

“Food and the African Diaspora”

Food *for* Thought Speaker Series

The University of Houston’s Gulf Coast Food Project and Foodways Texas



Dr. Psyche A. Williams-Forson
University of Maryland, College Park

“In Her Mouth Was an Olive Leaf Pluckt Off”: Food, Race, and Gender in Times of Displacement and Dislocation”

What are the ways in which diasporic communities reflect and reproduce systems of identities, relationships, and values using food? Dr. Psyche Williams-Forson, University of Maryland, College Park uses three examples taken from African American experiences--enslavement, the Great Migration, and Hurricane Katrina—to critically examine these vitally important questions.

Dr. Williams-Forson is a leading food studies scholar. She is the author of numerous articles and the award-winning book *Building Houses out of Chicken Legs: Black Women, Food, and Power* (University of North Carolina Press, 2006). Her talk is part of a year-long exploration of African and African American foodways, “Food and the African Diaspora.”

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