Global Appetites and Local Tastes: Food in an Interconnected World

In this course, we will read contemporary examples of influential food writing to learn more about how people use food to express their needs, desires and particular predilections. By juxtaposing texts from multiple genres—memoir, novel, food reviews, personal essays, blogs, television food shows, and investigative journalism—this course asks you to appreciate the wide impact that food has on how people see themselves and how they interpret their relationship to each other and to their environment. The readings are paired for each unit so as to present multiple perspectives on the given topic. Among other things, students enrolled in the Honors section will visit the IU Archives to do some primary source research on the madrigal dinner traditions that used to be popular on campus.