

# CONVERSATIONS WITH COLLEAGUES

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## TOWARD MAKING CONCEPTS IMPOSSIBLE (DIFFICULT?) TO FORGET - Using Food in Teaching (Or... How to Make Sushi)

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Pairing often difficult to remember concepts with things that we like to eat is one of the ways that I have approached teaching in both courses for majors and non-majors alike over the past decade. Food bridges cultures; we use it to encourage socialization in our most difficult moments and our happiest. Its usefulness can be adapted to help cement concepts into students' long-term memory as well.

This presentation will present some of the ways that I have used food with several courses over the past 10 years here at MSU, and a lab activity that I plan to do with my climate change class this year - a lesson in sushi making. You may ask, "What does sushi have to do with climate change?" But that is a question for the seminar! Come prepared to ask questions and sample sushi. Hope to see you there!

