Cannibalism Bibliography (Secondary Sources)

- This bibliography was compiled as part of a project on representations of cannibalism led by Dr. Jan Purnis, Dept. of English, Campion College at the University of Regina. Most of the following materials were gathered by Research Assistant Lara Stoudt, an MA student in the Dept. of English at the University of Regina. Harvey Gibson, an undergraduate RA, added some French sources, and some sources have been incorporated by Dr. Purnis.
- The bibliography is meant as an overview of scholarship on cannibalism from a range of disciplines, theoretical approaches, and historical periods. It is not meant as an endorsement of any of the listed sources/perspectives, nor is it an exhaustive list. Categories within the bibliography are provisional and permeable.
- Over the past few decades there has been significant debate about the factuality of many depictions of cannibalism. Some of the sources included below are among those who have focused attention on the ways in which accusing others of cannibalism has been used throughout history to justify colonial activities (including enslavement and dispossessing peoples of their lands) and the persecution of minority groups.
- An important goal of the project, “Cannibals Incorporated: Cannibalism, Digestion, and Early Modern Literature,” is to challenge colonialist ideology and stereotypes in depictions of cannibalism while also examining what these depictions reveal about early modern Europeans and their anxieties about the relationship of food to identity, self to other/environment, and body to mind.

Prehistoric/Antiquity


**Early Christians/Reformation Debate**


**Cannibalism and Colonialism**


Brazil


Fiji


**New Guinea**


**North America**


Pilette, Marie-Laure. "S'allier en combattant et combattre pour s'allier ou les deux paramètres du cannibalisme mythique et social des Iroquois des 16e et 17e


**Cultural Studies**


Isaac, Barry L. “Cannibalism among Aztecs and Their Neighbors: Analysis of the 1577-1586 ‘Relaciones Geográficas’ for Nueva España and Nueva Galicia


Philosophy, Psychology


**Law**


**Literary and Media Studies**


Pugh, Tison. “‘Are we cannibals, let me ask?: Or are we faithful friends?’: Food, Interspecies Cannibalism, and the Limits of Utopia in L. Frank Baum’s Oz Books.” *The Lion and the Unicorn* 32.3(Sept. 2008): 324-343. Project Muse. Web.


Rice, Raymond J. “Cannibalism and the Act of Revenge in Tudor-Stuart Drama.” Studies in English Literature 1500-1900 44.2 (Spring 2004): 297-316. JSTOR. Web.


Tompkins, Kyla Wazana. “Literary Approaches to Food Studies: Eating the Other.” *Food, Culture, and Society* 8.2 (Fall 2005): 244-258.


**Fairy Tales and Folk Tales**


**Medicinal Cannibalism**


**Cannibalism and Early Modern Culture**


French sources added by Harvey Gibson


