

Dining with the Devil: Food, Health and Society

is the theme for the 18th Annual Tennessee Undergraduate Social Science Symposium to be held Tuesday and Wednesday, November 10th and 11th, 2009 in the James Union Building at Middle Tennessee State University. All events are open to the public and free of charge.

The theme of food and society continues our exploration of the state of our society. It expresses our curiosity and concerns with what we eat and our patterns of consumption. To bring this issue to the forefront of academic and scholarly life, the Symposium will include a film showing, a panel discussion, and distinguished speakers to address how the nutritional patterns of our lives affect not just our own bodies, but that of our children, our environment, and our world in general. This year we hope to sustain the momentum built over the past Symposia and bring together a diverse audience to examine the culture of food production and consumption, and perhaps address possible solutions -- both individual and institutional -- to benefit ourselves and our society.

The symposium will open Tuesday, November 10th with student research paper presentations that will continue throughout the two-day symposium. Although ***Dining with the Devil: Food, Health and Society*** is the central Symposium theme, papers are accepted on any social topic. Papers presented by students will include a variety of topics, for example, immigration, social problems, social and cultural theory, hate crimes, race and ethnicity, Appalachian studies, health, family, and work, and experiential learning in archaeological studies and study abroad. Given the relevance of this year's theme the event is expected to draw over 1,000 participants from MTSU and across the state.

Call for Papers:

Undergraduate students with interests in social inquiry are invited to present papers at this year's Symposium. If you are interested in presenting, please submit the title of your paper along with your contact information (email and mailing address) by mail or email to: Dr. Ida Fadzillah at ifadzill@mtsu.edu no later than Thursday, November 5th. If you wish to submit a hard copy of the information, please mail it by that date to Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. Ida Fadzillah, PO Box 10, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Student Paper Competition:

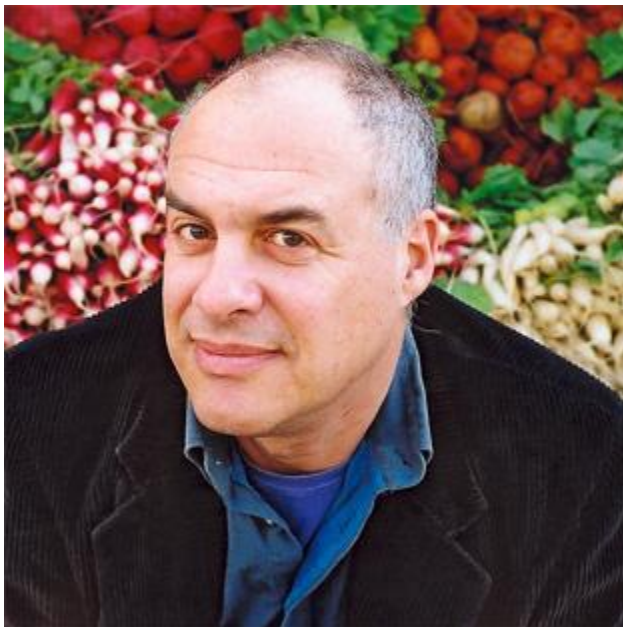
We are also pleased to announce the Symposium's Third Annual Student Paper Competition. To enter the paper competition, please submit complete papers to Dr. Brian Hinote at bhinote@mtsu.edu no later than Thursday, November 5th. If you wish to submit a hard copy, please mail it by that date to Middle Tennessee State University, Department of Sociology and Anthropology, Dr. Brian Hinote, PO Box 10, Murfreesboro, TN 37132.

Film:

This year's film will be ***Food, Inc.***, which explores the surprising -- and often shocking -- truths about what we eat, how it's produced, who we have become as a nation and where we are going from here. ***Food Inc.*** will be screened at 4:00 p.m. in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building, and the public is invited to attend. For more information on the film please contact Dr. Shannon Hodge at shodge@mtsu.edu or by phone at 615-494-7681.



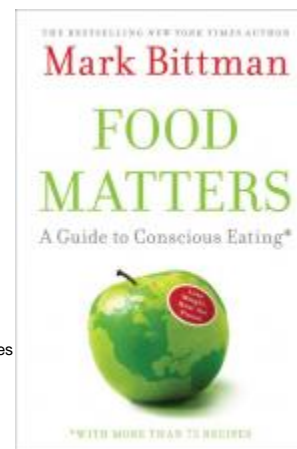
Keynote Speaker:



In keeping with this year's theme of ***Food, Health, and Society***, we have invited Mr. Mark Bittman to serve as our Keynote Speaker. Mr. Bittman is a world-renowned food journalist for the New York Times, a gourmand with international experience in world cuisine, and all-around foodie who has authored the best selling books ***How to Cook Everything***, ***How to Cook Everything Vegetarian***, ***Kitchen Express***, and ***Food Matters***. He will be speaking about his current concern which is, as he states in ***Food Matters***, "a look at the links among eating too much meat, obesity, global warming, and other nasty features of modern life." Mr. Bittman will be speaking at 6:00 on Tuesday, November 10th in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. His talk will be followed by a book signing. The public is encouraged to attend this highly anticipated event. For more information, please contact Dr. Ida Fadzillah at ifadzill@mtsu.edu or by phone at 615-904-8275.

Panel on Health and Nutrition in our Community:

"What's on your plate? Health and the Culture of Food." This panel is made up of members of the MTSU and Murfreesboro community who will hold a discussion on the issues



of nutrition that affect us the most. The panel will be on Tuesday, November 10th at 11:30 in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. For more information on the panel, please contact Dr. Brian Hinote at bhinote@mtsu.edu or by phone at 615-494-7914.

Senior Scholar Lecture:

This year we are excited to have Dr. Paula England as our Senior Scholar. She will speak at 11:30 on Wednesday, November 11th, in the Tennessee Room of the James Union Building. Her talk is titled "Gender Equality: What's changing? What's not?" and the public is welcome to attend. For more information on the Senior Scholar Lecture, please contact Dr. Gretchen Webber at gwebber@mtsu.edu or by phone at 615-898-2519.



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