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All right.

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So, this interview is going to be between

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Vanessa Castañeda and Alice Julier.

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Today is May 12th,

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2025,

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approximately around 4:00

in the afternoon.

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I am located in my office here
in North Carolina,

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and Alice is in her home in, Pittsburgh.

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And so we're going to go ahead
and get started.

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I'm very excited.

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I'm really looking forward to this.
Me, too.

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Yes. Thank you so much, Alice,
for agreeing to do this.

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So, the Association for the Study of Food
and Society was founded

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in 1985 to promote
the interdisciplinary study of food

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and society
as part of its 40th anniversary.

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We wanted to chronicle the history
of ASFS

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as an organization and reflect on its role
in the broader field of food studies.

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As part of this effort,

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we are conducting a series of video
interviews with esteemed individuals

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like yourself, Alice, to gather insights
about ASFS's past, present, and future.

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So again,
thank you so much for agreeing to do this.

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I'm really excited. I'm

looking forward to this.

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And so I guess I'll just start off
just you know, can you just talk

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a little bit about yourself?

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Where are you from? What did you study?

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You know, what are your interests?

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Anything you'd like to share?

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I'm. I'm at the.

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I guess I would say
the far end of my career at this point.

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I, I am a sociologist by training.

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I, actually have a degree in sociology
and art from Brandeis

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and then went,
I did a bunch of other things

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and then went and got my doctorate
at UMass Amherst,

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and, in sociology and then,

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taught at Smith College
for a number of years.

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And, eventually, came to Pittsburgh,
where I have been for the last 15 years.

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I was hired to create, a food studies

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program for a School of Sustainability
and the Environment.

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The they have a specific campus
that they acquired that is,

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has been, a living learning laboratory
with a farm

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and culinary spaces
and environmental science. So.

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And I have been in that role
as program director for 15 years.

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And then I also started a center called
the Center for Regional Agriculture,

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Food, and Transformation. CRAFT.
Which is, sort of a

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I don't
know, an applied wing of what we do.

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So, I've been doing that for a while.

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I my background, my interests.

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I actually my real my backpack is medical
sociology, feminist health.

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I kind of came into this as an activist

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00:03:19,560 --> 00:03:22,720
in reproductive justice.

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And,
did a lot of work on collectives and

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feminist health collaboratives.

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Both in my undergraduate and,
and my graduate. I,

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wrote a lot about the Boston Women's
Health Book Collective, which is the group

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that wrote Our Bodies Ourselves.

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And I interned with them, work with them,
and then did

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00:03:44,240 --> 00:03:49,520
my Masters at UMass
in that in, in feminist health,

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similar stuff
and then got really tired of it and

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well, particularly because of the theories
of social movements

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and social activism in the mid,
you know, 1990's were very theoretical.

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And then, you know,
the sort of action activist piece

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became very divorced from it.

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And so I ended up writing a dissertation
about food, about

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who people eat with and,
and really thinking about.

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00:04:18,480 --> 00:04:22,440
And this has been my interest ever since,

which is the political

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economy of everyday life
that I'm really interested in how,

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differences,

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commonalities, you know,
sort of play out in realms

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that are outside of
but connected to family and work.

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And in particular, written

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about hospitality,
mostly domestic hospitality.

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And then

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sort of looking at family in that.

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Right, looking at other kinds
of social relations.

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I'm really interested in questions of,
you know, kind of the intersectionality

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of is particularly around around race

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and gender in those areas.

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And since then

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I have actually written
a lot about food studies because I've

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started a program and I've helped

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other people start programs,
and I've taught in programs.

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And so,

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really thinking about kind of

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and actually very connected to my history
with ASFS, really thinking about

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how is it
that, the way we think about food

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could more centrally emphasize,

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questions of inequality in that regard.

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And to me, to me, really,
really, really concerned with that.

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So, that's something
I've written about a lot.

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And now I'm about to

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I have co-edited
a book called Food and Culture: A Reader

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before, with a couple of anthropologists
who might be among the interviewees.

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And now I'm working on it with,

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two really
phenomenal colleagues and scholars,

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Ashanté Reese and Hi'ilei Hobart.

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00:06:07,320 --> 00:06:09,960

Right. So, we are
we are working on that together.

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00:06:09,960 --> 00:06:13,200

And that, to me
is a really exciting thing, like

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00:06:13,200 --> 00:06:17,240

how it's so relevant to this,

how can we sort of blow up what this

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00:06:17,240 --> 00:06:20,240

has looked like

and then reconfigure it in a new way?

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Yeah.

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00:06:21,840 --> 00:06:24,480

So that's, that's kind of where I'm at.

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Well, that is very exciting.

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I can't wait for this new edition
to come out.

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Me too

I've

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Yeah, I've, I've obviously read
previous editions, but this is so

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I had no idea that you were editing
this with,

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Ashanté Reese, whose work I really admire.

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So this. Yeah. Amazing.

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I just wanted to ask a little bit about,

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00:06:44,080 --> 00:06:47,160

you know,
you mentioned that you really studied

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a lot of kind
of medical feminist sociology,

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and you did a lot of work with these kinds
of activists, feminist groups.

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Were you having any conversations
or just any questions about food then,

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or was food, something that really became
this new endeavor for you?

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Yeah.

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Once you just got tired
of what you were doing.

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You know. It's it's a little bit of both.

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I think that there were some certainly,
certainly some biographical things

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that were happening for me,
at that time as a graduate student.

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But then also, there's this, there's

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this quote that there's
a very famous book came out at the time

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called The Black Women's Health Book,
and it's an edited volume that looks

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really, really begins to speak about Black
women's kind of relationship and place

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00:07:34,240 --> 00:07:37,520
in, in, in terms
of the mainstream medical system.

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00:07:37,520 --> 00:07:39,720
And in one of the pieces,

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00:07:40,680 --> 00:07:42,520
the author is,

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she's a practitioner and she's talks
about how she is going into,

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black communities and meeting with women
to talk about, you know,

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00:07:50,760 --> 00:07:53,800
like kind of community health around,
you know, issues

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00:07:53,800 --> 00:07:57,400
that are sort of specific health issues
and risks for Black women.

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And then one of the women is quoted as saying, you know, I know all these things.

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I know what to do for my hypertension.

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I know what to do for diabetes.

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But until you can offer me something else, you know, I'm I'm going to sit down.

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I'm going to cook myself up a pot of food.

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And until you come up with something better that actually works for me

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and fits in my life.

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And that was so profound, to me.

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Because because of how much that actually,

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I think really speaks to

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the heart of what I think feminist kind of collective taking sovereignty,

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taking ownership over your
your health and health care

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00:08:35,640 --> 00:08:38,240
and in particular,

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00:08:38,240 --> 00:08:41,120
I think around, emergent

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00:08:41,120 --> 00:08:44,880
and historical perspectives
on Black, Black women and self care.

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00:08:46,440 --> 00:08:48,320
And so that that was a big thing.

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00:08:48,320 --> 00:08:51,320
And that that got me thinking.

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00:08:51,600 --> 00:08:52,880
Excuse me.

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00:08:52,880 --> 00:08:55,520
And then there just have been a bunch

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00:08:55,520 --> 00:08:58,520
of different things,
you know, one, as we were unionizing,

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graduate students at UMass at the time

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and, there's nothing like unionizing
to make

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bring people together around, you know,

I don't know, potlucks, dinner parties.

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Right. Like,
like social organizing around food.

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And there were lots of conversations
and debates, particularly

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because I was in a mostly LGBTQ
community organizing.

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And so, you know, we had a lot of fights
about what what were the best ways

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to get together and eat.

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And then I also,

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used to go watch my,

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my now spouse, play pickup basketball.

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And he was often,

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the only white player
in a, in a Black space.

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And, and they had these parties

afterwards a lot that were like, oh,

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after the old versus new young,
you'd have a barbecue.

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And and to me, food was my entry point
into being part

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of that community,
being part of that participating in it.

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And so I was actually mostly fascinated
with the informality of pickup

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basketball and like how you can fit in
and how you couldn't.

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And then, you know, what did that mean?

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And so it kind of these three things just

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and the fact that, like,
I did not realize how food obsessed,

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the people in my life and like, later
I was like, oh, I grow stuff too. Like you know

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what I mean, so like,

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it was all those pieces kind of,
kind of led me in a particular direction.

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So and it

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00:10:28,600 --> 00:10:33,120
and to me, it's been amazing that,
of course, now you can't think about food

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00:10:33,120 --> 00:10:37,080
without thinking about social movements,
you know, and you can't you, you know,

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00:10:37,080 --> 00:10:41,800
the amount of work and knowledge
and kind of history that we have around

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00:10:41,840 --> 00:10:45,480
in particular,
you know, Black Americans participation

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00:10:45,480 --> 00:10:48,480
in the construction of the
cuisine, the culture.

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So, it's kind of like
it's like a funny go around for me,

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00:10:52,520 --> 00:10:55,680
like things that I cared about
in this really weird, nascent way.

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00:10:57,640 --> 00:11:00,640
And I have to say, the other thing
that happened is,

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I was wandering around in a building
at UMass.

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I taught in the writing program
for a long time, even though I was in

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sociology, and there was
this woman named Arlene Avakian, who,

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worked in, in the Gender and Women's
Studies program,

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and she stopped me one day, and I was
a little intimidated by her, to be honest.

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And, and she said,
I hear you're working on food.

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She said, I'm writing a book,
and everyone's telling you

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know disparaging it,
that it's a cookbook. And

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and Arlene was this big

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The first person I ever knew
who taught about whiteness.

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You know, she really kind of this amazing

critical scholar.

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And so, I don't know,
we started hanging out together

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when we were both working on these things.

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00:11:40,880 --> 00:11:44,800

And, she has been my mentor and my,

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00:11:46,440 --> 00:11:50,160

academic parent and heart ever since.

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00:11:50,160 --> 00:11:55,080

And her work really, you know, kind of
carried me into this space. So

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Yeah.

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00:11:57,440 --> 00:11:59,080

Wow. Well, that's so beautiful.

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00:11:59,080 --> 00:12:04,360

Especially just kind of sharing
about your own, experience with mentorship

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and the way that, like, all of this
has coalesced in the intellectual

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part of your life
and the very personal and the very social.

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So, yeah, thank you for all of that.

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And just thinking
about kind of food studies more broadly,

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you mentioned that, pardon me
that you were hired at Chatham.

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Is that how you pronounce it?
Yeah.

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To start a food studies program.

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So, you know what was that like? And.

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Yeah.

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How do you

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also kind of define or see food
studies, as a field?

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And I would say that like,
so that was 2009

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when I, when I was hired,
and I would say up until that point,

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I really called myself like a sociologist

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who also taught about food.

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Right. And,

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and I really did

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not see food studies as a thing.

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I was invested in other things
that I would call a field.

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00:13:04,320 --> 00:13:04,600
Right.

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00:13:04,600 --> 00:13:08,920
These, these, you know, not disciplines,
but fields like gender studies.

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And so
that was meaningful and interesting to me.

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But I, you know, but it's like it was hard
for me to claim it, right?

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As, like as, like my identity,
especially because,

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I was trained as a sociologist

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through a lot of interdisciplinary
perspectives,

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like my training as a sociologist, even
even after

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I got to a very rigid quantitative
graduate program,

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was very much spent in history classrooms.

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And as I said,
I was a writing specialist and teacher.

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And so, like,
you know, my and the people at Brandeis,

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they were like, read this novel, you know,
I mean, so,

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you know, so, so I wasn't quite ready

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00:13:50,400 --> 00:13:53,400
to claim this field,

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and, and to be fair,
most of the people who had kind

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of nurtured me

into ASFS were sociologists as well.

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And so there was a sort of

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bias unspoken kind of,

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shared perspective. But,

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at the time

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00:14:13,520 --> 00:14:17,440

I was hired at Chatham

and I was also at the same time,

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I was a finalist for the gastronomy
director

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at BU.

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And, and I kind of desperately
wanted to go back to New England, too.

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So, it was like

it was really leaning in that direction.

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But I walked around the,
the farm, the campus that we have

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and like was such a such

a gorgeous opportunity, right.

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You know, I mean, for someone to give me
this opportunity to build a thing.

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And so, honest to God,
I went, I went to ASFS,

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to the meeting that year.

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Because I had like six months
to develop the program,

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and I started following around
all my friends in the Ag Food

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and Human Value side,
like the food systems people.

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00:15:00,920 --> 00:15:02,760

And I'm like, what are food systems like?

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What are they like? How do you teach them?
What is this?

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You know,
I just sort of like started pestering them,

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you know, Gil Gillespie put up with me.

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He's real sweet and wonderful.

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00:15:10,760 --> 00:15:12,080
And he and I actually ended up writing

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00:15:12,080 --> 00:15:15,960
this conversational article
together about what food systems are,

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00:15:17,280 --> 00:15:19,560
because he also was a rural sociologist,

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00:15:19,560 --> 00:15:22,560
but he came at it in really interesting
ways. And,

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00:15:24,920 --> 00:15:27,080
and so, you know,
I've been hanging around these people

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00:15:27,080 --> 00:15:30,200
for quite a while already, but I was like,
oh, I don't really, you know, like,

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00:15:30,480 --> 00:15:34,680
if I'm going to build a program,
I want it to, to encompass these parts.

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00:15:34,680 --> 00:15:38,280
I want to bridge the divide
between production and consumption.

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00:15:38,280 --> 00:15:42,800
I want us to think about agriculture
and food in the same conversation.

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00:15:43,640 --> 00:15:47,680
And that really wasn't happening
in these academic spaces.

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And, and at as much as it is now, I think
and there's still those divides.

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But so, I followed these guys around.

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I took lots of notes.

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I pestered them
through this whole conference.

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And then I traveled around a little bit
and looked at different places

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and programs.

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I went to some land grants
like Michigan State,

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and I went to some smaller schools
that like, Berea,

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College of the Atlantic, just to see what
different people were doing.

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And, and really thinking about the fact

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that we had this opportunity that we had

we had a farm space

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and we had a kitchen space,
and we had this overarching idea.

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And so I didn't want to call it
food systems because I felt like,

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honestly,
the place where that bottom drops out

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when you do that is around the humanities.

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And so to, to like to like try

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and almost embrace and own that piece
as much as possible.

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I felt like the sciences
would either fit or not fit.

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But to make it, you know,
the social sciences is the bridging

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sort of framing and conceptual.

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But these others, these others
as part of it.

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And I had I had watched, right
about the same time I had watched Jeff Sobal

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who, passed away recently, but

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was the person who brought me into ASFS.

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And Jeff did a,

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he did a Feast and Famine

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session at NYU, which was these like they

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I think they still hold them,
but they would just invite somebody

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00:17:19,280 --> 00:17:21,640
in to come talk,
and everybody would sit around

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00:17:21,640 --> 00:17:24,640
and have these discussions
and Jeff did this.

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He did this, blackboard map

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00:17:27,720 --> 00:17:30,920
of what food studies covered
and what it didn't.

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And, and really that
that was an instructive thing

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00:17:34,800 --> 00:17:37,800
for me because,

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he, he made this point

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that certain sciences were just, like,
really hard to integrate and like,

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00:17:44,600 --> 00:17:47,600
like at the point at that point,
food science,

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00:17:48,040 --> 00:17:51,800
you know, some, some types of agricultural
science, like they just weren't

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quite right in there. Nutrition was,
but they weren't quite in there.

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00:17:55,680 --> 00:17:58,680
And so that was interesting to me.

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00:17:59,440 --> 00:18:01,560
Although, I do feel like Jeff

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00:18:01,560 --> 00:18:05,960
also being a sociologist,
you know, his biases were that direction.

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Right. And so, anyway,

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I just drew upon that stuff.

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And then there were some preexisting folks
at Chatham

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who had some specialties.

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There was a, a really there was an
eco-feminist Shakespeare professor.

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There was,

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a theater professor who was actually
a beekeeper and was studying agro-ecology.

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And so we, we just and a crop scientist
who also, like, had

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sort of a writing background.

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She was sort of a, a Rachel Carson
Nancy gift and,

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and, and we just
we just built it up around that

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and around the space that we had,

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in fact,

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the university, raised like,
millions of dollars

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to build a sustainability campus around
what existed out there.

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And while they were building it,
we hosted ASFS,

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and I think it was I think it was 2015.

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I can't actually remember what year
it was,

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but and so like none of the big building,

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the fancy buildings were built yet,
it was just like barns and this gorgeous,

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fieldstone building.

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That's where our offices are.

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And so we hosted it on the main campus
and then had the banquet our

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at Eaton Hall is the name of it.

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And, and to me, that was a great like,

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this is how we do it.

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These are the people who helped us
think about how to do it.

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And here, here we are hosting.

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So it was a it was a really nice
kind of merging moment for us.

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Well,

I'm glad that you now claim food studies.

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Well I keep

I keep writing critical articles about it.

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John Deutsch and I did a session last year
about whether or not there should

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be a manifesto or whether it should go
away, you know, and

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there's no answer.

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Well, yeah,
I wanted to maybe kind of follow up

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or elaborate
a little bit on what you mentioned when,

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Jeff Sobal is that his name.

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When he
Jeff Sobal yeah.

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When he kind of created this mind map
about food studies and kind of which

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sciences cover aspects of food sciences,
of food studies and which don't.

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And I'm just curious to know,
if you think that the way

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that he kind of conceptualize
this still exists today or,

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if there have been some changes or,
and also like any of the kinds

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of critical, points
that you have been raising,

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when writing about food studies,

particularly like just thinking about

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like how like which sciences are seen
as, yeah, legitimate

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and therefore how do they or don't
they fit within the field of food studies?

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Yeah.

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00:20:44,520 --> 00:20:48,440

I mean, I think,
I think food science is always going to be

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the complicated,
you know, the complicated relationship.

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Right. Because,

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they are so industry

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focused and research focused and, and

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and so like finding people who do what
I would say, you know, like a critical

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food science is a is a it's
I don't I don't know anyone who does that.

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Charlotte Biltekoff

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She sits at this really beautiful
and difficult intersection

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at UC Davis.

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Between she has a joint

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appointment
between food science and American studies

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and the food science
and her having to learn to walk that

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that line
between those two spaces and succeed.

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And what to right and what people value.

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You know,

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00:21:35,920 --> 00:21:39,560

there are a lot of lessons to be learned
from her experience that I am.

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I have yet I've yet to process,
you know, for us, I think,

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I think that

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because so the way that we make it work

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in, in our version of food

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studies is we embed many things

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into an interdisciplinary class

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rather than rather than saying,
you know, here's,

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here's a discipline and this is how far
you have to get in it to be to be

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It's like, it's like, I want the breadth.

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Right?

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Especially especially

I think, in, in either program, like

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if people want more depth and one of them
will find pathways for them.

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But the breadth is the is the critical.

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I think I think perspective.

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Right?

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Can you, can you get breadth? So,

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a good example of that

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would be in the undergraduate program
that we have,

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we have a food science class,
but we did not make them take chemistry.

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And now we do like now
we have a chemistry class.

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And it's the same professor
because I think I think it's a it's a

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so many of the students
are really interested in kind

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of what I would call sustainable product
development.

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Right?

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00:22:50,280 --> 00:22:54,200
And it's similar
I think if you look at what Jon Deutsch

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and Rachel Schwartz
are doing at Drexel in the food lab, like,

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that's a perfect another example
of it where they are really

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00:23:01,680 --> 00:23:03,240
they're situated in a department.

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00:23:03,240 --> 00:23:06,000
I think that is nursing,
like the school is nursing.

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00:23:06,000 --> 00:23:08,600
And so they're working
with medical professionals a lot.

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00:23:08,600 --> 00:23:11,120
And the things that they do
in the food lab

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00:23:11,120 --> 00:23:14,720
and that and the rise of food as medicine
and as kind of

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00:23:14,720 --> 00:23:19,240
a, you know, I think a nascent
but also highly funded category.

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00:23:19,240 --> 00:23:19,920
Right?

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00:23:19,920 --> 00:23:24,240

You can't ignore the fact
that that's become a way of thinking.

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00:23:24,240 --> 00:23:26,720
And so,

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I think, I think those are fields

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00:23:28,480 --> 00:23:31,800
we need to pay very close attention to.

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00:23:32,080 --> 00:23:35,640
I think on the agricultural side,
which is less of what ASFS does

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but still of interest
and in, I think part of

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00:23:38,640 --> 00:23:41,640
food studies,

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00:23:41,800 --> 00:23:42,800
agroecology

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really helps cover some of the science.

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You know, they're getting soil ecology

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or soil science,
but the fact that there is this,

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00:23:50,200 --> 00:23:53,240
this kind of more embracing label,

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00:23:53,600 --> 00:23:57,840
right, allows people to do different kinds
of science within there and and,

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00:23:57,840 --> 00:24:01,720
and frankly,
include understanding the social justice

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00:24:01,720 --> 00:24:04,920
like I'm very appreciative that they also
you know, that's what I mean.

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00:24:04,920 --> 00:24:07,800
Like we just kind of want to embed it
in lots of different things.

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00:24:08,960 --> 00:24:11,960
So I think, I think the

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00:24:12,440 --> 00:24:15,840
I had this conversation with the folks
at University of Vermont that like,

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they have this incredible
medical school sitting right there, like,

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how can you bring these people
and their knowledge

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00:24:22,840 --> 00:24:26,560
and the skills into the into the questions
we're asking?

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00:24:26,560 --> 00:24:29,320
Right?

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00:24:29,320 --> 00:24:32,200

I don't have a good answer.

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I think that was a great answer.

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Yeah.

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00:24:34,920 --> 00:24:37,120

I mean, I think it's a question, right?

It's like what?

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00:24:37,120 --> 00:24:38,320

You know, what should we do?

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00:24:38,320 --> 00:24:41,160

Who should we become?

Yeah.

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00:24:41,160 --> 00:24:44,160

And I think I think food is

medicine is like,

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00:24:44,400 --> 00:24:46,160

someone's got to keep an eye on that.

You know?

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00:24:46,160 --> 00:24:48,960

Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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00:24:48,960 --> 00:24:50,880

And I think, you know,

it's really important to think

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about the aspects

that you were just talking about.

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And also kind of like some of the critical
social questions that you kind of deal

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with within your own work,

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you know, thinking
about the cultural aspects of food.

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I think that's, I think that is now
seen as something that's

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00:25:06,160 --> 00:25:09,160
more legitimate,
like more legitimate research.

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But yeah,
I love, like, the breadth of food studies.

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And I love the richness
of collaborative opportunities

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00:25:17,520 --> 00:25:20,920
and food studies in that generative
knowledge that can be produced.

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That, that.

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00:25:22,680 --> 00:25:25,000
Thank you.

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And so maybe also just transitioning
a little bit about a little bit

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more specifically about ASFS,
you did mention,

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I believe you said Jeff Sobal
is the one who kind of.

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Yeah.
Who brought you

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00:25:38,520 --> 00:25:39,920
Yeah.
Please share.

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So
How did you hear about ASFS?

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How did he bring you in?

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I. I,

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I as I kind of alluded to before,
I've always had this sort of love

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00:25:48,200 --> 00:25:49,920
hate relationship with my discipline.

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You know, like, I,

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00:25:51,240 --> 00:25:55,200
I really love how I was trained as
a sociologist by the people at Brandeis.

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They're critical thinkers.

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00:25:57,560 --> 00:26:01,920

And, but it's also,
you know, it's this nasty big discipline

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00:26:01,920 --> 00:26:05,840

with, you know, with a lot of,
I don't know, and so regardless

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So, I took a whole bunch of my grad
colleagues and we did a roundtable

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at American Sociology Association,
which is always in August, always

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someplace hot, always on my birthday
and the year this year, it was 1995.

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I was I was like seven months pregnant

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and it was in DC,
and I was hot and cranky and like,

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00:26:27,960 --> 00:26:32,920

we did this roundtable and,
with people presenting their work.

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And the discussant was just

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nasty, like she was just, you know,
sometimes people are like,

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they just want to critique
for the sake of critiquing.

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And it's not really
it's not really beneficial or useful.

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And so, you know, I don't know,
we got through the we got through the,

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00:26:49,920 --> 00:26:53,720
the roundtable and this very nice man
who was sitting on the outside,

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00:26:53,720 --> 00:26:58,960
he comes up to me and, you know, this is
this is pre pre, you know Instagram.

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00:26:58,960 --> 00:26:59,240
Right?

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00:26:59,240 --> 00:27:02,520
So, he hands me a piece of paper
and he's like you know,

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00:27:02,520 --> 00:27:05,520
I'm part of this group of sociologists
and nutritionists,

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00:27:05,520 --> 00:27:08,160
And we have a conference
and it's about food.

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00:27:08,160 --> 00:27:10,000
And I see that

that's what you're working on.

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00:27:10,000 --> 00:27:13,600

And you should come because
like these folks like they're really great

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00:27:13,600 --> 00:27:17,040

and they're generative and they're nice
and like, you'll you'll have a great time.

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00:27:17,040 --> 00:27:18,480

And I was like, okay.

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00:27:18,480 --> 00:27:21,440

And I stuffed it in my bag
and I waddled away,

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00:27:21,440 --> 00:27:24,680

you know, down the street in DC
and went home and had a baby.

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00:27:24,680 --> 00:27:26,400

And, you know,

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00:27:26,400 --> 00:27:30,360

all the things that come with that
with your brain for, for, for two years.

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00:27:32,160 --> 00:27:35,160

And, and I

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00:27:35,520 --> 00:27:38,520

while I was still working
on my dissertation, I also was hired,

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00:27:39,600 --> 00:27:42,440

as a non tenured faculty at Smith.

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00:27:42,440 --> 00:27:45,680

And so I was just about to start that,
that job,

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00:27:46,320 --> 00:27:49,000
and I was like, oh, God,
I got to get back to work on this stuff.

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00:27:49,000 --> 00:27:50,120
Like, I should present.

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00:27:50,120 --> 00:27:53,120
I should talk about it. And,

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00:27:53,320 --> 00:27:58,440
and so I found that piece of paper
in my backpack and,

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00:27:59,000 --> 00:28:04,200
and went to the first conference,
which was in that I, in 1997.

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00:28:04,200 --> 00:28:09,400
It was in Madison, Wisconsin,
and I had not left the baby before.

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00:28:09,400 --> 00:28:12,960
And so it was like, you know, I'm
traveling, trying to figure out

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00:28:12,960 --> 00:28:15,960
how not to, like, leak breast
milk everywhere

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00:28:15,960 --> 00:28:18,960
and traveling, like going, like,
I don't even know where I'm going.

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00:28:18,960 --> 00:28:23,680
And then I see, this woman in Birkenstocks
getting on a plane, and I'm like,

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00:28:23,680 --> 00:28:26,040

those are my I bet those are my people.

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00:28:26,040 --> 00:28:31,560

And so sure enough,

I got to Madison and didn't know a soul.

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00:28:33,560 --> 00:28:34,960

And then Jeff Sobal saw me

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00:28:34,960 --> 00:28:38,120

and swooped me up and introduced me to,

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00:28:39,600 --> 00:28:40,920

tons of people.

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00:28:40,920 --> 00:28:43,760

Like, lots and lots of people.

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00:28:43,760 --> 00:28:46,560

And and I want to talk, if you don't mind.

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00:28:46,560 --> 00:28:50,120

I want to talk about that conference
a little bit, because it was this sort of

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00:28:50,800 --> 00:28:54,840

strange and eye opening space for me in 1997.
Yes, please do.

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00:28:54,880 --> 00:28:57,640

And yeah, so

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00:28:57,640 --> 00:29:00,720

I was on

I think that the piece of my dissertation

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00:29:00,800 --> 00:29:05,400
that I was presenting was about men
and food and about men who cook

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00:29:05,400 --> 00:29:09,840
and don't cook and why they do, especially
in households, you know, not so much.

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00:29:09,840 --> 00:29:11,600
And it built off Marjorie DeVault's
work,

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00:29:11,600 --> 00:29:13,160
who was on my dissertation committee.

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00:29:13,160 --> 00:29:16,440
And anyway, so I'm on this panel,
and there was this one man

526
00:29:16,440 --> 00:29:20,160
who, like, discovered feminism and,
you know, so it was his talk.

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00:29:20,320 --> 00:29:22,680
And then I only the other talk
wasn't even about gender.

528
00:29:22,680 --> 00:29:24,840
I don't know what it was about,
but I'm sitting there,

529
00:29:24,840 --> 00:29:28,520
you know, used to the sociology folks
and trying to be formal and presenting.

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00:29:28,520 --> 00:29:31,000
And there was this woman sitting
in the back, and she had on,

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00:29:32,960 --> 00:29:34,080

like 28

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00:29:34,080 --> 00:29:37,480

jingly ankle bracelets,
and they were just, like, jingling.

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00:29:37,480 --> 00:29:38,840

And she was knitting, I think.

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00:29:38,840 --> 00:29:42,240

And I was like sitting there going like,
oh my God, I'm going to swear.

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00:29:42,240 --> 00:29:44,760

What the fuck is this? Like, what is this?

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00:29:44,760 --> 00:29:47,480

And so I get done

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00:29:47,480 --> 00:29:50,080

and with the and the panels over

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00:29:50,080 --> 00:29:53,400

and people come up
and are talking to me and this, this woman

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00:29:53,880 --> 00:29:57,520

that I hadn't noticed before, tall women with like
the thickest Queens accent.

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00:29:58,040 --> 00:29:59,840

Her name is Jackie Newman.

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00:29:59,840 --> 00:30:01,520

And she was one of the founders of ASFS.

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00:30:01,520 --> 00:30:03,760

She comes up to me
and she hands me a pamphlet.

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00:30:03,760 --> 00:30:04,560

She goes, well,

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00:30:04,560 --> 00:30:08,040

I don't agree with anything you said,
but you should join our association.

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00:30:08,200 --> 00:30:11,840

And she started critiquing me,
and the woman with the ankle bracelets

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00:30:12,200 --> 00:30:15,880

comes up and like,
almost like kind of kind of shoos her off,

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00:30:15,920 --> 00:30:17,800

like, do you know what I mean? She's like,
oh no, this is great.

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00:30:17,800 --> 00:30:19,000

You know, like basically.

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00:30:19,000 --> 00:30:21,920

And it was
this woman named Netta Davis who has been,

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00:30:23,520 --> 00:30:27,120

a really
wonderful friend and colleague and,

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00:30:28,320 --> 00:30:31,920

you know, also had had a baby,
not like a couple of months before mine.

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00:30:31,920 --> 00:30:35,120

And so we got to sit and commiserate
about, like, what it means to leave your,

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00:30:35,560 --> 00:30:38,560
you know, little one
when you're still nursing and,

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00:30:40,000 --> 00:30:43,880
and, and that to me really epitomize
like what it was like to be there.

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00:30:43,880 --> 00:30:46,480
And they were two keynote speakers.

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00:30:46,480 --> 00:30:49,480
And this woman, Jackie Newman, got up

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00:30:50,040 --> 00:30:53,400
and she presented what I could
only at the time thought it was like

558
00:30:53,400 --> 00:30:57,440
her slideshow about her trip to China
and about Chinese food.

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00:30:57,720 --> 00:31:03,160
And at first I was like, what is like
I was I just had no context for it.

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00:31:03,160 --> 00:31:03,760
Do you know what I mean?

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00:31:03,760 --> 00:31:06,720
Like, I had no context for like like

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00:31:08,200 --> 00:31:09,200
what we now take

563
00:31:09,200 --> 00:31:12,840
so seriously as culture,
like the things that Jackie documented.

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00:31:13,200 --> 00:31:17,680
Her collection of books
and materials is at SUNY Stony Brook.

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00:31:17,680 --> 00:31:20,720
It's an unbelievable collection, materials
that she collected

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00:31:20,720 --> 00:31:24,360
as a nutritionist
and dietitian in New York.

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00:31:24,960 --> 00:31:28,520
At the time, I'm just like, oh, God, this
this woman is just talking about,

568
00:31:28,520 --> 00:31:30,880
like, noodles, you know, like, I didn't,
you know what I mean?

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00:31:30,880 --> 00:31:33,120
Like, I couldn't I had no context for it.

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00:31:33,120 --> 00:31:33,960
Right.

571
00:31:33,960 --> 00:31:37,320
And then for Ag Food and Human Values,
Harriet Friedmann,

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00:31:38,560 --> 00:31:41,560
World Systems goddess,

573
00:31:41,880 --> 00:31:44,880
who I didn't know really at the time.

574
00:31:45,080 --> 00:31:47,240
And I don't know if you know, but,
you know, Harriet is about

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00:31:47,240 --> 00:31:51,000
five feet tall,
and so she gets up and she does this talk.

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00:31:51,000 --> 00:31:53,800
And the name of the talk
is vegetable consciousness.

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00:31:53,800 --> 00:31:56,360
And so I'm thinking it's going to be world
systems theory.

578
00:31:56,360 --> 00:32:00,320
And she gets up and start talking about
I don't even remember what it was about,

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00:32:00,480 --> 00:32:04,080
but I was like
it was very philosophical and, and

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00:32:05,200 --> 00:32:07,520
I don't know,

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00:32:07,520 --> 00:32:10,640
at that point in my career, like,
it was kind of hard to blow my mind,

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00:32:10,680 --> 00:32:13,680
but this place was like,
what are these people like?

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00:32:13,800 --> 00:32:17,320
And and they were all of these
senior scholars,

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00:32:17,320 --> 00:32:21,000
you know, Warren Belasco,
Carole Counihan, Jan Poppendieck

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00:32:21,000 --> 00:32:23,280
And like,

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00:32:23,280 --> 00:32:26,760
I'm missing some people, but they just
I don't know how to say this,

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00:32:26,760 --> 00:32:30,440
but they, like they were kind
and they welcomed

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00:32:30,440 --> 00:32:34,120
graduate students into their world
in their fold with no judgment

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00:32:34,600 --> 00:32:38,960
and only enthusiasm and only like,
oh my gosh, you're working on this.

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00:32:38,960 --> 00:32:40,600
You should read this
and this would be cool.

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00:32:40,600 --> 00:32:43,200
And let me introduce you to this person.
Like it

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00:32:43,200 --> 00:32:47,080
the hierarchical distinctions
and all that kind of competition

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00:32:47,080 --> 00:32:52,000
that is built into many,
many academic lives was just not there.

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00:32:52,680 --> 00:32:54,520
In fact, I went to

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00:32:55,480 --> 00:32:58,000
an author meets critics

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00:32:58,000 --> 00:33:01,480

session for a book
that Alex MacIntosh had just come out,

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00:33:01,480 --> 00:33:04,840

and I had just reviewed
this book myself for a journal,

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00:33:04,840 --> 00:33:09,480

and I was a little savage,
because that is who we were taught to be.

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00:33:09,960 --> 00:33:11,880

Right? And,

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00:33:11,880 --> 00:33:14,680

and this panel was like much more like,

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00:33:14,680 --> 00:33:17,720

oh, Alex,
you wrote this book and it's so cool.

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00:33:17,720 --> 00:33:18,520

And it does this.

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00:33:18,520 --> 00:33:21,520

And and I was just like,
who are these people?

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00:33:24,600 --> 00:33:26,640

And I really loved it,

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00:33:26,640 --> 00:33:29,640

but I went back to Amherst

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00:33:29,880 --> 00:33:34,320

and I taught and I ran to Arlene,
and I was like, these people are so weird,

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00:33:34,320 --> 00:33:38,560
and they're so interesting and like,
you know, and and,

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00:33:40,600 --> 00:33:42,040
and you have to come with me

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00:33:42,040 --> 00:33:45,040
next time because

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00:33:45,040 --> 00:33:48,000
there's not a like,
my panel was the only panel on

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00:33:48,000 --> 00:33:51,520
gender, like, how are we talking about
food and not talking about gender?

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00:33:51,960 --> 00:33:57,080
And there was nothing
zero zippo explicitly about race.

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00:33:58,040 --> 00:33:59,400
You know, there was Stephen.

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00:33:59,400 --> 00:34:03,800
And the way in which people were talking
about what I would call socioeconomic,

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00:34:03,840 --> 00:34:08,520
you know, class, right, was really through
the lens of hunger, anti-hunger,

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00:34:08,920 --> 00:34:12,520
food access, food sovereignty,
you know, kind of Jan Jan's work.

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00:34:13,560 --> 00:34:16,560

And I was like, you know,
I just think there's a lot more here,

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00:34:17,160 --> 00:34:18,880
but I don't know, like, come with me.

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00:34:18,880 --> 00:34:23,120
And so Arlene came with me
the next year to San Francisco and,

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00:34:24,520 --> 00:34:27,120
and there we met
some people who were not

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00:34:27,120 --> 00:34:30,080
I don't know, it goes on like,
it just it keeps unfolding.

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00:34:30,080 --> 00:34:35,040
But that was my
that's been my thematic issue since 1998.

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00:34:35,040 --> 00:34:35,360
Right.

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00:34:35,360 --> 00:34:36,120
Like, okay,

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00:34:36,120 --> 00:34:39,200
how are we talking about these things
that are really, really central to me,

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00:34:40,360 --> 00:34:43,360
and to me seem absolute

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00:34:43,880 --> 00:34:45,360
sort of

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00:34:45,360 --> 00:34:48,200

you just can't talk about food
without them, right?

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00:34:48,200 --> 00:34:49,560
You can't. It's culture.

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00:34:49,560 --> 00:34:52,520
But it's like it's
these categories that we make.

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00:34:52,520 --> 00:34:55,440
And so,

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00:34:55,440 --> 00:34:58,160
it's always
been the noise that I want to make

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00:34:58,160 --> 00:35:01,160
when I'm, when I go to a conference,
you know.

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00:35:02,520 --> 00:35:04,800
Well, thank you for sharing.

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00:35:04,800 --> 00:35:07,800
That vignette
or that anecdote or that story.

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00:35:08,600 --> 00:35:13,120
I, I love how you mentioned that,
you know, arriving to ASFS

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00:35:13,440 --> 00:35:18,000
for the very first time, you saw that
scholars and senior scholars can be just

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00:35:18,000 --> 00:35:23,000
kind and generous, and supportive
and like, that kind of community

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00:35:23,200 --> 00:35:26,600

is not really the way that we are

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00:35:27,120 --> 00:35:30,080

kind of trained into academia.

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00:35:30,080 --> 00:35:34,920

You know, like you mentioned, where we are
trained to like, perform a level of like

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00:35:35,120 --> 00:35:40,320

ego, like criticism driven by ego
in order to show how brilliant we are.

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00:35:40,960 --> 00:35:43,720

But the fact that you
have brilliant people, just,

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00:35:44,680 --> 00:35:46,200

speaking with generosity and

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00:35:46,200 --> 00:35:49,880

also raising critiques,
but doing it in a way that's good faith.

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00:35:50,360 --> 00:35:53,400

And I think that's like,
that's such a valuable,

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00:35:54,640 --> 00:35:57,680

communal unity and space to have
and to be a part of.

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00:35:58,440 --> 00:36:02,280

And so it's great that that was kind of
like your first introduction to ASFS.

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00:36:02,280 --> 00:36:05,360

Yes. And I feel like that's

what I've also experienced.

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00:36:05,520 --> 00:36:09,320

I'm, I'm pretty new to ASFS,
but that's what I've experienced as well.

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00:36:09,640 --> 00:36:11,600

I'm really glad to hear that actually.

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00:36:11,600 --> 00:36:17,080

You know, I mean, I know it's not I,
I think that I think that it struggles.

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00:36:17,080 --> 00:36:20,520

You know, I think the organization really,
really struggles to,

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00:36:21,040 --> 00:36:23,800

to remake itself in a way, you know,

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00:36:23,800 --> 00:36:26,880

that that understands especially,

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00:36:27,640 --> 00:36:31,160

I think, contemporary scholars
and contemporary scholarship and,

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00:36:32,880 --> 00:36:35,160

you know,

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00:36:35,160 --> 00:36:37,160

Psyche

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00:36:37,160 --> 00:36:39,280

Forson-Williams is a really good friend of mine.

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00:36:39,280 --> 00:36:41,640

In fact, I met her at the conference
in San Francisco.

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00:36:41,640 --> 00:36:46,040
I'm pretty sure that next year and,
you know, and we have always sort of stood

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00:36:46,040 --> 00:36:49,040
on this kind of place of going oh how,

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00:36:49,200 --> 00:36:52,400
how, how to get how to remake it.

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00:36:52,400 --> 00:36:56,320
And to me, to me, it's very much
about the newer and the younger scholars

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00:36:56,320 --> 00:37:00,080
like yourself
who, you know that if you make that space,

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00:37:00,720 --> 00:37:03,640
then then you remake the

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00:37:03,640 --> 00:37:06,320
the field or you open the field up right.

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00:37:06,320 --> 00:37:09,320
And I think it goes back to what
I was saying before about breadth

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00:37:09,360 --> 00:37:13,840
Like, you know, there's plenty of spaces
to get depth, there's plenty of spaces.

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00:37:14,400 --> 00:37:16,200
But to be able to talk to someone

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00:37:17,320 --> 00:37:20,040
from a completely different field
who looks at,

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00:37:20,040 --> 00:37:23,160

I mean, my my favorite example of that is,
is Meredith Abarca.

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00:37:24,400 --> 00:37:27,520

You know, Meredith is I mean, is is a

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00:37:27,520 --> 00:37:30,960

is a lit as a, you
know, comparative lit scholar, right?

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00:37:31,560 --> 00:37:35,000

Came to a session that we did one year
that was about oral

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00:37:35,000 --> 00:37:38,520

history, that we were using oral
histories of food and food voice

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00:37:39,080 --> 00:37:42,160

and, and, and at that time,
she was making these disclaimers.

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00:37:42,160 --> 00:37:44,120

You know, I'm not a social scientist,
so I'm like,

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00:37:44,120 --> 00:37:47,680

you are more of a methodologist
like than anyone I have ever met.

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00:37:47,680 --> 00:37:51,080

And you have a method
that is like one of the few

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00:37:51,080 --> 00:37:54,280

that's really specific to food studies.

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00:37:54,920 --> 00:37:56,720

Like it's really hard,
you know what I'm saying?

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00:37:56,720 --> 00:38:00,120

It's hard to say that a field has a
has specific methods.

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00:38:00,120 --> 00:38:04,640

But like if you look at charlas culinarias
and you look at the way she gets people

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00:38:04,640 --> 00:38:07,640

to talk and talk in the food voice

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00:38:07,680 --> 00:38:11,600

videos, it's it's a method that is unique.

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00:38:11,600 --> 00:38:12,720

Right? It's and

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00:38:13,800 --> 00:38:16,520

and hers and put her in a place

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00:38:16,520 --> 00:38:19,560

and in a space with social scientists

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00:38:19,560 --> 00:38:22,960

but not asserting dominance, as you said.

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00:38:22,960 --> 00:38:23,280

Right?

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00:38:23,280 --> 00:38:27,440

In terms of that is has been
is a really, really important space.

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00:38:27,800 --> 00:38:32,400

You know, like even if we can't say that,

you know, ASFS

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00:38:33,240 --> 00:38:37,320

covers, covers, everything, it should
or as well as welcoming as it should be,

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00:38:37,760 --> 00:38:41,680

there is a space in there for for people
to learn and develop

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00:38:41,960 --> 00:38:44,960

and share across those kinds of fields.

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00:38:44,960 --> 00:38:48,400

And that's been really crucial,
I have to say that

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00:38:49,200 --> 00:38:52,800

so, too early

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00:38:52,800 --> 00:38:56,440

on when I was, I was teaching at Smith,
but I was still a grad student.

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00:38:57,000 --> 00:38:59,560

Those those lovely,
those lovely senior scholars

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00:38:59,560 --> 00:39:03,240

suck me into being on the board
and they and

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00:39:03,480 --> 00:39:07,360

and so I was President of ASFS
when I was still a grad student.

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00:39:08,440 --> 00:39:08,760

Yeah.

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00:39:08,760 --> 00:39:12,240
Which is not not not something
I would recommend, but,

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00:39:14,040 --> 00:39:19,920
but it's a similar thing with,
I think, Ag Food and Human Values.

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00:39:19,920 --> 00:39:23,880
The idea that, like,
what they do is quote unquote different.

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00:39:23,880 --> 00:39:27,640
Like one of the things we really try to do
at that point was to say,

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00:39:27,640 --> 00:39:31,720
let's try not to make panels that are,
oh, that one's an Ag Food and Human Values

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00:39:31,720 --> 00:39:35,920
and that one's an ASFS,
you know, like, like because these topics,

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00:39:36,600 --> 00:39:40,760
they should be speaking to one another and
sometimes you couldn't do it, trust me.

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00:39:40,760 --> 00:39:43,680
Like sometimes
it's like this is a panel on aquaculture

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00:39:43,680 --> 00:39:46,680
and that is all it's going to be,
you know, or this is a panel on,

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00:39:47,000 --> 00:39:49,560
you know,
very specific cultural practices.

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00:39:49,560 --> 00:39:50,560
And that's all it's going to be.

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00:39:50,560 --> 00:39:53,760
But but more and more today,
I see it's harder

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00:39:53,760 --> 00:39:57,160
to look at the program and say,
that's the case.

717
00:39:57,600 --> 00:39:58,000
You know.

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00:39:59,040 --> 00:40:02,200
So and so kind of building off
what you just mentioned,

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00:40:02,200 --> 00:40:05,480
but also your earlier point
about when you first went to

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00:40:05,480 --> 00:40:08,480
the ASFS conference in 1998 or 97.

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00:40:09,120 --> 00:40:10,760
97. Yeah.

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00:40:10,760 --> 00:40:11,960
You mentioned that your panel

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00:40:11,960 --> 00:40:14,960
was the only one on gender
and there was no panel on race.

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00:40:15,720 --> 00:40:20,880
Since then, like,
how have you seen ASFS become more diverse?

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00:40:20,880 --> 00:40:24,360
Like think more critically,
about these issues,

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00:40:25,480 --> 00:40:26,480
be more inclusive.

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00:40:26,480 --> 00:40:27,840
Like, would you speak a little bit

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00:40:27,840 --> 00:40:30,840
about just kind of your experience
since 97 to now?

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00:40:31,040 --> 00:40:33,640
Yeah. I mean,

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00:40:33,640 --> 00:40:36,280
I think, I think,

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00:40:36,280 --> 00:40:39,840
I think for me it's about having,
you know, bringing people in that

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00:40:39,840 --> 00:40:43,840
there were people that for, you know,
in my own experience, in my own knowledge,

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00:40:44,360 --> 00:40:47,360
I wanted to do panels with
I wanted to do papers with,

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00:40:48,040 --> 00:40:53,040
I wanted to encourage them to come and,
and so at that point in my career,

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00:40:53,040 --> 00:40:57,360
that's very much,
you know, I mean, what what we focused on,

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00:40:59,520 --> 00:41:01,680
organizationally,

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00:41:01,680 --> 00:41:04,960
I think it was always really hard
because it was like the,

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00:41:05,400 --> 00:41:09,480
you know, organizations
and institutions have their own culture

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00:41:09,480 --> 00:41:13,840
and their own rules, even if you move
new people in and out and,

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00:41:15,360 --> 00:41:18,360
because it's so much run by volunteer,

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00:41:18,840 --> 00:41:21,320
you know, because,

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00:41:21,320 --> 00:41:24,680
you know, we relied so heavily
on volunteer unpaid labor

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00:41:24,680 --> 00:41:27,680
from NYU for so long,

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00:41:27,760 --> 00:41:30,800
that, it was hard to disrupt.

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00:41:31,320 --> 00:41:31,680
Right?

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00:41:31,680 --> 00:41:34,680
That hard to get hard to change it. And,

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00:41:38,560 --> 00:41:38,880

And I

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00:41:38,880 --> 00:41:42,960

so I, I don't know that I can speak
to the organization itself.

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00:41:42,960 --> 00:41:43,680

Do you know what I mean?

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00:41:43,680 --> 00:41:48,200

Like, I don't I don't I really don't
participate as much anymore.

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00:41:48,200 --> 00:41:51,200

I'm not a fellow anymore on the, on the,

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00:41:51,280 --> 00:41:54,360

I sort of at one point I was like,
I teach at a difficult institution.

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00:41:54,360 --> 00:41:54,920

I don't want to

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00:41:54,920 --> 00:41:57,240

I don't want to be on difficult boards,
you know? So.

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00:41:57,240 --> 00:42:00,240

So, I backed away
and they're not that difficult. But,

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00:42:01,720 --> 00:42:04,720

but the way
in which I feel like the openings happen

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00:42:04,720 --> 00:42:08,320

are, in fact, with these phenomenal
younger scholars,

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00:42:09,880 --> 00:42:12,880
you know, so, so my,

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00:42:13,440 --> 00:42:16,520
I don't know that the thing
that really opened my heart

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00:42:16,520 --> 00:42:20,760
the most in terms of ASFS was
we were in Syracuse

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00:42:20,760 --> 00:42:23,760
last year and Ashanté,

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00:42:24,520 --> 00:42:27,640
I think Hannah I think Hanna Garth was
I don't know if Hanna was there.

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00:42:27,640 --> 00:42:31,320
I think Hanna was there,
but like, like brought together

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00:42:31,440 --> 00:42:34,960
just these groups of young black scholars
in particular.

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00:42:35,400 --> 00:42:39,120
And, and and, you know, they weren't
they weren't like, engaged

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00:42:39,120 --> 00:42:41,040
in, like, how can we make ASFS better?

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00:42:41,040 --> 00:42:43,760
They were engaged in, like,
how can we help you?

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00:42:43,760 --> 00:42:45,640
How can we move your scholarship forward?

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00:42:45,640 --> 00:42:48,160

Who should you
meet? Who should you talk to?

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00:42:49,560 --> 00:42:50,640

And, and

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00:42:50,640 --> 00:42:56,480

that piece like that mentorship component,
I think that that fostering component,

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00:42:56,480 --> 00:43:00,880

that valuation of like
putting your work forward in that space,

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00:43:00,880 --> 00:43:05,040

it is the thing
that ASFS allows to have happen

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00:43:05,480 --> 00:43:08,520

and that is the best thing that
it it's done.

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00:43:08,520 --> 00:43:10,520

I mean, that was a
that was quite a moment.

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00:43:10,520 --> 00:43:13,760

And I know, you know, it
weighs heavy on the backs

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00:43:13,760 --> 00:43:16,800

of these younger scholars
bringing people up.

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00:43:17,280 --> 00:43:19,280

But they they are amazing.

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00:43:19,280 --> 00:43:22,280

Like they're just amazing.

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00:43:22,840 --> 00:43:24,840

I also think

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00:43:24,840 --> 00:43:29,920

it's, it's good that ASFS

is not the only game in town anymore.

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00:43:29,920 --> 00:43:30,560

You know that.

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00:43:30,560 --> 00:43:33,680

In fact,

you can go to different conferences

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00:43:33,680 --> 00:43:37,080

and present on food

and have it be centered this year.

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00:43:37,480 --> 00:43:40,400

Again, I've talked about my my

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00:43:40,400 --> 00:43:44,760

like disinterest in sociology and ASA,

well, they got in touch with me this year.

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00:43:44,800 --> 00:43:47,800

I'm like,

hey, could you be the organizer of the,

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00:43:48,000 --> 00:43:51,120

the food section for the sociology

Association?

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00:43:51,120 --> 00:43:52,520

I was like, okay, sure.

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00:43:52,520 --> 00:43:54,440

You know, like whatever.

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00:43:54,440 --> 00:43:55,200

And I did it.

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00:43:55,200 --> 00:43:58,440

And I like the papers were cool, like,
they were not, you know,

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00:43:58,440 --> 00:44:00,040

they were really interesting.

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00:44:00,040 --> 00:44:03,640

I was afraid
it was just going to be something really,

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00:44:03,840 --> 00:44:07,240

you know,
straight, narrow. It was not. So,

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00:44:09,880 --> 00:44:10,440

so I,

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00:44:10,440 --> 00:44:14,520

I see I see that
as an indirect legacy of ASFS, right?

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00:44:14,520 --> 00:44:19,080

That, like, maybe they,
they can't be everything to everybody.

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00:44:19,080 --> 00:44:19,800

Maybe

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00:44:19,800 --> 00:44:23,600

maybe they still are a bit
of a little bit of a club, you know, like

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00:44:24,280 --> 00:44:26,880

I go now to hear work,

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00:44:26,880 --> 00:44:29,880

but I go because there are people
I will not see otherwise.

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00:44:29,880 --> 00:44:31,800

Right?

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00:44:31,800 --> 00:44:34,800

But, but the, the sort of like,

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00:44:35,560 --> 00:44:37,840

I don't know,
I think of it as fungal, you know.

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00:44:37,840 --> 00:44:38,400

Right.

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00:44:38,400 --> 00:44:41,640

Like, it's like it's like it's
almost like it goes out to another

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00:44:42,000 --> 00:44:45,840

to another, another branch or another. Node.

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00:44:46,160 --> 00:44:47,920

To another, you know, organization.

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00:44:47,920 --> 00:44:51,160

I went to American Studies
for the first time

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00:44:51,160 --> 00:44:55,920

in a million years this year, and
I was just like, whoa, like, look at all

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00:44:55,920 --> 00:44:59,000

that's going on and look at all this

beautiful stuff about food.

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00:45:00,640 --> 00:45:01,560

So you know what I mean?

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00:45:01,560 --> 00:45:06,120

Like, it's it's like, I don't think
that would have happened without ASFS.

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00:45:06,960 --> 00:45:07,760

Yeah.

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00:45:07,760 --> 00:45:10,760

And I think it's great
how you mentioned that you went to,

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00:45:11,680 --> 00:45:15,440

the conference last year at Syracuse and
that, you know, Ashanté Reese among others,

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00:45:16,160 --> 00:45:20,000

you know, organized these spaces
and panels and roundtables

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00:45:20,360 --> 00:45:24,760

to foster mentorship
and offer support and create community.

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00:45:24,760 --> 00:45:29,560

And, you know, I see that through line
from the first time that you were at ASFS.

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And so it is really great to hear that

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because I think that, you know,
in these spaces,

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00:45:36,960 --> 00:45:40,200
we want to present our work,
we want to receive, you know,

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00:45:41,280 --> 00:45:43,480
genuine,

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00:45:43,480 --> 00:45:44,640
critical feedback.

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00:45:44,640 --> 00:45:48,960
But we also want to create these really
lasting and nourishing relationships

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00:45:48,960 --> 00:45:49,800
with one another.

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00:45:49,800 --> 00:45:53,960
And that support system
is just so fundamental.

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00:45:54,760 --> 00:45:58,400
And so it's great to hear that
through line from the first time

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00:45:58,400 --> 00:46:00,440
until the most recent
time that you've been to ASFS.

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00:46:01,400 --> 00:46:01,840
And like

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00:46:01,840 --> 00:46:04,840
you said, I think also like food
now is becoming

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00:46:04,840 --> 00:46:08,000
this much more kind of legitimate
right site of inquiry.

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00:46:09,040 --> 00:46:13,000

And so you do have food caucuses now
and all sorts of conferences.

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00:46:13,560 --> 00:46:16,880

And I'm sure ASFS has had something to do

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00:46:16,880 --> 00:46:19,880

with the development of this beyond ASFS.

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00:46:20,520 --> 00:46:21,400

And you know, it's funny.

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00:46:21,400 --> 00:46:21,600

Yeah.

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00:46:21,600 --> 00:46:24,160

Jon,

Jon Deutsch and I were arguing about this

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00:46:24,160 --> 00:46:26,640

a little bit recently
because he calls it mission creep.

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00:46:26,640 --> 00:46:28,400

He's like,

there's a little bit of mission creep.

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00:46:28,400 --> 00:46:29,880

Like anything fits now.

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00:46:29,880 --> 00:46:31,920

And I'm like, well, that's not true.

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00:46:31,920 --> 00:46:33,840

Like, you can still have critical perspective

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00:46:33,840 --> 00:46:36,360

like you can,
you know, like we can work on boundaries.

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00:46:36,360 --> 00:46:39,360

And I think we were starting
to work on them a little bit,

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00:46:39,640 --> 00:46:40,840

at the end of Syracuse.

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00:46:40,840 --> 00:46:42,000

Like we got a bunch of feedback.

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00:46:42,000 --> 00:46:46,680

Neither of us, of course, have had time to
to follow up on it or think about it.

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00:46:46,680 --> 00:46:50,760

And and I am I am also a much more like
I want to look at it in context.

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00:46:50,760 --> 00:46:51,920

I can't

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00:46:51,920 --> 00:46:56,160

I can't speak broadly about it,
but like I can point to different programs

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00:46:56,160 --> 00:46:58,960

and say, oh, you could do that more,
or you could do that, you know, or

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00:46:58,960 --> 00:47:00,160

like, this works. But

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00:47:01,400 --> 00:47:02,400

but I agree with you.

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00:47:02,400 --> 00:47:05,400

It's, it's that.

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00:47:07,000 --> 00:47:09,480
In an anti-intellectual world,

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00:47:09,480 --> 00:47:13,040
you know,
we still need spaces to feel legitimate.

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00:47:13,080 --> 00:47:15,560
We still need spaces to feel connected.

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00:47:15,560 --> 00:47:18,560
Right. And,

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00:47:18,800 --> 00:47:21,600
and and recognizing,
you know, like, like family.

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00:47:21,600 --> 00:47:25,960
It's never perfect, but, you know,
but you bring, you know, but the openness

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00:47:25,960 --> 00:47:30,120
to bringing something and commitment
to bringing people forward is incredible.

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00:47:31,560 --> 00:47:33,760
You know,

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00:47:33,760 --> 00:47:35,480
I and to me, what's interesting

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00:47:35,480 --> 00:47:38,520
to me, too,
just from a feminist standpoint,

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00:47:38,520 --> 00:47:42,720
you know, I,

I came out of sort of environments

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00:47:42,720 --> 00:47:45,720

where,

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Where it was hard

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00:47:48,120 --> 00:47:51,440

it was hard for feminist scholars
to be good mentors sometimes.

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00:47:51,640 --> 00:47:54,600

Right? Especially white feminists.

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00:47:54,600 --> 00:47:57,480

Because because they were, you know,
they were, in a sense,

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00:47:57,480 --> 00:47:59,760

fighting for their own space
a lot of the time.

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00:47:59,760 --> 00:48:01,040

But they weren't terrible.

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00:48:01,040 --> 00:48:06,600

But but when I looked at sort of the ways
in which some of those people

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00:48:07,560 --> 00:48:10,560

at ASFS, mostly men,

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00:48:10,920 --> 00:48:12,840

really, really

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00:48:12,840 --> 00:48:16,360

spoke for our careers and really,
you know, fostered us.

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00:48:16,840 --> 00:48:19,800

You know, Warren and,

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00:48:19,800 --> 00:48:22,800

Jeff Sobel and Alex, I mean, they,

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00:48:25,320 --> 00:48:27,360

they were just extraordinarily

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00:48:27,360 --> 00:48:30,360

supportive and kind and,

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00:48:30,440 --> 00:48:33,240

and to me, that was a big thing,
you know, a big thing to see.

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00:48:33,240 --> 00:48:36,120

Like, you know, I remember we,

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00:48:36,120 --> 00:48:37,480

we'll see if this is appropriate.

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But, you know, there was just
there was just a point in time

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00:48:39,720 --> 00:48:44,600

where someone on the board who was a man
who had been on for a long time,

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you know, we could just tell
that he was harassing young women.

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00:48:47,640 --> 00:48:48,320

students.

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00:48:48,320 --> 00:48:51,840
And and we have a bunch of us
confronted him about it.

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00:48:51,840 --> 00:48:54,440
We were in Chicago,
such a great conference.

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00:48:54,440 --> 00:48:55,680
But we were like this terrible.

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00:48:55,680 --> 00:48:58,880
We sat we're sitting around
at the Russian Tea Room going,

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00:48:59,280 --> 00:49:01,280
all these feminist women's scholars,
this is bad.

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00:49:01,280 --> 00:49:03,560
We can't let this keep happening.
What do we do?

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00:49:03,560 --> 00:49:05,600
None of us have that much power.

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00:49:05,600 --> 00:49:09,040
And we went back to these, you know, to
I remember

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00:49:09,040 --> 00:49:12,760
to Jeff and Alex, and they were like,
well that's unacceptable.

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00:49:12,760 --> 00:49:14,040
Like, you know what I mean?

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00:49:14,040 --> 00:49:17,040
Like, we all need to speak up and
and to have them just,

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00:49:17,040 --> 00:49:20,080

just do that to really like,
like speak up.

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00:49:20,080 --> 00:49:25,000

But that when there were no processes in
place, no, you know, no formal mechanisms.

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00:49:25,000 --> 00:49:29,440

And this person was their friend,
you know, so like to be able to do that.

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00:49:30,440 --> 00:49:31,320

To me,

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00:49:31,320 --> 00:49:35,160

those are the hidden pieces
that are really powerful,

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00:49:35,280 --> 00:49:39,840

you know, that like, like that story
of how people, how people support

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00:49:39,840 --> 00:49:44,200

one another even when they're not the one
you expect to do it. So.

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00:49:44,880 --> 00:49:46,600

Yeah, I think that's important.

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00:49:46,600 --> 00:49:49,680

And even more so when you mentioned
the fact that there were no kind

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of mechanisms or protocols in place,
you know, it's just.

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00:49:53,240 --> 00:49:54,000
Just.

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00:49:54,000 --> 00:49:57,600
Plain ethics and morale,
you know, integrity.

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00:49:57,800 --> 00:49:58,920
Right.

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00:49:58,920 --> 00:50:03,480
And I think now there, there is there
are many more conversations happening.

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00:50:03,480 --> 00:50:07,400
You know, there's a lot more in place
to be able to really address this.

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00:50:07,400 --> 00:50:11,640
But it's also really great to hear that
that was actually kind of a precursor

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00:50:11,640 --> 00:50:15,120
that was, happening
within the space within food studies.

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00:50:15,120 --> 00:50:15,800
Yeah.

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00:50:15,800 --> 00:50:19,880
I think just to also,
you know, you know, in any circumstance

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00:50:19,880 --> 00:50:21,440
when you recognize that, like

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00:50:23,600 --> 00:50:26,440
institutions don't always support
you, right?

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00:50:26,440 --> 00:50:30,160
They're not they're not, they're not
always there for your for your benefit.

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00:50:30,160 --> 00:50:31,120
Right.

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00:50:31,120 --> 00:50:34,640
They're there for their own
self-preservation in some ways.

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00:50:34,640 --> 00:50:39,480
And so, I mean, anyone in academia
right now feels that way but like but

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00:50:39,960 --> 00:50:42,960
but to to have these,

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00:50:43,120 --> 00:50:47,520
you know, kind of people who make up
that organization who help fund it like

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00:50:48,280 --> 00:50:52,520
sort of recognize
just just out and out, recognize

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00:50:52,520 --> 00:50:55,520
that that, that, that,
that needed not to happen.

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00:50:56,680 --> 00:50:59,520
Was really, really,
I don't know, kept me going,

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00:50:59,520 --> 00:51:02,680
you know, like, I have this thing where,
I mean, I have gone

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00:51:03,040 --> 00:51:07,400

to ASFS 27 years in a row,
like I have attended every year.

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00:51:08,480 --> 00:51:12,000

You know, other than those Covid years
and every year I'm like, I'm not going

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00:51:12,000 --> 00:51:14,400

next year I'm not going like, I'm not.

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00:51:14,400 --> 00:51:16,080

I'm not doing that. I'm tired.

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00:51:16,080 --> 00:51:17,440

I got something else to do.

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00:51:17,440 --> 00:51:18,440

Charlotte won't be there.

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00:51:18,440 --> 00:51:20,720

You know, whatever the reason. Right?

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00:51:20,720 --> 00:51:26,040

And yet somehow I show up every time, you
know, I and I think it's stuff like that.

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00:51:26,040 --> 00:51:29,920

It's knowing that,
you know, I'm going to see someone that,

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00:51:32,160 --> 00:51:34,920

that means
a lot or that I want to support.

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00:51:34,920 --> 00:51:35,280

Right.

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00:51:35,280 --> 00:51:36,480

Like, certainly for me, the last

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00:51:36,480 --> 00:51:39,480
15 years have been bringing my students
and supporting them,

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00:51:40,440 --> 00:51:44,160
you know, and making sure they have
a great experience in the same way.

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00:51:45,120 --> 00:51:50,200
So and so I know where
I should probably start wrapping up.

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00:51:50,600 --> 00:51:52,960
I, I mean, I mean, I'm fine.

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00:51:52,960 --> 00:51:54,600
I have like 15 more minutes.

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00:51:54,600 --> 00:51:57,840
It's up to you, you know, like what you
if you feel like there's stuff

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00:51:58,120 --> 00:51:59,360
that you really want to cover that

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00:51:59,360 --> 00:52:02,360
we haven't covered,
I mean, I'm happy to do that.

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00:52:03,280 --> 00:52:07,600
And, you know, and also,
I love having the conversation.

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00:52:07,600 --> 00:52:10,080
Like, I love to talk about this more
at some point.

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00:52:10,080 --> 00:52:10,440

Yeah.

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00:52:10,440 --> 00:52:13,440

No, this has been so fun.

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00:52:15,880 --> 00:52:18,720

I just because of what you mentioned,
you know,

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00:52:18,720 --> 00:52:22,240

you've been going to ASFS for the,
for the past 27 years.

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00:52:22,880 --> 00:52:27,640

You know, what are your hopes for ASFS
now that it has existed for 40 years?

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00:52:27,640 --> 00:52:30,400

You know,
what's your hope for the next 40 years?

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00:52:30,400 --> 00:52:30,960

Yeah.

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00:52:34,760 --> 00:52:36,720

I, I really,

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00:52:36,720 --> 00:52:40,920

I really think a lot about the viability
of the two little organizations.

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00:52:40,920 --> 00:52:43,960

You know, I think about the two of them
together a lot because,

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00:52:46,120 --> 00:52:47,840

you know,

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they can each manage on their own,
but it's silly not not,

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00:52:51,840 --> 00:52:54,840
you know, it's like a
it's a marriage of convenience, but,

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00:52:56,120 --> 00:53:01,320
I so,
so I always hope that they will integrate

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00:53:01,320 --> 00:53:04,440
more even if they have more culture,
you know, different cultures.

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00:53:04,440 --> 00:53:08,040
I just feel like, I hope I hope
they can continue to find a pathway,

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00:53:09,440 --> 00:53:11,880
forward in the future.

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00:53:11,880 --> 00:53:14,880
And I also hope

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00:53:15,040 --> 00:53:18,040
that ASFS can, can really, in fact,

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00:53:18,640 --> 00:53:22,800
connect back to these other,
you know, to other fields

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00:53:22,800 --> 00:53:25,800
that, you know, like,
have a relevance in relation

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00:53:25,920 --> 00:53:29,720
to these other fields,
to really break some boundaries.

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00:53:31,560 --> 00:53:32,120

I don't know.

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00:53:32,120 --> 00:53:35,160

I, you know, I, I have spent my career

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00:53:36,160 --> 00:53:39,040

building things

that look like other stuff, but aren't

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00:53:39,040 --> 00:53:42,040

you know, I built a program

that doesn't look like other programs.

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00:53:42,080 --> 00:53:44,920

I built a center

that's not a nonprofit, but, you know,

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00:53:44,920 --> 00:53:48,400

it's more of a collective

in a housed in a university.

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I so I'm really I really want them to,

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Oh, evolve is a word right.

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00:53:59,880 --> 00:54:00,960

Like, in those other

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00:54:00,960 --> 00:54:03,960

relationships, you know,

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00:54:05,280 --> 00:54:08,480

I don't know,

I to be to be really blunt, I,

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00:54:09,000 --> 00:54:11,800
like I said, I,
I went to American Studies after many,

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00:54:11,800 --> 00:54:15,600
many years of a hiatus,
and it was such a different organization.

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00:54:15,600 --> 00:54:18,160
And it was so different
in terms of the scholarship.

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00:54:18,160 --> 00:54:21,600
And I loved it.
It was, to be really blunt.

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00:54:21,600 --> 00:54:25,320
It was about as black and brown
as you could get, and it was critical,

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00:54:25,360 --> 00:54:28,880
and it was just like,
I really loved seeing that

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00:54:28,880 --> 00:54:32,640
and I feel like ASFS has that potential.

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00:54:33,240 --> 00:54:35,280
You know, it has that potential.

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00:54:36,960 --> 00:54:41,760
And and I so I kind of hope that's
where they go.

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00:54:41,880 --> 00:54:42,200
Right?

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00:54:42,200 --> 00:54:45,400
Like whether it's connecting up
with these other conferences

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and organizations one year,
a couple actually a couple of times

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I went to the Canadian version of ASFS
that I was just a keynote speaker.

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I'm like, you know,

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they do all their conferences in this
big lump of the humanities all at once,

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00:54:58,680 --> 00:55:01,480

and it was a little intimidating
for about five minutes.

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00:55:01,480 --> 00:55:03,000

And then I was like,
oh, this is kind of cool

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00:55:03,000 --> 00:55:04,800

because I could go over here to like this.

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00:55:04,800 --> 00:55:07,800

You know, I can go over to indigenous
person Asian studies and,

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00:55:08,160 --> 00:55:09,200

and listen to a session.

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00:55:09,200 --> 00:55:13,080

Or I could go over here and, and,
and I just wish that those kinds of,

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00:55:13,200 --> 00:55:17,560

you know, kind of integration
and like, could continue to happen.

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00:55:18,720 --> 00:55:19,440
And like I said, I

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00:55:19,440 --> 00:55:22,440
also hope that it continues
to be a good space

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00:55:22,720 --> 00:55:27,600
for new and young scholars like that,
that that it could be that in the future.

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Those are my those are my real

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00:55:30,600 --> 00:55:33,960
that should I like
I said, I was very heartened in Syracuse.

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00:55:34,520 --> 00:55:36,160
But I also know how much work that took.

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00:55:36,160 --> 00:55:40,440
And, you know, fingers crossed
maybe that can keep going.

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00:55:41,640 --> 00:55:43,480
And what about food studies?

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What are kind of
some of your hopes for the

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00:55:46,480 --> 00:55:48,160
huge field of food studies?

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00:55:48,160 --> 00:55:50,360

I mean,

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I, I have a piece where I talk about

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hegemony in food studies and, and that one
that to me lays out my dreams.

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You know, like that one lays out what I hope
and it's an ongoing thought. But,

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I think,

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I think that, like I said, what what I,

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00:56:14,880 --> 00:56:17,240

what I hope happens with food studies

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is that these fields that are

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that need

us, that need a critical perspective

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on culture and food and,

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00:56:27,240 --> 00:56:28,920

and the way we produce food.

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Right.

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Really through that,

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00:56:31,920 --> 00:56:35,840
I, I'll use my home language
of sustainability, right, like that,

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00:56:35,840 --> 00:56:38,840
that they can see how valuable
and useful having

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00:56:38,840 --> 00:56:41,840
that perspective is. So,

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00:56:42,640 --> 00:56:45,560
you know, I have
I have been training master's students

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for 15 years specifically.

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I mean, I work with undergraduates,

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but when I watch them go out, like I,
I deliberately

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wanted to be able to work with people
who would be practitioners, you know?

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00:56:57,400 --> 00:56:59,600
And so I look
at the really complicated universe

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00:56:59,600 --> 00:57:02,000
that they're inheriting
right at the moment.

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00:57:02,000 --> 00:57:06,040
And, and I just want them
to have like the skills and food studies,

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00:57:06,960 --> 00:57:10,960
I think the way we do it
are the ones that you need to navigate

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00:57:11,400 --> 00:57:16,120
what's going on, whether it's as
an academic or as a practitioner or both.

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00:57:16,120 --> 00:57:19,280
Right. To me, like so. So that's

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00:57:20,880 --> 00:57:22,920
and the
question is, are we like the question

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00:57:22,920 --> 00:57:26,840
I'm always asking is,
is this the right bucket of skills still?

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00:57:26,960 --> 00:57:27,840
You know what I mean?

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00:57:27,840 --> 00:57:30,160
And sometimes that's
a really pragmatic question.

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00:57:30,160 --> 00:57:33,360
Sometimes I'm like,
I think you all need to learn GIS.

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00:57:33,440 --> 00:57:36,400
You know, like I think you need like
it's like a really silly,

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00:57:36,400 --> 00:57:37,920

pragmatic question like that.

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And sometimes it's like,

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I read this book about Ice and Indigeneity
and Hawai'i

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by Hi'ilei Hobart, and it changed the way
I think about everything.

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And you all should read this book,
you know, because what it teaches you

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is colonialism exists
in specific contexts.

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And, and,
you know, and so do you know what I mean?

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So, like, I,
I feel like there's just a toolkit out

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there,
both on the practical and the and the

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thought

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provoking piece
that food studies can continue to provide.

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Warren Belasco

I saw this little quote on the,

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one of the questions on the list

that said, you know,

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Warren said that food studies needs to be
you need to be a generalist.

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And I said, yeah.

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Warren

also said that we need to be subversive.

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And, and, and I, and I embrace that.

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00:58:32,040 --> 00:58:34,600

Like,

I really embrace that, like, you need to

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00:58:34,600 --> 00:58:37,880

you need to keep subverting

what we think of as normative.

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You know,

what is normative for someone to eat?

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What is normative nutrition

for a particular person,

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what is normative
around the right to food?

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You know, so so we have
we have like this power

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that that I kind of hope,

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00:58:53,640 --> 00:58:56,400

you know, that that this bucket

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00:58:56,400 --> 00:59:00,000

like this bucket can called
food studies can keep utilizing,

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you know, and if it doesn't get useful,
then we'll move on.

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But it seems like
it's still pretty useful.

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Everybody
still needs to sustain themselves.

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00:59:10,440 --> 00:59:15,480

So I think that was such a beautiful,
like way to kind of wrap up,

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like everything that you were saying
throughout the whole interview,

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just like we need to also be subversive

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00:59:23,000 --> 00:59:26,000
and we need to commit to this.

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00:59:26,760 --> 00:59:27,120
Yeah.

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00:59:27,120 --> 00:59:30,120
Just to subverting
what we think is normative

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00:59:30,120 --> 00:59:35,960
and how food studies does give us it
gives us so many skills, so many different

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entry points, language, but also just like
embodied ways of kind of dealing with

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00:59:41,640 --> 00:59:42,280
all of this.
Absolutely

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00:59:42,280 --> 00:59:43,880
Like, yeah, I think we

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00:59:43,880 --> 00:59:47,640
could have a whole other hour
about the immaterial embodied component.

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00:59:47,640 --> 00:59:49,680
Like, I, my heart.

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00:59:49,680 --> 00:59:52,200
Yeah. So much with that as well.

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00:59:52,200 --> 00:59:54,120
Yeah, yeah, yeah.

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00:59:54,120 --> 00:59:57,080
I think I'm so glad that you said that.

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00:59:57,080 --> 00:59:57,920
Yeah, that's why.

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00:59:57,920 --> 01:00:00,400
I didn't ask the question,
but I'm glad that you read it.

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01:00:00,400 --> 01:00:02,920
And then you you added the
part about the

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01:00:02,920 --> 01:00:06,240
It was one of the ones I was like, oh,
I think I used to have it as a quote

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01:00:06,240 --> 01:00:10,440
at the bottom of my signature that is his
comment about subversiveness and

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01:00:11,440 --> 01:00:14,440
and in truth, like to me, Warren was the

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01:00:14,720 --> 01:00:18,920
you know, Warren helped
set the tone for what this should be.

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01:00:18,920 --> 01:00:22,640
And and so I'm always
I'm always thinking about that

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01:00:22,640 --> 01:00:25,640
and the other so,
you know, for me, Arlene, who is just like

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01:00:26,640 --> 01:00:29,400
challenge what we think of us as normal

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01:00:29,400 --> 01:00:32,400
and recognize
that the binaries are part of the problem.

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01:00:33,040 --> 01:00:36,040
So, yeah.

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01:00:36,160 --> 01:00:40,000
Well, I really thank you
for being such a nice guide through this.

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01:00:40,440 --> 01:00:42,680
No. It was my pleasure.

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01:00:42,680 --> 01:00:44,200
It's completely my pleasure.

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01:00:44,200 --> 01:00:48,840
Is there anything that you just want to
kind of say that maybe we didn't touch on,

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01:00:50,040 --> 01:00:51,800
that maybe we should have talked about?

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01:00:51,800 --> 01:00:52,800
No, the only.

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01:00:52,800 --> 01:00:54,800
Thing I was, I was going to,
I was going to say is,

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01:00:54,800 --> 01:00:58,640
you know, I actually
I don't do them as much anymore.

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01:00:58,640 --> 01:01:02,680
But like,
I have always really, really appreciated

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01:01:03,160 --> 01:01:07,240
the fact that there's a day at
the beginning of the conference dedicated

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01:01:07,240 --> 01:01:11,400
to, you know, being in the field,
seeing what's in the system.

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01:01:11,400 --> 01:01:15,440
And, and I,
I hope that that that continues,

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01:01:15,440 --> 01:01:19,360
you know, because because the place
where you're doing this matters.

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01:01:19,360 --> 01:01:23,640
You know, if we come someplace,
it's really useful and important. And

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01:01:24,600 --> 01:01:27,240
I don't know, I've had
some of the best times I've ever had on

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01:01:27,240 --> 01:01:30,600
some of those field trips,
you know, out in a field with some cows,

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01:01:31,200 --> 01:01:34,120
you know, then standing there

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01:01:34,120 --> 01:01:38,200
asking that, you know,
do you give like the cows by bovine

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01:01:38,200 --> 01:01:41,720
growth hormone or don't you know,
all the fun, all the good times?

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01:01:42,400 --> 01:01:45,400
So, anyway, but thank you so much.

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01:01:45,680 --> 01:01:46,280
Yeah.

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01:01:46,280 --> 01:01:48,520
No, I and I agree,
I think it's important for us,

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01:01:48,520 --> 01:01:51,280
when we're in these conferences
to remember that

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01:01:51,280 --> 01:01:55,320
the conference is a bubble
and we can't completely,

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01:01:55,680 --> 01:01:58,120
you know, be ignorant of the fact
that we're in a bubble.

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01:01:58,120 --> 01:02:02,600
We need to also kind of situate ourselves
within the local context and life.

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01:02:03,840 --> 01:02:05,480
So, yeah, thank you for bringing that up.

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01:02:05,480 --> 01:02:08,480
And thank you so much for
for talking to me.

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01:02:09,000 --> 01:02:11,880
I had such a blast,
and it was so nice to meet you.

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01:02:11,880 --> 01:02:13,800
Will you be in Oregon?

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01:02:13,800 --> 01:02:15,040
I will, will you?

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01:02:15,040 --> 01:02:16,560
And so we can talk in person?

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01:02:16,560 --> 01:02:17,880
Yes, I was, yeah,

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01:02:17,880 --> 01:02:21,040
just talk about all the things on the side of
this that we didn't get to talk about.

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01:02:21,040 --> 01:02:23,640
Yes, I can't wait, I can't. Wait.

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01:02:23,640 --> 01:02:25,800
Well thank you. Yeah.

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01:02:25,800 --> 01:02:29,960
And on behalf of the ASFS
40 Committee and ASFS,

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01:02:29,960 --> 01:02:32,960
I just want to thank you for
taking the time to speak with me today.

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01:02:33,080 --> 01:02:34,320
It was truly a pleasure.

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01:02:35,320 --> 01:02:38,320
Same and thank you for doing this.

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01:02:38,480 --> 01:02:38,840
All right.