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FOOD FOR THOUGHT: COOKING, EATING, & DRINKING IN CHICAGO
Cities are shaped by people, and people are in turn shaped by the food they process, prepare, and consume. This course explores the history of food and drink in Chicago. Topics will include how Chicago’s urban geography was formed by its historical development as a center of agricultural commodity markets, how the 1893 Columbian Exposition introduced new cuisines to eager American consumers, and how the temperance movement in the nineteenth- and early twentieth-century city and environs intersected with the dynamics of gender, race, and class.

The Great Migration of African Americans to Chicago from the rural south in the early to mid-twentieth century resulted in the culinary tradition of ‘soul food,’ leaving a mark on the city’s food landscape and becoming a source of identity and debate for Black activist movements. Immigrants to Chicago from the city’s beginnings to its present have brought new food cultures to the city along with their labor, and this seminar will consider the restaurant industry as a center of contemporary immigration activism. Throughout the semester, students will examine the ways that ethnicity, race, class, and gender influence individuals’ relationships to food as well as the way that individual lives are remembered in archives.

DATES
Fall Semester (late August to early 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.

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