

## Research Presentation Announcement

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## Are You What you Eat?

### *An Exploration of Decisions about Ethical Food*

There is increasing awareness that our choices about what foodstuffs to consume are more complex than a simple response to an empty stomach. We are variously encouraged to eat local, organic, or sustainable foodstuffs; to consider whether our foods have been produced in humane or sustainable ways; or more generally, to buy and eat responsibly. Our recent qualitative research in Australia reveals that many consumers are frustrated when attempting to the 'right' choices about food, which contributes to heightening levels of what has been described as 'food anxiety.' I argue that many of these ethical food choices are in fact not novel in terms of the values which they represent, but that contemporary consumers are unique in the way that they use these decisions to express their identities.

**3pm, October 31st, 2014**

**134 South Kedzie Hall**

**Refreshments served just before 3pm; Discussion to follow at 4pm**

*MSU faculty members should RSVP with Kyle Whyte ([kwhyte@msu.edu](mailto:kwhyte@msu.edu)) if they plan to have large groups of their students attend this presentation*

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