2014 CAFS EXPLORATION GALLERY

Ninth Annual Assembly of the Canadian Association for Food Studies

> May 24–27, 2014 Brock University St. Catharines, Ontario

curators: Nancy Snow, York University David Szanto, Concordia University

In recognition of the value of graphic, material-based, and experimental representations of research, the CAFS Exploration Gallery was first established in 2011. Since then, it has served an important role in stimulating new engagements with food knowledge, as well as new conversations among conference participants. Graduate students, food scholars, NGOs, researchers outside the academy, artists, and other members of the community proposed works for the 2014 Gallery, 18 of which were accepted for inclusion. Ranging from multimedia installations to photography, interactive 'conversations' to edible art, graphic design to performative memorials, these works underscore the complex ways in which the body, mind, and emotions al collaborate to produce ideas, feelings, and sensations in order to communicate the many truths of food.



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What can food do for your campus?

graphic on paper 22" x 28"

Sarah Archibald & Caitlin Colson The Campus Food Systems Project

food@syc-cjs.org www.studentfood.ca The Campus Food Systems Project is the only national farm-to-campus initiative in Canada. We empower students with the knowledge and leadership skills they need to grow, cook, and eat more healthful, local, sustainable food on campus. Our goal is to transform food and education on campuses across Canada. Since 2011, we have seen that students and university stakeholders have meaningfully contributed to building better food systems on campus and in communities.

This infographic shares some of the tangible results of stakeholders' work at Vancouver Island University. It demonstrates what food can do for a campus. Each campus is different, but food plays an integral role on each one. It is important to keep in mind that these transformations have emerged from developing strong relationships, re-valuing food, and building awareness and engagement on campus.

Please add questions, comments or ideas to this infographic (using the Post-It notes attached). What links are missing? What levers could be leveraged? Who should be involved?



The Giving Tree

glass, wood, polymer clay, wire, acrylics and other pigments 14" x 14" x 19" One of the many aspects of human experience is the constant urge of development. We aim for bigger, better. Easier and faster. With the incredible advancements of science, almost—if not all—aspects of our lives are carefully controlled and harvested under the cold light of a lab. "The Giving Tree" interprets the frontier of today's industrial food production, in which the intersection between nature and technology is separated by a transparent line.

As we are able to control and manipulate everything in our surroundings, and we move away from the natural processes of our ancestors, we head into an alien-like territory that at first glance seems to be fruitful and prosperous, but may in fact raise a struggle for the future: this technology ultimately continues to downgrade the content of our products solely for industrial profit.

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Milagros for Migrants: Local Food/Global Labour

suitcases, candles, baskets, prayer cards, guerilla stickers

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This installation of Mexican-style altars aims to catalyze dialogue around the issue of global migrant labour in local food production. It represents an arts-based and popular education approach to tap both minds and hearts to mobilize food activists to work for migrant worker justice.

One altar honours a Mexican migrant woman; the other memorializes the ten Peruvians killed in a tragic accident in 2012. Their stories are contextualized with photos of their families as well as objects referencing pre-colonial and colonial history.

Prayer cards that invoke "blessings on the food, blessings on the workers" offer more analysis of the global food system and local struggles for biodiversity and social justice. Guerilla stickers that feature the workers can be placed on produce in supermarkets to raise questions about who brings us our food. Viewers are invited to take away a card and a sticker, and continue educating and acting on this issue.





Popular Food Literacy Conversation Corner

interactive installation

Valentine Cadieux with Ellen Desjardins, Mustafa Koç, Cathleen Kneen, JoAnne Jaffe, Michael Gertler, Rita Hansen Sterne, Jennifer Sumner, Maria Nunes, Lisa Ohberg, David Szanto, Phil Mount, and Charles Levkoe This conversation corner was inspired by a CAFS listserv conversation about popular food literacy and frameworks for food systems education. Asking participants to share concepts and questions they think are important to conversations about food literacy and food systems, this installation gives conference-goers a chance to prepare for and contribute to the Roundtable Workshop and Conversation on Popular Food Literacy and a Food Systems Education Framework that will follow from the listserv conversation in Mackenzie Chown A, Sankey Chambers at 9:00 am on Tuesday, May 27.



The SensoriuM (catalogue Seasons 2+3)

10-page artist book limited edition of 300 numbered, signed 4.25"x 5.5" The SensoriuM is a collaborative artistic platform founded by multimedia and performance artist Natalie Doonan in Montreal, Canada in 2011. The SensoriuM features performances in the form of tours and tastings led by artists. These performances are located outside of art institutions and always involve tasting food. The tone is provocative and playful, with the goal of appealing to audiences through the senses, thereby accessing groups who would likely not interact otherwise. This catalogue represents a selection of performances from Seasons 2 and 3 of the project. It includes text describing four events, along with four tear-out postcards.

Copies available for purchase by donation.

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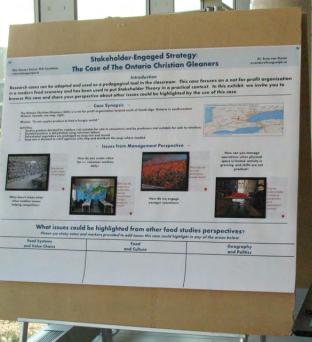
Stakeholder Engaged Strategy: The Case of The Ontario Christian Gleaners

3' x 4' poster; bound teaching case

Rita Hansen-Sterne & Dr. Erna van Duren University of Guelph

rsterne@uoguelph.ca evandure@uoguelph.ca www.uoguelph.ca Teaching cases are often used in the management field to illustrate complex decision scenarios. Cases can illustrate real life situations where students can apply theory to practical situations and explore decision making scenarios. This exhibit displays The Case of the Ontario Christian Gleaners (OCG), a not-for-profit organization that must balance multiple stakeholder needs to achieve their mission.

In this gallery presentation, participants can view the case (bound, in print form) accompanied by a synopsis in poster format. The poster shares several questions identified from the management discipline. Participants are then invited to interact by contributing questions or issues that other food studies perspectives might identify, effectively exploring this case at its boundaries.





Stakeholder-Engaged Strategy: The Case of The Ontario Christian Gleaners

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Introduction

Research cases can be adapted and used as a pedagogical tool in the classroom. This case focuses on a not-for-profit organization in a modern food economy and has been used to put Stakeholder Theory in a practical context. In this exhibit, we invite you to browse this case and share your perspective about other issues could be highlighted by the use of this case.

~ Case Synopsis ~

The Ontario Christian Gleaners (OCG) is a not-for-profit organization located south of Cambridge. Ontario in southwestern Ontario, Canada (see map, right)

Mission: "To use surplus produce to feed a hungry world."

Activities

Surplus produce donated by retailers (not suitable for sale to consumers) and by producers (not suitable for sale to retailers) Surplus produce agained by reliates that surged to sale to consumers, and by produc Donated produce is dehydrated using volunteer labour. Dehydrated vegetables are packaged as soup mix and stored. Soup mix is donated to relief agencies who ship and distribute the soup where needed.

~ Issues from Management Perspective ~



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What does it mean when value creation means helping competitors?







How do we engage younger volunteers?

How can you manage operations when physical space is limited, activity is growing, and shifts are not practical?



What issues could be highlighted from other food studies perspectives?

Please use sticky notes and markers provided to add issues this case could highlight in any of the areas below.

Food Systems and Value Chains	Food and Culture	Geography and Politics

Orchestrer la perte/ Perpetual Demotion

inket print, 40" x 18' live IP video feed

Simon Laroche & David Szanto Projet EVA

www.projet-eva.org www.iceboxstudio.com A machine nourishes its humans. Stardust or cyborg, substrate or bloom, social or technical, all things feed and are fed. Eating actions perpetuate patterns of nurturing and disempowerment, of growth, death, and decay. In repeated and reciprocal gestures, matter is cycled from one state to another: human, food, machine, food. Humans chew, swallow, and process, spawning energies and powering the machine. Microbes rearrange and stabilize tissue, neither raw nor cooked, fodder for the machine. Machines sustain their litter, feeding and desingularizing the human. In these cycles, bodies gain just as they lose control, eating, determining, and orchestrating their own demotions.

This video feed comes directly from the Perpetual Demotion robot installed at the Musée d'Art Contemporain de Montréal, within the Elektra Festival and BIAN, the Biennale internationale d'art numérique.

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Shark Fin Soup: The Cost of Luxury

acrylic, gelatine, wire, clay

Graphic design can be used as a powerful vehicle for communication across many fields of study and is not limited to ventures in commerce alone.

Collaboration between disciplines, such as science and design, provides opportunities for new modes of communication, concept development, and learning experiences. This project integrates conservation ecology with design. Shark finning, due primarily to the demand for shark-fin soup, has devastated shark populations globally. It is an issue that suffers from the out-of-sight, out-of-mind mentality and is the focus of this composition.

This project seeks to illuminate these issues using visual representations and is one example of how design can help raise issues like shark finning to the surface, to generate public awareness.

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A Cocoa Walks into a Bar

printed poster chocolate showpiece with cards It takes a long journey for a piece of chocolate to get to our hands, ready to be eaten. This chocolate showpiece is dedicated to the stakeholders and each process that takes place for a cocoa bean to turn into a chocolate bar, with an emphasis on the role of pastry makers and chocolatiers, a final step in chocolate making. As a pastry student with a design background, I take notice of the emotions, feelings, frustrations, joy, and satisfaction that comes from tempering chocolate. I would like to be the bridge, to be a reminder to people to feel, to be mindful, and to think of the effort, energy, and emotions that have been invested in chocolates.

Kathleen Novelia (poster) Yunjoo Choi, Susan Davis & Kathleen Novelia (showpc.) PACC Culinary School

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Food System Networking

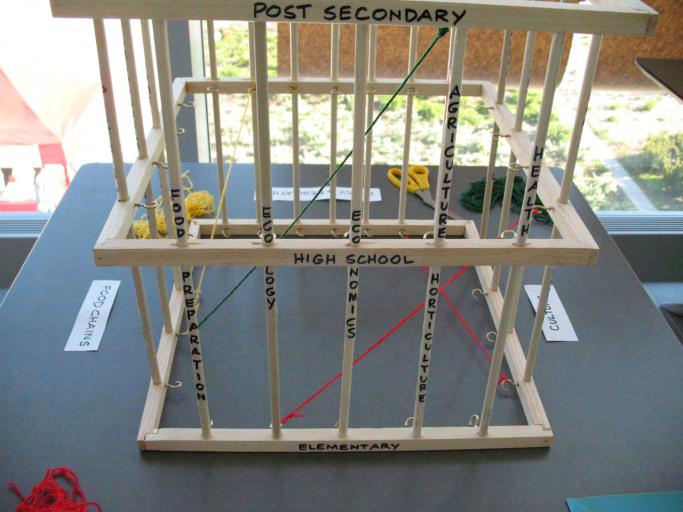
wood, yarn, tin, mat board, scissors Our current food system is sustained by a matrix of relationships between ecological systems and people, producers and consumers, policy makers and industry and academia, bureaucrats and politicians, to name a few. In order to effect change in this system, the complex network that these relationships form must first be understood.

This collaborative 'mapping' project represents the food system 'positions' of participants at CAFS 2014 and the food system relationships discussed in presentations made at the conference. These relationships are represented as (1) existing, (2) developing, and (3) non-existent, relative to a food system that is sustainable for all of its constituent parts: ecosystems, humans, and social structures.

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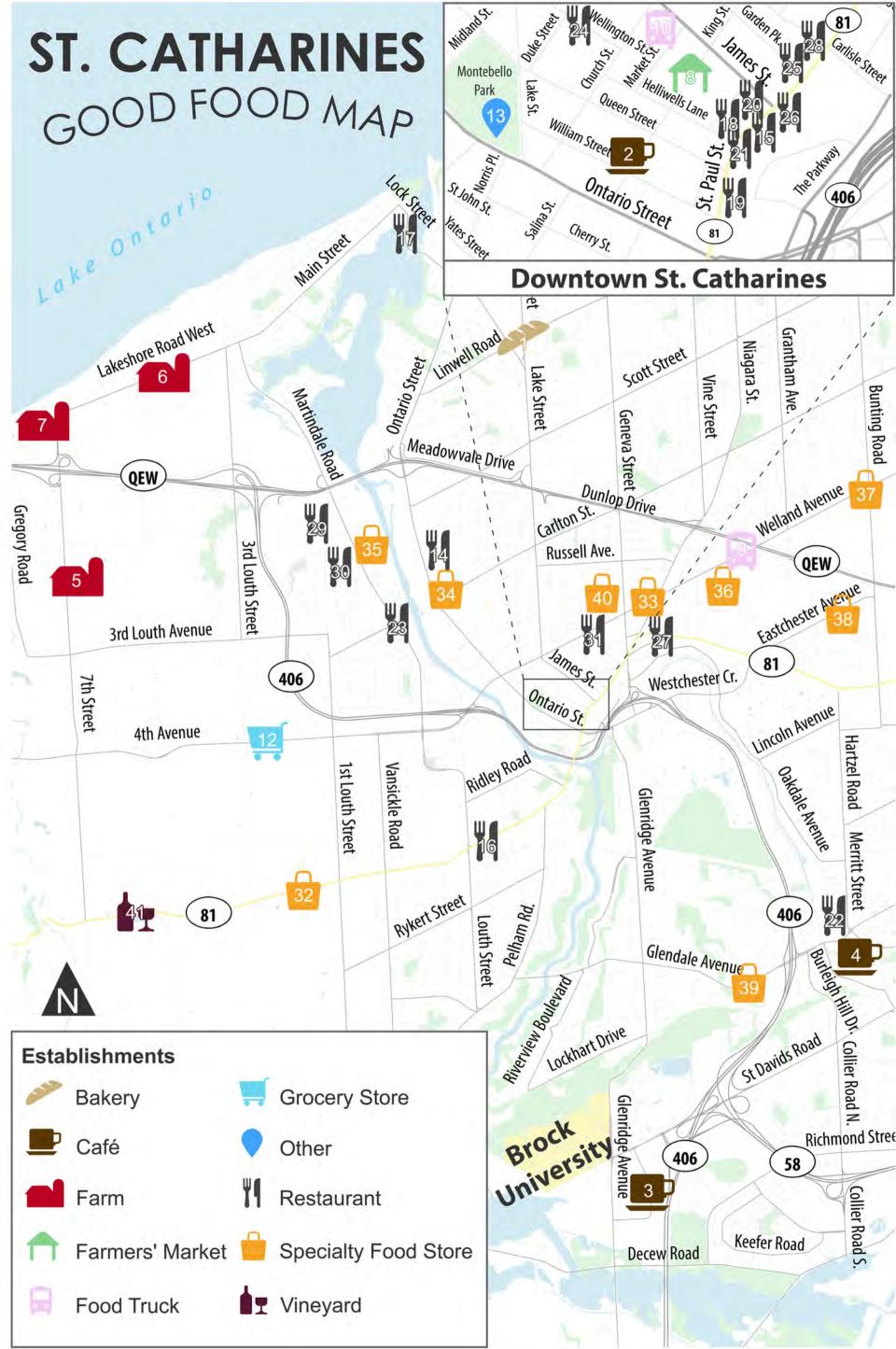
Where to Eat? An Exercise in 'Good Food' Mapping in St. Catharines, ON

map and director

Lisa Ohberg (Univ. of Guelph), Samuel Walker (Univ. of Toronto) & Nafisa Kassam (Univ. of Waterloo)

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This map serves as a functional guide to accessing good food in St. Catharines, ON and a as reflexive exercise in defining and accessing "good" food. Good food has been defined as food that meets a set of quality standards linked. to normative values about food's production and distribution: sustainably produced, fairly traded and consumed for health, and with pleasure (Sage, 2003). In practice, it is difficult to find and access good food, particularly in unfamiliar places. There is no single set of standards that objectively define good food, and standards are not always clearly communicated. The authors raw, kosher, and halal. These establishments are represented by type on



St. Catharines Good Food Directory

Created by Lisa Ohberg, Samuel Walker and Nafisa Kassam

Bakeries

524 Lake Street, St. Catharines, ON

905-934-0003 http://thefrostedcupcalie.ca Mon-Fri 11am-6pm; Sat 10am-6pm; Surr 12pm-4pm

Gluten-free Vegetarian Vegan

Cafés

2 — Strega Café 19 King Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3H1

905 984 5872 http://www.stregacafe.ca/ Mon-5at 10am-4pm

| Fair trade | Organic | Vegetarlan | 3 — The Grounds Coffeehouse and Bakery

490 Schmon Parkway. Thoroid, ON, L2V 0C4 905-684-2223 http://www.groundscoffeehouse.com/ Mon-Fri 7am-10pm; Sat-Sun 8am-10pm

Mon-Fri 7am-10pm; Sat-Sun 8am-10

| Fair trade | 4 — Sweet Little Café

344 Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines, ON, L2T 4E3

905-227-9458 https://www.sweetlittlecafe.com/index.php Mon-Fri 9am-6pm; Sat 9:30am-5pm; Sun 10am-5pm

|Fair trade | Organic.|

5 - Whitty Farms Marke

1655 4th Avenue, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 6P9 905-684-9593

www.whittyfarms.ca Mon-Sat 8:30am-6pm

|Local|Sustainable production|

1062 Lakeshore Road, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 6P9

905-937-0211 http://www.nokarafarms.ca/Nokara_Farms/Welcome.html Mon-Fri 10am-5pm; Sat 10am-5pm; Sun closed

[Local]

7 — Creek Shore Farms 1167 Lakeshore Road West, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 6P9

289-228-0697 http://www.creekshorefarms.ca By appointment

Local | Sustainable production |

Farmers Markets

91 King Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3H6

905-688-5601 ext 1508 http://tinyurl.com/8jgefhc Tue, Thur, Sat 6am-3pm

|Local|Organic|Vegetarian|Vegan|

Food Trucks

340 Welland Avenue, St. Catharines, ON

905-802-8410 http://karmachamealeon.com/#home Sat 11am-6pm

|Local | Sustainable production | Vegetarian | Vegan |

581 Niagara Stone Road, Niagara-On-The-Lake, ON, L2N 2C3 289-213-4240

http://www.farmtotruck.ca/home.html Check Website for Location

| Local | Sustainable production |

St. Catharines, ON

905-685-2049 http://www.elgastro.com/p/about.html Check Website for Location

(Local (Organic)

1179 Fourth Avenue; St. Cathanines, ON, L28 6P9 905-641-1666

http://www.harvestbarn.ca/stc/home/ Sun-Sat 8:30am-7pm

Itocal |

13 — Food Not Bomus 64 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R SK4

http://foodnotbombs-niagara.weebly.com/ Sun 3pm-5pm from April-October

|Vegetarian | Vegan |

Restaurants

14 — The Syndicate Restaurant 332 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R SL8

905-228-3199 http://www.syndicaterestaurant.ca/ Every day 11:30am-11pm

| Local | Sustainable production | 15 — Rise Above Restaurant and Bakery 120 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 367

289-362-2636 http://riseaboverestaurant.com/ Mon closed; Tues-Sat 11am-10pm; Sunday 11am-3pm

| Gluten-free | Vegetarian | Vegan | 16. — Bleu Turtle Bistro 215 St. Paul Street West, St. Cathanines, ON, L2S 2C9.

905-688-0330 http://www.bleuturtle.com/ Wed-5un Bam-2pm; Mon-Tues closed

|Local| 17 — Pier 61 Bar and Grill 61 Lakeport Road, St. Catharines, ON, L2N 4P6

905-397-7771 http://www.pier61.ca/ Every day 11:30am-late

| Gluten-free | Vegetarian | 18 — Bella Noella's 11 Summer Street, St. Catharines, ON , L2R 3G7

905-685-7510 Tue-Thur 11:30am-9pm; Fri 12pm-3am; Sat 5pm-3am

| Gluten-free | Vegetarian | Vegan |

19 — Merchant Ale House 98 St. Paul Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3M2

905-984-4060 http://www.merchantalehouse.ca Mon-Sun: 11:30am-Zam

| Vegetarian | Vegan | 20 — The Office, Tap & Grill 22 James Street, St. Catharines, ON, 12R 5B8.

905-984-4440 http://www.theofficetapandgrill.com/office/Home.html Mon-Wed Spm-late: Thur 11:30am-late; Fri 11:30am-later; Sat Spm-later

|Gluten-free | Vegetarian | Vegan | 21 – U Need A Pita - St. Paul Street Location

116 St Paul Street, St. Catharines, ON , L2R 3M2 905-682-7482 http://www.uneedapita.com/ Mon-Thurs 11:30am-2:30am; Fri 11:30-3am; Sat 12pm-3am:

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22 — U Need A Pita - Glendale Ave Location 343 Glendale Avenue, St. Catharines, ON, L2TOAT 905-277-6681

http://www.uneedapita.com/ Mon-Sat.11am-11pm; Sun.11am-10pm

Vegetarian Vegan 23 — U Need A Pita - Martindale Road Location 100 Martindale Road St. Catharines, ON, 1252Y3

905-688-1114 http://www.uneedapita.com/ Mon-Fri 11:30am-8pm; Sat 11:30am-7pm

Vegetarian | Vegan | 24 — Wellington Court 11 Wellington Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 4W9

905-682-5518 http://www.wellington-court.com/page/home Tue-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm & 5pm-9:30pm

Local | 25 — Mahtay Café

241 St. Paul Street , St. Catharines, ON, L2R-3M7

905-685-4040 http://mahtay.ca Mon-Thurs 7:30-11; Fri-Sat 9-late; 5un 10-11

| Fair trade | Gluten-free | Organic | Vegetarian | Vegan | | 26 — Carlos Cantina

204 St. Paul Street East, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3M2 905-687-4002 http://www.carloscantina.com

Tue-Thurs 11:30am-8:30pm; Frl 11:30am-9:30pm; Sat 12pm-9:30pm; Sun 12pm-8pm

|Vegetarian| 27 — Spicy Tital

905-687-8424 http://www.spicythai.ca Mon-Fri 11:30am-10pm; Sat Apm-10pm; Sun Apm-9;30pm

208 Church Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 3E9

| Gluten-free | Vegetarian | 28 — Vaughans International Cuisine 249 St. Paul Street East, Saint Catharines, DN , L2R 3M7

905-688-3276 Mon-Sat 8:30am-9:30pm; Sun 10am-3pm

|Vegetarian |Vegan | 29 — Antipastos di Roma

87 Hannover Drive, St. Catharines, ON, L2W 1A3 905-641-5211

http://www.antipastos.ca Mon-Fri 8am-7pm; Sat-Sun 8am-6pm

|Gluten-free| 30 – Cafe Amore

211 Martindale Road, St.Catharines, ON, L253V7 905-988-6404

http://www.cafeamore.ca/index.html Sum-Thurs 11:30am-10pm; Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm

31 - Taste of Bornbay 64 Court Street, St. Catharines, DN, L28 7P6

905-682-6786 http://www.thetasteofbombay.com Call for hours

|Halal Vegetarian

Specialty Food Stores

1226 St Paul Street West, St. Catharines ON, L2R 6P7

905-688 4570 http://www.lakelandmeats.com/ Tues-Fri 11am-Spm; Sat 11am-4pm; Sun-Mon closed

Gluten-free Local

191 Welland Avenue, Geneva Square Plaza, St. Catharines, ON, L2R2P2

905-685-8848 http://www.thepeanutmill.com/ Mon-Wed 9am-6pm; Thu-Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 9am-6pm; Sun Klosed

| Fair trade | Gluten-free | Kosher | Local | Organic | V 318 Ontario Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 518

| Gluten-free | Vegetarian | Vegan |

http://www.bamboonaturalfoods.com/ Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-6pm

| Giuten-free | Organic | Raw | Sustainable production | Vegetarian | Vegan |

1-72 Perma Court Street Cathannes, ON, L2R 7K8

http://www.trulyorganicfoods.com/

Organic | Raw | Vegetarian | Vegan |

526 Welland Road, St. Catharines, ON, 12M 5V5

164 Eastchester Avenue, St. Catharines, DN

Local Organic Raw Sustainable production

290 Glendale Avenue, Glendale Square, St. Catharines, ON, L2T

Mon-Wed 9am-6pm; Thurs 9am-7pm; Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 9am-

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789-362-5637

289-568-1728

905-654-3312

289-228-7786

905-227-1212

905-688-0000 http://alnoorhalalfood.webs.com

T Vineyards

www.feast-of-fields.ca

Organic | Vegetarian |

By appointment

Halal

Gluten-free Organic

http://www.naturesroots.ca

http://www.nadiasmarket.com Mon-Sat 9:30am-6pm

|Gluten-free | Vegetarian | Vegan |

121 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 4N3

Mon-Fri 10am-8:pm Sat-Sun 11am-7pm

41 — Feast of Fields Organic Vineyard BR 1, St. Catharines, ON, L2R 6P7

Mon-Fn 9:30am-7pm

6pm

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Wed-Thur: 10am-6pm

905/684-2226 http://www.wellwellwellnc.com/en/ Sun TTam-Spm; Mon-Wed 9am-6pm; Thu- Fri 9am-8pm; Sat 9am-6pm

211 Martindale Road, Unit 18 (at Huntington Square Plaza), St.

Community Food Security in Pictou Landing

video 12 minutes

Pictou Landing First Nation Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program

irenaknezevic@hotmail.com www.plfn.ca www.foodarc.ca Pictou Landing First Nation is a Mi'kmaq community of just over 400 in Nova Scotia, Canada. Pictou Landing is quite secluded, with a 20-minute drive to the nearest grocery store, which is in New Glasgow. It is also a community hard hit by Boat Harbour pollution that has resulted from pulp mill operation in close proximity to the community. Supported by the Atlantic Aboriginal Health Research Program and other community partners, in 2013 we undertook several research initiatives to better understand food access in Pictou Landing. One of those initiatives was to speak to community members about issues related to food. We asked: "When it comes to food, what do you think is the most important issue in Pictou Landing right now?" Eighteen people responded with photos and stories. This video showcases the images and observations they shared. "I'm not going to go out there and pick blueberries, or strawberries, or blackberries, or cranberries or any other berries out there because they are all polluted! I do not eat any fish from there 'cause its polluted. I don't eat rabbits, I don't eat deer... anything that grows around here, any animals, there is no way that I would eat them, because of Boat Harbour."

IS THIS YOUR REALITY?

A migrant farm worker greets his sister upon his return home, Guanajuato, Mexico

black and white photograph 24" x 28"

Part of a series of photographs published as *Harvest Pilgrims: Migrant Farm Workers in Ontario* (BTL Publishers, 2009).

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Process

book

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The term "form follows function" is a trope in graphic design often used as a way to qualify the outcome of a designed artifact. In *Stuff*, Daniel Miller argues that an object is not the form of function but instead sets the scene for action. Furthermore, the less we are aware of an object the more powerful it is at determining expectations and appropriate behaviours. As it is 'invisible', a common object is not open to challenge.

Working with these notions this project looks to challenge the visuals and instructions commonly found in cookbooks. Considering 'vibrant ' or 'richly-illustrated' photos result in 'visually stunning' books, how could images and content be shifted from 'invisible' to 'visible', allowing considerations on what it means to make something to eat. Non-traditional components of a recipe are included to support these challenges and to encourage contemplation and discourse.







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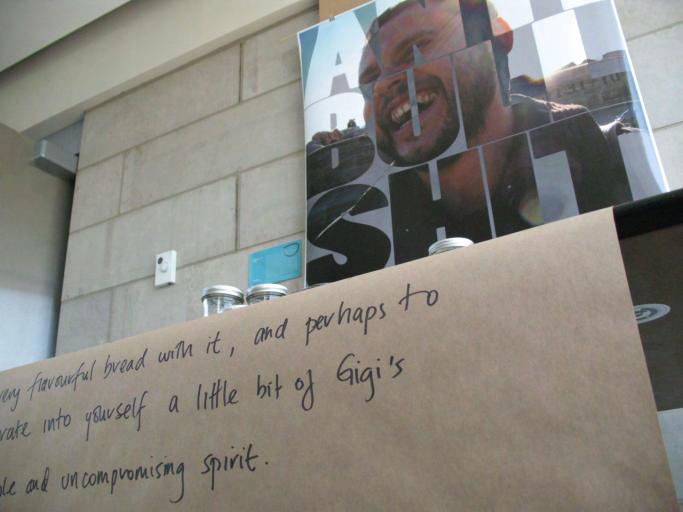
inkjet print, 41" x 41" glass jars, water, flour, yeast ink on Kraft paper performance

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On March 20, 2013, my friend Gigi Frassanito died of stomach cancer, a cruel irony for man who paid more attention to what he ingested than perhaps anyone I have known. Gigi also cared deeply about what others ate, working tirelessly for Slow Food's Mercati della Terra project, in Lebanon, the U.S., and other countries, as well as on food education in his home country of Italy. Gigi loved football (soccer) and a very well made his friends small pieces of the sourdough bread starter he had used all his

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Food culture of resource-poor communities in northern Thailand

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Consultant for ECHO Asia Regional Impact Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand

ruth@tshin.com echonet.org/asia-impact-center Globalization has affected marginalized and resource-poor, ethnic minority communities in northern Thailand, many who migrated in waves from neighbouring countries due to conflict. The shift from dependence on subsistence farming for food and income, to market-based farming and livelihoods has led to loss of traditional knowledge, and in turn, a loss of cultural identity as subsequent generations assimilate into Thai culture.

I lived and worked for 5 years with people from ethnic minority communities in Chiang Mai province while setting up a centre producing open-pollinated seeds of culturally-significant plants for farmers seeking to be more self-reliant in their practices. These photographs represent the daily meals and hours of food preparation with colleagues that thrust me into an astonishing food culture beyond typical Thai food. This rich food culture is a way for my colleagues to celebrate their cultural identity, using diverse, seasonal ingredients sourced from nearby forests and using methods reflecting dependence on the surrounding environment.

Collaborators: Rick Burnette, Director of Agriculture (ECHO International); Abram Bicksler, Director (ECHO Asia Regional Impact Center); Ratakarn Arttawuttikun, Seed Bank Manager (ECHO Asia Regional Impact Center)





Forms of Residual Food Matter

canvas, with mixed sculptured food packages

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My interest in food begins with a concern for environmental change. Human societies, through our need for food, have either nurtured earth or exploited it. These tensions are my foundation, while my method of investigation is through a creative practice that brings attention to how these issues manifest in my immediate environment. Originally from British Columbia, I initiated my food research with Indigenous foods and cultural designed artifacts. In this piece, I use food packages as the residual food tional food system. In particular, redesigning the matter into new artifacts creates an intervention and brings attention to the forgotten matter of





Borders, Boundaries, and Becoming Food Studies: Looking Back, Pushing Forward

interactive installation

At the CAFS Opening Plenary on May 25, we posed a number of questions to you, the CAFS membership, about the past, present, and future of Food Studies. Please continue the conversation, using the material provided. Food Studies will become whatever we make it, so please make your voice heard!

The adjacent sheets represent a partial synthesis of our panelists' comments. Please add your own wherever you like. As a reminder, the questions were:

What does "food studies" mean to you? How does the term move our work forward? How might it hinder us?

Is food studies distinct from other fields? If so, how? And if so, does this have implications for other fields of study?

What should food studies encompass? Is there a limit to what should be included within food studies?





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