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FALL 2020 SEMINAR

VISITING FACULTY
Patrick Bottiger, History, Kenyon College
Rosemary O’Neill, English, Kenyon College

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: A THOUSAND YEARS OF COOKING AND EATING IN ILLINOIS AND CHICAGO
Cities are shaped by people, and people in turn are shaped by the food they grow, process, cook, and consume. This seminar explores how the production, transportation, and preparation of food transformed urban landscapes in the Midwest since the time of the Indigenous city of Cahokia to contemporary Chicago.

The seminar will cover the history of farming and food in the Midwest; the growth of Chicago as a center of commodity markets; cultural shifts in cuisine due to human migrations, immigration, and special events like the Columbian Exposition of 1893; gender roles related to food production and preparation; and the significance of food to twentieth-century food sovereignty activism.

For your individual research projects and writing, you will engage with the Newberry Library’s remarkable collections of original source materials, from 19th century maps of stockyards and Indigenous villages in the Midwest, to postcards and ephemera from the World’s Fair, to recipe collections and household guides and environmental and economic studies.

DATES
Fall semester (early September - mid-December)

CREDITS
Recommended credit is 16 semester credits or the equivalent.

HOUSING
Students live in furnished apartments near the Newberry Library in Chicago’s Gold Coast neighborhood.

WORKING AT THE NEWBERRY
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