga, D., Schoonover, H. and Muller, M. (2009) Considering the Contribution of US Agricultural Policy to the Obesity Epidemic: Overview and Opportunities

Journal of Hunger and Environmental Nutrition 4(1): 3-19

New on-line resource...developed by grad students for people who want to engage more with food...For blogging, sharing and celebrating food, check out, EVERYONE EATS!

http://www.everyoneeats.org/?page_id=23

From the newsletter desk...

We are happy to hear from you with questions or contributions for the next newsletter. If you would like to get in touch, please send an email to:

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