

## 14TH ANNUAL AMERICAN STUDIES CONFERENCE

The American Studies Department at Macalester College is honored to host the 14th annual American Studies Conference, Held every February during Black History Month, the conference brings renowned scholars to campus to present their work and engage with faculty, staff, students, alumni and residents of the Twin Cities. The conference seeks to highlight the links between scholarship, activism, and civic engagement. Each year a different theme is selected based on pertinent issues.

The American Studies Department serves as the academic focal point for the study of race and ethnicity in a national and transnational framework.

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## ALTERNATIVES IN A CHANGING FOOD WORLD

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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

6-7:30 P.M.  
ALEXANDER G. HILL BALLROOM  
KAGIN COMMONS, MACALESTER COLLEGE

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

# Psyche Williams-Forson



Press, 2006), examines the complexity of black women's legacies using food as a form of cultural work. Dr. Williams-Forson is also the recipient of numerous fellowships and grants including a Senior Fellowship at the Smithsonian and a Ford Foundation Postdoctoral Diversity Fellowship.



### EATING IN THE MEANTIME: EXPANDING THE CONCEPT OF ALTERNATIVES IN A CHANGING FOOD WORLD

Increasing attention has been paid to processes of food production, distribution, acquisition and consumption that tend to operate apart from, but within conventional food systems. Many advocates see the solution as tapping into alternative food networks (AFNs)—farmer's



markets, co-ops, and community sponsored agricultural sites—where not only can fresh food be obtained, but also a sense of connection with the people, places and processes involved with growing and supplying their food. In today's economy where rapidly changing food options and movements are the order of the day, it's important that we not limit our thinking of "alternatives" to choosing between organic and conventional options. At a time when food access and security is on the minds of food system researchers, it's imperative that we consider many options, including the role of the value market store, as an immediate place of food acquisition. This talk encourages our consideration of value stores, bodegas and ethnic markets, as well as social and religious networks that challenge how we define terms like "alternative" and "sustainability." This talk will provide food for thought.

## 2013 CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

### Thursday, February 21

4:30–5:30 p.m.

#### Reception

Alexander G. Hill Ballroom,  
Kagin Commons

6–7:30 p.m.

#### Keynote Address

Alexander G. Hill Ballroom,  
Kagin Commons

### Friday, February 22

11:30 a.m.–1:00 p.m.

#### Lunch and Panel Discussion

Weyerhaeuser Boardroom and Lounge

6:30–8:30 p.m.

#### Screening of "Soul Food Junkies" and conversation with filmmaker, Byron Hurt

JBD Lecture Hall, Campus Center

*The Black History Month Committee  
is a co-sponsor of the film event*

**All events are at Macalester and  
are free and open to the public**

**Psyche Williams-Forson** is an Associate Professor and Director of Graduate Studies in American Studies at the University of Maryland. Her research and teaching interests include cultural studies, material culture, food, women's studies, and social and cultural history of the U.S. in the late 19th and 20th centuries. She is the co-editor of *Taking Food Public: Redefining Foodways in a Changing World* (Routledge 2011). Her award-winning book, *Building Houses Out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, & Power*, (University of North Carolina