ANTH/AMST 312
Documenting Latinx Los Angeles Food Cultures
Spring 2020: Thurs. 2:00-4:50pm

Explore Los Angeles and Southern California food cultures – from cuisine to activism

Los Angeles’ rich and diverse Latinx “foodie” culture exists side by side with an L.A. where many struggle for access to affordable, healthy, culturally appropriate food. To combat these issues, a food justice movement has emerged, seeking to transform the food system from seed to table.

In this class, you’ll meet well-known Latinx chefs, taco truck owners and journalists as well as street vendors and food justice activists. Not only will we learn about the local Latinx food scene but also different ways in which local organizations work to improve access to healthy, affordable, culturally appropriate food for residents of low-income communities. Along with excursions to farms, restaurants, markets, and school gardens, you’ll conduct your own independent investigations to create a series of focused documentary assignments exploring Latinx food cultures in Los Angeles.

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