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This video video discusses the creation and purpose of a book on food studies, originally inspired by editor Amy Bentley, in the context of the Food Studies program's development and the upcoming retirement of prominent faculty member Marian Nestle. The book contains contributions from various scholars, highlighting a range of research topics within the field, such as the interplay of immigrant labor and dietary changes in the U.S. food system, as well as the significance of social movements and poetry in shaping food culture.

One focus of the authors' research is how immigrant communities significantly influence both the labor market in agriculture and food-related industries and the evolution of American tastes, with Mexican, Central American, and Asian immigrants notably impacting food preferences and availability.

This video video also emphasizes the distinct position of the NYU Food Studies program, which, unlike many agriculture-focused programs, emphasizes urban food systems and public health, leveraging its location in New York City to engage with diverse communities and stakeholders. The authors address the importance of making academic research accessible to broader audiences beyond academia, noting challenges in communicating specialized research effectively while remaining connected to local environmental and health issues.

Lastly, the text illustrates the collaborative nature of the program with other departments, stressing the potential for impactful work despite limited resources, and advocates for using existing institutional frameworks to enhance research and outreach efforts in food studies.