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Join Robert Ji-Song Ku and guests for a discussion panel on Korean food. Korean-themed food products, a hot commodity seemingly everywhere these days, was a minor

blip not so long ago on the radar of American "ethnic" foods. The presentation explores some of the factors that have contributed to the rise of Korean food's popularity in the United States. Ku — an associate professor of Asian and Asian American Studies at Binghamton University, the Managing Editor of the Asian American and Pacific Islander, and co-editor of the "Food in Asia and the Pacific" series for University of Hawai'i Press — is currently completing a monograph tentatively titled "Diasporic Korean Food in the Age of K-pop." He is the author of *Dubious Gastronomy: The Cultural Politics of Eating Asian in the USA* (2014) and co-editor of *Eating Asian America: A Food Studies Reader* (2013), *Pop Empires: Transnational and Diasporic Flows of India and Korea* (2019), *Future Yet to Come: Sociotechnical Imaginaries in Modern Korea* (2021), and *Eating More Asian America: A Food Studies Reader* (forthcoming 2025). Sponsored by the SMC Associates, SMC Korean Language Program, and the Consulate General of the Republic of Korea in Los Angeles.

Thu, October 10 | 4 p.m | Free Student Services Center, Orientation Hall (SSC 183)



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