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*World History Bulletin* is seeking quality research essays, lesson plans, and classroom activities for inclusion in its upcoming Spring 2023 issue, "Food and World History."

Guest-edited by Jeffrey Pilcher, author of such works as *Food in World History* and, more recently, *Planet Taco: A Global History of Mexican Food*, "Food and World History" explores the connection between food and the development of human civilizations through the ages. Climate change and increasingly frequent weather-related catastrophes have helped to draw attention to food infrastructures, particularly in light of food crises arising from desertification and unsustainable agricultural practices. These circumstances have intersected with questions concerning the relationship humanity has had with food, from food equity, wastage, and dearth to the influence food has exercised over the development and flowering of civilizations.

The *Bulletin* is interested in a range of topics related to the theme of food and world history, including (but not limited to):

- Food and Mobility. How the movements of goods, people, and ideas have shaped regional and global cuisines.
- Cuisine, Empire, and Cosmopolitanism. How food and cuisine offer a window into the imperial experience, but also the egalitarianism of cuisine in large, multi-cultural empires/imperial settings.
- Food and Health. How global interactions have produced new paradigms of nutrition.
- Food and Infrastructure. The creation of technologies and systems for preserving, transporting, storing, and marketing foods and the expansion of global interactions.
- Food and Gender. How gender roles have shaped the labor and consumption around foods.
- Power Structures and Food Monopolization. How throughout history the desire to control access to food has proved a basis of obtaining and maintaining power.
- Food and War. How the necessity of supplying troops on campaign or in barracks has

transformed food systems and cultures.

- Food and Knowledge. How the codification of cooking literature and knowledge of plants and health have interacted historically across cultures.
- Future World History and Food. On the risks and challenges presented by urbanization and food deserts, comparative analyses of areas with food surpluses (and wastage) with those suffering dearth, etc.

*World History Bulletin* therefore invites contributions to a thematic issue on food and world history. We are especially interested in articles that share fresh research or historiographical perspectives on the linkages between food and world history; present innovative teaching at all levels that employs food and cuisine to explore world history themes; or explore the connection between student engagement with food and cuisine. We also welcome short interviews with designers, artists, writers, and scholars and small roundtables on a book, film, or other work.

**Deadline for submissions:** May 5, 2023

Essays and questions should be directed to Joseph M. Snyder, Editor-in-Chief of *World History Bulletin* at [bulletin@thewha.org](mailto:bulletin@thewha.org).

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