

EDITED COLLECTION: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

FEMINIST FOOD STUDIES: EXPLORING INTERSECTIONALITY

What might a feminist, intersectional analysis bring to food studies? Intersectionality (Crenshaw 1989; hooks, 1992) pushes food scholars, activists, students, and community members to situate interconnected social identities such as gender, race/ethnicity, social class, age, body size, able-bodiedness, sexual identity and difference as these overlap through discursive power and social structures to shape food practices (Williams-Forsen, & Wilkerson, 2011; Brady et. al., 2016; Sachs, & Patel-Campillo, 2014; Sachs et. al., 2014; Heldke, 2013; Harper, 2010; Williams-Forsen, 2006; Inness, 2006; Thompson, 1996). Feminist food studies scholars have begun to take up intersectionality as a way of better understanding the cultural, economic, political, social, spiritual, relational, and emotional aspects of food and eating. Cairns & Johnston (2015) remind us that embedded within intersectional analyses, there are multiple femininities constructed through gendered food practices. Julier (2005) suggests that a feminist food studies needs to theorize women's experiences of the interconnections between food consumption and production practices, particularly as the construction of difference and inequality are centrally located in the convergences of the social relations constructed through these practices (pg. 164). Moreover, others have identified the need to consider how women's experiences of embodiment and identity overlap with their participation and labour in alternative and agri-food systems, through paid work and unpaid caring work or food provisioning, and through their engagement with public health nutrition and representations of food in relation to gender, race, class and the body.

Feminist Food Studies: Exploring Intersectionality aims to pull together current scholarship that engages with intersectionality, as theoretical approach, epistemology, methodology, or method, in the emergent area of feminist food studies. We seek to address questions such as: how might a feminist, intersectional framework enhance, enliven, and advance food studies? How might feminist intersectionality inform the movement for food justice in ways that bring to light the complexities of doing this work locally, nationally, and internationally? What might feminist, intersectional analyses of food systems and food

practices, bring to the mainstream food studies table? How do feminist food studies scholars differ in their pedagogical, methodological, and epistemological approaches from traditional or mainstream food studies around the world? What work has already been accomplished by feminist food scholars globally? What areas have yet to be addressed? In what innovative, creative, and radical directions might feminist food studies lead the scholarship of food, eating, and the body in the future?

Feminist Food Studies: Exploring Intersectionality, will feature papers that highlight current empirical research and feminist theorizing using an intersectional lens in the emergent area of feminist food studies. The Edited Collection will be international in scope and thus, we welcome a range of papers that examine food and intersectionality in all its complexity, broadly represented through the thematic areas of the socio-cultural, the material and the embodied or corporeal domains (Allen & Sachs, 2007).

Possible areas for submission include:

- Intersectionality as a methodological approach or as method in food studies
- Theorizing intersectionality through social identities such as race, ethnicity, gender, social class, age, sexualities, disabilities
- Feminist Intersectional pedagogies in food studies
- Femininities / masculinities
- Embodiment including fat studies, or critical 'obesity' studies
- Health as an embodied social practice
- Ecofeminist perspectives and critical animal studies
- Indigenous food systems and relationships
- Material feminism
- Food systems
- Food security and food sovereignty
- Women and agriculture / farming

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Please submit abstracts to: feministfoodstudies@gmail.com

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