

More than Meals and Food Stalls: UNAM Alumni on Food, Memory and Connection

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For the final piece in this *Food as Voice* issue, we asked three UNAM alumni, professionally involved in literature and publishing, to submit short essays on the affective significance of an eatery they frequent (or once did) in search of comfort and more than just a tasty bite. These essays navigate between intimacy and shared experience, reflecting on what food meant to the writers' former selves and their connections with others—or, in one case, the beloved pets who also leave their mark on grocery lists. From cafés to the ubiquitous stalls of corn-based street foods, the three writers offer distinct perspectives on how eating is never a simple individual act; rather, it bridges past and present, bringing us closer to those who have fed us materially and emotionally.

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