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Date: 13:00, Thursday, 11 October 2007

Location: 1455 de Maisonneuve Boulevard West (Hall Building), Room H-760

Title: "The Younger Generation Doesn't Cook Anymore": The Future of Cooking in Contemporary Greece.

Presenter: David Sutton

Abstract: Cooking involves a variety of culturally defined skills, including knowledge of ingredients, tools, recipes (written or oral), and evaluation of the material properties of food through different, often combined sensory modalities. On the Greek island of Kalymnos there is grave concern that "traditional" cooking skills are not being passed on to the next generation, and the "death of cooking" is nigh. This presentation uses ethnographic film to explore the intricacies of the transmission of culinary knowledge both "in the old days" and in the present, and reflects on some of the forces that are shaping the future practice of cooking on Kalymnos.

David Sutton is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Southern Illinois University. He has been researching Greek food for the past two decades. His publications include *Remembrance of Repasts: An Anthropology of Food and Memory*, and an edited volume, *The Restaurants Book: Ethnographies of Where We Eat* (forthcoming this November).

Light refreshments will be served

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