

CULINARY HISTORIANS OF NEW YORK

Annual Business Meeting and Program

Tuesday, September 13th

Join us for an author discussion:

A Revolution in Eating: How the Quest for Food Shaped America By James E. McWilliams

**Location: Mount Vernon Hotel Museum
421 East 61st Street**

**6:00 - Annual Business Meeting and
Refreshments**

7:00 Author Presentation



The ways Americans cultivated and prepared food and the values they attributed to it played an important role in shaping the identity of the newborn nation

While a mania for all things British was a unifying feature of eighteenth-century cuisine, victory in the American Revolution initiated a “culinary declaration of independence,” prompting the antimonarchical habits of simplicity, frugality, and frontier ruggedness to define American cuisine. .

Confronted by new animals, plants, and landscapes, settlers found new ways to produce food. Integrating their British and European tastes with the demands and bounty of the rugged American environment, early Americans developed a range of regional cuisines.

Author James E. McWilliams will speak about his research and describe his view on how the anti-British shift was not so much in new ingredients or cooking methods, as in the way Americans imbued food and cuisine with values that continue to shape American attitudes to this day.

(Columbia University Press)

Dr. McWilliams is an assistant professor of history at Texas State University—San Marcos. He earned his Ph.D. in history at Johns Hopkins University.

Coming up: October 27th - Clifford Wright presents *Some Like it Hot!: The World's Spiciest Cuisines*
November 17th - History and Effect of Restaurant Reviewing – Panel Presentation

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