

**America Eats Symposium**  
**Saturday, April 21, 2007, 9:30 – 4 PM**  
**Hosted by the Institute of Culinary Education**  
**50 W 23<sup>rd</sup> St, 6<sup>th</sup> floor lecture classrooms**

Culinary Historians of New York is thrilled to present an all-day symposium investigating American foodways during the Depression and World War II, inspired by the Works Project Administration's unfinished "America Eats" project. The mission of the project—abandoned at the outset of World War II—was to document local and regional foodways through extensive field research and interviews of participants at food events from church suppers and clambakes to barbecues and holiday meals. The luscious diversity of community meals, especially in rural enclaves, is served up in these typewritten documents that were relegated to scattered and forgotten archives when the project was abandoned that are only now being plumbed by scholars to help understand American food of the 1930s and '40s. Many of the documents have yet to be located, and the final session of the symposium will attempt to create an action plan for ferreting out still-hidden remnants of the America Eats project to preserve primary source materials for current and future food scholars.

**9:30-10:15:** Registration and coffee

**10:15-10:30:** Opening remarks

**10:30-12:30:** Panel discussion and Q & A by Elizabeth Alsop, Pat Willard, Charles Camp, and Anne Mendelson, all food scholars who have worked extensively with primary source America Eats documents

**12:30-1:30:** Buffet lunch of foods featured in the America Eats archives

**1:30-1:45:** Presentation of Amelia Award to internationally recognized food scholar Barbara Ketcham Wheaton

**1:45-3:30:** Panel discussion and Q & A by Amy Bentley, Annie Hauck-Lawson, Joanne Lamb Hayes, all scholars on American food of the Depression and WWII, moderated by Cara De Silva

**3:30-4:00:** Group discussion for finding and preserving hidden America Eats materials

**Questions? Please call 212 673 6905 or e-mail [cathykkaufman@verizon.net](mailto:cathykkaufman@verizon.net)**

To register: Please make checks payable to Culinary Historians of New York and mail to CHNY c/o Carolyn Vaughan, 150 East 93<sup>rd</sup> St., #10B, New York, NY 10128

***Registration for the symposium closes on April 14***

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