

CALL FOR PAPERS

Mindful Body in the Arts of Eating

The Center for Body, Mind, and Culture invites proposals for papers to be presented at a 3-day conference, January 23–25, 2014, at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton.

Eating is an essential activity for human life, and without such life there is no thought, no theory, no art. While eating is a need, knowing how to eat is often said to be an art that requires intelligence, knowledge, and imaginative creativity. As another maxim puts it: Animals feed; humans eat; and the wise know how to eat. What considerations guide our eating? How could we make them more intelligent and rewarding? A multitude of diverse factors affect our forms of eating and our choice of food: economic, medical, gustatory, ethical, social, and aesthetic. How do we balance them for a more mindful, healthier, more gratifying art of eating?

This conference will explore the art of eating by considering the different sciences and arts that examine and guide the ways we eat and drink. These include the various fields that impact gastronomical theory (from health sciences and cooking to agriculture and economics) and fields that concern the ways food and eating are represented in literature, social theory, and the arts.

Abstracts of 250 words, and a current CV, should be sent electronically as attachments, no later than October 15, 2013, to Richard Shusterman at bodymindculture@fau.edu. Please direct conference inquiries to the same address. Further information about the conference will be made available at <http://www.fau.edu/bodymindculture>, where you can also consult the programs of our prior international conferences. Prospective speakers will be notified by November 15, 2013.