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Early life and education. Trotter was born in Wilmette, Illinois and graduated from New Trier High School in Winnetka, Illinois. He attended Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois from 1977 to 1979, and then transferred to University of Wisconsin–Madison. Trotter started cooking professionally in 1982 after earning a political science bachelor's degree from UW–Madison. Choi left home to attend the University of Oregon. While earning a Bachelor of Science in Economics, he took on a position as a busser at Mekala's, an upscale Thai restaurant where he learned how to move around the dining room efficiently, but more importantly what hospitality from the heart truly meant. Homaro "Omar" Cantu Jr. (September 23, 1976 – April 14, 2015) was an American chef and inventor known for his use of molecular gastronomy. As a child, Cantu was fascinated with science and engineering. While working in a fast food restaurant, he discovered the similarities between science and cooking and decided to become a chef. Find recipes and watch episodes of your favorite PBS cooking shows and food programs with our complete directory of national and local shows at PBS Food.