
ALA 2006 Annual Meeting ♦ New Orleans, Louisiana
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Hilton New Orleans Riverside, Grand Salon 15
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About the Program:
A panel of speakers addresses the topic of food from diverse historical, sociological, anthropological, and public health perspectives. Building on anthropologist Sidney Mintz’s analysis of sugar as the quintessential “drug food,” panelists will examine changing cultural conceptions of sugar in the US. Other topics include analysis of spatial correlations between fast food restaurants, poverty, and obesity as well as discussion of library and archival resources in New Orleans for research in culinary culture and history.

About the Program Speakers:

Wendy A. Woloson (woloson@librarycompany.org) Curator of Printed Books, The Library Company of Philadelphia.
Wendy Woloson received her PhD in American Civilization from the University of Pennsylvania in 1999. Her book Refined Tastes: Sugar, Consumers, and Confectionery in Nineteenth-Century America (see review) was published by The Johns Hopkins University Press in 2002. Also an active artist, Wendy has an MFA, and teaches printmaking at the Fleisher Art Memorial, a Philadelphia art center. Interested in the history of consumer culture and material culture, Wendy is currently working on a book-length history of pawnbroking in America; her article “In Hock: Pawning in Early America” will appear in the Journal of the Early Republic in 2007.

Gerald F. Patout, Jr. (GeraldP@hnoc.org) Head Librarian, Williams Research Center / Historic New Orleans Collection.
Gerald F. Patout, Jr. is currently the Head Librarian at the Williams Research Center, of the Historic New Orleans Collection. A native of south Louisiana and having grown up in a family of Louisiana sugarcane growers, Gerald has also served as the Corporate Librarian for the Domino Sugar Corporation in New York City. He holds degrees from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, Old Dominion University, Louisiana State University and a Certificate of Advanced Study In Information Management from Columbia University. He’s active in numerous professional library and museum related organizations and continues work on several scholarly endeavors including the creation of a bibliography of New Orleans cookbooks and a book chapter on the history of cookbook publishing in New Orleans for, The Iconic Foods of New Orleans. See the Bibliography from his talk.

Jason P. Block, MD, MPH ([jblock1@partners.org](mailto:jblock1@partners.org))

Susan Tucker (susannah@tulane.edu) Newcomb Archives and Vorhoff Library, Seltzer-Gerard Reading Room, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, Tulane University.

Susan Tucker is Curator of Books and Records at the Newcomb Archives and Vorhoff Library, Newcomb College Center for Research on Women, Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana. She is the author of Telling Memories among Southern Women (LSU Press, 1988) and the co-editor along with Katherine Ott and Patricia Buckler of The Scrapbook in American Life (Temple University Press, 2006). Her interest in food dates to her twenties when she helped a French family every night for nine months in their shopping and cooking. Thirty years later, she founded the Culinary History Group of New Orleans. Today, in her work at the Vorhoff library, she oversees a cookbook collection used by scholars and cooks.

Further Reading:

Recent Books of Interest:


**Recent Articles of Interest:**
Cullen K.W., et al., (2005) “Squire’s quest: intervention changes occurred at lunch and


Successful Intervention?” APPETITE 41 (3): 231-238.

Associated with Acculturation and Obesity.” JOURNAL OF NUTRITION 133 (11): 3651-
3657.

REVIEW OF ANTHROPOLOGY 31: 99-119.

Community: Current and Future Directions.” RESEARCH QUARTERLY FOR EXERCISE AND
SPORT 71 (2): S146-S158 Suppl. S.

Selected Web Sites of Interest:
Bibliography of New Orleans Cookbooks
City College of San Francisco’s, Alice Statler Menu Collection—Northern California, 1920+
The Culinary History Group
David Walker Lupton African American Cookbook Collection held by The University of
Alabama Libraries, Hoole Special Collections.
Feeding America: The Historic American Cookbook Project
FOOD AND CULTURE: Foodstuffs, Food Processing and Preparation, and Food Use” Web-
page.
Food Studies Resources Web-page, by J.J. Jacobson.
Food Timeline–Culinary History Timeline social history, manners & menus
Longone Center for American Culinary Research: Jan Longone is a wonderful cookbook
resource and this archive and her programs are noteworthy
Slow Food is an international movement
Slow Food USA
The Southern Food and Beverage Museum
WORLD FOOD HABITS BIBLIOGRAPHY: English-Language Resources for the anthropology
of food and nutrition.

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