Food, Environment, and Society in 20th Century America

This course explores the science and technology of food production and consumption in 20th Century America. The purpose of this course is to make connections between eating habits and environmental change. Following food from farm to table, we will explore the environmental implications of large agribusiness and fast food, how ideas of nature shape the way we eat, why organic and slow food movements are so popular in recent decades, and how American foodways impact landscapes in places outside North America. In addition to a midterm and final exam, students will keep a food journal and write a brief history of a major American