Using a feminist political ecology approach to gendered space, this presentation considers nature/society relations from the perspective of food preparation in everyday life and fiestas in central Mexico. “Kitchenspace” is a privileged site of cultural and social reproduction where knowledge—primarily in women’s hands—is passed down through generations, often in the house-lot garden. In Xochimilco and other traditional communities in central Mexico, women negotiate an ever-changing relationship with natural resources in this space. At the same time, they use their ingenuity to prepare “traditional foods” in the midst of changing cultural identities working alongside men—each within culturally prescribed gender roles—to celebrate religious fiestas resulting from a historic blend of Catholicism and indigenous beliefs. Meals themselves as well as ingredients and food preparation techniques must adapt to urbanization and at the same time the influx of rural, indigenous populations from other parts of Mexico.