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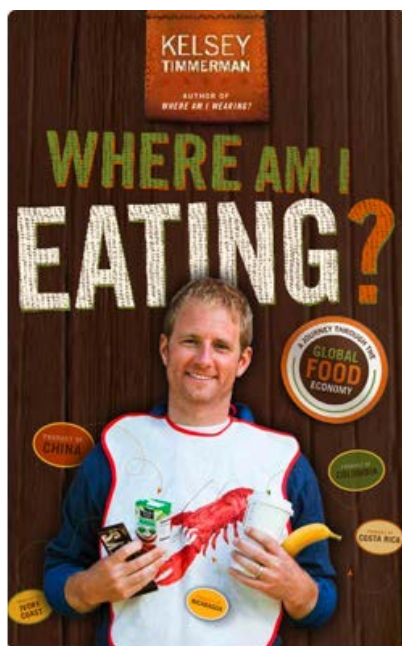
- The Common Book introduces many issues related to food such as genetic modification, pesticides, working conditions, trade and more.
- Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in Dina's Place and are free approved GLI cultural events.

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ROCK HILL, SOUTH CAROLINA — Winthrop University's **2014-15 Common Book, "Where Am I Eating?" by Kelsey Timmerman**, introduces many issues related to food such as genetic modification, pesticides, working conditions, trade and more. Timmerman details visits to Colombia, China, Costa Rica, and the Ivory Coast to find out just where the food we consume on a daily basis is produced—and more about the people who produce it.

**University College** and the Common Book Committee have planned a year-long "Food Matters" series for students, faculty and staff to explore these issues in more depth. The series will include a campus visit by Timmerman in March 2015.

Scheduled events for fall 2014 include:

**Sept. 29-Oct. 2**  
**Food Matters: Vote With Your Fork**  
**Thomson Dining Center**

Thomson Dining Center will showcase videos related to the common book during dinner hours. Most foods on the menu will be accompanied by signs explaining where the food was

purchased. Aramark sources many of its ingredients locally.

**Sept. 30, 11 a.m.**  
**Food Matters: Community, Class and Cost**

**Assistant Professor of Human Nutrition Simone Camel** will discuss the societal concerns related to our local, regional and global food systems as well as influences on our food choices, such as culture, availability, access and cost, and how those affect the systems and security. Attendees will gain a better understanding of how their actions affect these systems and the people who play a role in producing the foods we consume. Camel will expand on actions individuals can take to improve the sustainability of our food systems and food security.

**Oct. 23, 11 a.m.**  
**Food Matters: Ethics and Economics**

**Laura Ullrich**, Associate Professor of Economics, will discuss the economics of the food trade industry. She will consider the ethical and economic issues surrounding food in the context of today's global food marketplace. She will examine questions such as: Do the countries producing our foods have the same health and safety standards that we expect in the United States? Should they?

**Nov. 13, 11 a.m.**  
**Food Matters: Chemistry and Consumption**

This joint lecture from [Assistant Professor of Chemistry Nick Grosseohme](#) and [Professor of Biology and Anthropology Janice Chism](#) will consider the chemistry associated with growing foods on a mass scale in the United States. It will include a conversation about GMOs, pesticides and organic farming.

**March 3-4**

**Common Book author Kelsey Timmerman** will spend two days on campus, visiting classes and holding lectures. Details are forthcoming.

Unless otherwise noted, all events will take place in [Dina's Place](#) and are free approved GLI cultural events.

New students received a customized copy of the book this summer during their Orientation sessions. The Common Book Project, in place at Winthrop since 2004, works to integrate Winthrop students into the university environment and offers them a common intellectual experience that upholds Winthrop's academic values.

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