SPRING 2026

WST 395: TOPICS IN GLOBAL FEMINISM

ECOLOGY, MIGRATION, AND FOOD STUDIES

IN PERSON -TU/TH 12:30-1:50PM WITH AJ CASTLE

This course offers a comprehensive exploration of transnational agriculture and its connections to gender, sexuality, race, and ethnicity. We will start by examining the body, focusing on how feminist science studies and bioethics approach the gut, before expanding our analysis to global agriculture, ecology, and migration. A particular emphasis will be placed on the role of women and LGTBQ+ individuals in both food production and consumption. Through the study of food blogs, recipes, seed saving, labor movements, memoirs, and fiction, we will investigate gendered experiences with food through the lenses of Decolonial/Anti-colonial, Transnational, and Indigenous feminisms. Our overall goal in this course is to think critically about transnational agriculture and how food relationships are constructed. Some themes that will be explored are trauma, insecurity, kinship, reciprocity, and sustainability.

