

**GRADUATE SYMPOSIUM ON
WOMEN, WORK,
AND FOOD**



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Sponsored by:
THE SOUTHERN FOODWAYS ALLIANCE
&
**THE SARAH ISOM CENTER FOR WOMEN
AND GENDER STUDIES**

Thursday, September 12th

5:00-6:30 pm - Welcome Dinner, Chef Felicia Willett of Felicia Suzanne's, Memphis - Ticket Required

Yerby Center

7 pm - 18th Annual Lucy Somerville Howorth Lecture:

"Dishing Up Dixie In The 'Post-Racial' South" with Dr. Kimberly Wallace-Sanders (Emory University)

Welcome by Dr. Richard Forgette, Senior Associate Dean, UM College of Liberal Arts

Introduction by Dr. Theresa Starkey, Assistant Director, Sarah Isom Center
Barnard Observatory Tupelo Room

Friday, September 13th

All panels at the Yerby Center

9:00-10:25 am - Panel 1: "Talking with Our Mouths Full: Women, Food, and Oral Histories"

Chair: Amy Evans, Oral Historian, Southern Foodways Alliance

- Kendall C. Park (Princeton University) "Food and Family Business: Where Are the Women?"
- Shayne L. Figueroa (New York University) "Oral Histories and Voiced Grievances from Lunch Lady Land, 1946 - 1966"
- Sara B. Franklin (New York University) "Chew on This: Nuance, Myth, Co-Narration and The Case for Oral History in Contemporary Food Studies"

10:25-10:35 am - Coffee Break

10:35 am -12:15 pm- Panel 2: Making Food, Making Identity

Chair: Dr. Jodi Skipper, Asst. Prof. of Anthropology and Southern Studies

- Theresa McCulla (Harvard University) "We Decorated the Bare Walls': The Window Shop Women Build a Place for Jause"
- Anna Hamilton (The University of Mississippi) "Minorcan-ish: Marketing Identity with the Datil Pepper of Saint Augustine"
- Virginia Anderson (The University of Mississippi) "The Flour on My Mother's Hands: Belief, Biscuits, and the Embodiment of Southern Motherhood"
- Katie Rawson (University of Pennsylvania) "And the Wives Shucked Them': Gender, Livelihood, and Seafood Processing in the Gulf South"

12:30 - 2:00 pm - Luncheon Plenary 1: "Fine, Wet, Beautifully Made: Mildred Pierce's Pies and James M. Cain's Working Woman"

Introduction by Dr. Susan Grayzel, Director, Sarah Isom Center

Dr. Megan Abbott, Writer-in-Residence, English, and Dr. Theresa Starkey, Assistant Director, Sarah Isom Center

Lunch is complimentary for conference speakers, facilitators, and registrants. Others are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch to enjoy during the afternoon plenaries.

2:00 - 2:30 pm - Plenary 2: "Fishing, Farming, and Family: Female Self-Sufficiency as a Political and Civil Right in the Mississippi Delta"

Introduction by Dr. Kathy Knight, Interim Chair, Nutrition and Hospitality Management

Alison Korn and Desiree Hensley, Civil Legal Clinic, UM School of Law

2:30- 3:30 pm - Panel 3: Nutrition and Activism

Chair: Zac Henson, Post-Doctoral Fellow, Southern Studies

- Nasim Mahboubi (Georgia State University) "Impact of HIV-Related Stigma on Attitudes and Beliefs toward Nutrition among Older HIV-Positive Black Women"
- Alexandra Lampert (New York University) "Resistance, Food, and Gender in the Civil Rights Movement"

3:30-3:45 pm - Coffee Break

3:45- 4:45 pm - Panel 4: Consumption, Production, and Restaurant Culture

Chair: John T. Edge, Director, Southern Foodways Alliance

- Ashley Rose Young (Duke University) "From Red Beans and Rice to Oysters Rockefeller: Rethinking Racial Boundaries in New Orleans' Mid-Twentieth Century Restaurant Culture"
- Siobhan Cooke (Georgia State University) "Cooking Up Authenticity: Celebrities, Cookbooks, and Consumerism"

4:45-5:00 pm - Coffee Break

5:00-6:30 pm - Panel 5: Reading and Representing the Southern Kitchen

Chair: Melissa Hall, Assistant Director, Southern Foodways Alliance

- Mariana Meneses-Romero (Goldsmiths, University of London) "To Gather, To Welcome, 'The Sharecropper'"
- Danielle Klein and Berlisha Morton (Louisiana State University) "Mammy's Secret Smile: Challenging Stereotypes and Power Dynamics in the Southern Creole Plantation Kitchen"
- Shawna Felkins (University of Mississippi) "Woman's Work as Freedom in Fannie Flag's *Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*"

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