

FOOD STUDIES 187

WE ARE ALL STARDUST: THE MORAL ECOLOGY OF FOOD

Instructor: Evan Kleiman

Dates: June 20- July 29 (Summer Session A)

Date & Time: Mondays and Wednesdays from 7-9pm in PUB AFF 1256

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Class Description

Big-picture look at agri-cultural nexus of earth, air, water, and fire as it pertains to food production. Series of speakers bring issues into focus to encourage process of personal questioning. Study goes beyond local and personal to explore broad eco-morality of food. Covers feedback loop between food production, human health, and ecology from microbiome living within us; through taste of what we breathe; to stardust from which we were made, still resides in soil; and is taken up as nourishment by food. Issues of food justice, equity, and systemic poverty make expansive understanding of plate more urgent than ever. Investigation of some interesting solutions operating with local communities.

Enrollment Instructions

UCLA Students: my.ucla.edu

Visiting Students: www.summer.ucla.edu

About Evan Kleiman

Evan Kleiman, UCLA Alumnus, is a true culinary multitasker. Chef, author, radio host, restaurateur and sought after speaker, she has been called "the fairy God-mother of the LA food scene" for her central role in bringing a community of food people together through her radio show, Good Food. As host of Good Food on KCRW since 1997, Evan has interviewed more than 6000 guests ranging from celebrated chefs to local farmers, enabling her to explore every aspect of food and how it intersects with human life. As proprietor and chef of Angeli Caffè for 28 years before its close, Kleiman's improvisational style, while rooted in the Cucina Povera of Italy, showed her reliance on simple ingredients and economical ingenuity to produce delicious and satisfying food with a fresh, honest, pared down aesthetic that people intuitively understand and appreciate. When Angeli opened in 1984 Evan was credited with reintroducing rustic Italian cooking to the US.



As a natural extension of her longtime exposure to everything to do with food, Kleiman's interest now extends to issues of food policy and agro-ecology. The founder of LA's, Slow Food Chapter, which she ran for eight years, Evan is a member of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council. She is an active speaker on issues of food culture and sustainability and just to maintain a balance has been dubbed the Queen of Pie.

Kleiman is the author of eight books on Italian food and one video app, "Easy As Pie."

Guest Speakers

Jonathan Gold, Pulitzer Prize Winning Critic for the LA Times

Mark Gold, Associate Vice Chancellor for Environment and Sustainability UCLA

Dr. Daphne Miller, physician and author of Farmacology

Mark Bittman, noted former NY Times columnist, cookbook author

Richard Bourdon, baker, Berkshire Mountain Bakery, Massachusetts

More information

Evan is featured in Jonathan Gold's new movie called ["City of Gold"](#). Jonathan Gold will be a guest lecturer in class this summer!

Get to know Evan Kleiman as she weaves a true-life tale on The Moth Podcast she calls, ["Caution: Eating"](#).

Listen to [Good Food](#) on KCRW.

For more info on Evan Kleiman, visit her [website](#).