

**Call for Papers - Thinking Beyond Borders: Ideas, Values and Concerns of Food in a Global World UBC Conference May 31-June 1 2008**  
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**Canadian Association of Food Studies**

Founded in 2005, CAFS promotes critical, interdisciplinary scholarship in the broad area of food systems: production, distribution, and consumption.

CAFS recognizes the need for coordinated interdisciplinary research efforts not only in academia, but in response to societal needs for informing policy makers, assessing the outcomes of community-based work, and demonstrating the environmental and social impacts of changes affecting food systems and food policies. To encourage interdisciplinarity, and to reflect the broad range of important work happening in this field, we encourage academics and/or community members to submit proposals for either sessions or individual papers related to this year's theme.

The 2008 CAFS conference theme, which reflects the Congress theme, is “**Thinking Beyond Borders: Ideas, Values and Concerns of Food in a Global World**”. We invite session proposals and individual paper proposals dealing with aspects of societal ideas, values and concerns related to food in an increasingly ‘global’ world. Submissions dealing with crossing borders, either actual or metaphorical, to create food communities are particularly welcome. However, submissions are not restricted to this theme. The conference also encourages proposals dealing with issues such as curriculum and program development and evaluation, research priorities, methodological issues, policy and funding priorities in food studies.

**SESSION PROPOSALS:** Please send the session title, name and organizational affiliation of the session organizer(s). Please also include the authors' names, affiliations, and abstracts (150 words) of each paper to be included in the session. If you suggest a chair for the sessions, please include this as well. If possible, we appreciate it if submissions are in both English and French. The program committee will work with session organizers to ensure disciplinary diversity and content compatibility.

**PAPER PROPOSALS:** Please send a brief abstract (150 words), along with your paper title, and name(s) and affiliation(s) of the author(s). If possible, we appreciate it if submissions are in both English and French. The program committee will work to ensure disciplinary diversity and content compatibility when placing individual papers within sessions.

The deadline for proposals is: **Friday, February 1, 2008**

Organisers will aim to include some papers in a special issue journal or an edited collection; we will also aim to create conference proceedings. Therefore, please ensure all papers are formatted in Chicago style.

CAFS members are drawn from an array of disciplines including (but not limited to) adult education, agriculture, anthropology, economics, environmental studies, health studies, home economics, human nutrition, geography, literature, psychology, philosophy, policy studies, public health, rural studies, sociology, social work and urban planning. CAFS membership is open to academics, students, policy makers, community workers, professionals, practitioners and others interested in food studies research. CAFS

encourages research that promotes local, regional, national, and global food security, but does not advocate or endorse specific policies or political platforms.

All proposals should be sent as a rich text (.rtf) or Word (.doc) document and sent to:

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