

# CALL FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS



## Colleges of the Fenway 18<sup>th</sup> Annual *Muddy River Symposium*

**Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 6:00 to 8:30 pm**  
**In person at the Paresky Center, Simmons University**

### **“Stewardship and Civic Engagement in a Sustainable Local Ecosystem”**

The Colleges of the Fenway Center for Sustainability and the Environment and the Maintenance and Management Oversight Committee of the Muddy River Project are soliciting poster presentations by students from all COF schools for the 2024 Muddy River Symposium.

This year’s symposium explores civic engagement and the fostering of a local, sustainable ecosystem. In conjunction with this theme, our Keynote this year consists of a panel of community activists and participants from the [Fenway Victory Gardens](#). The panel discussion will explore the history of the Gardens, their role in crafting and maintaining a sustainable ecosystem, and how individual gardeners view their roles as stewards of the Fenway community.

### **Posters are sought in four broad categories:**

#### **Sustainability Science** ~ Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Sustainable materials, design and architecture
- Sustainability in the sciences
- Energy efficiency and conservation
- Studies of COF campuses (including emergency preparedness, green space, stormwater management, heat islands, campus energy use, campus waste etc.)

#### **Water** ~ Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Rising seas
- Water testing and treatment
- Water and health

#### **Environmental Justice** ~ Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Climate change impacts on health
- Urban ecology
- Food justice / access
- Environmental remediation

- Storytelling and Communicating

**Local Social Action** ~ Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- Ongoing efforts at the local level to adapt to and mitigate the impacts of climate change
- Climate and environmental justice activism on campus (including divestment, emergency preparedness, green space, stormwater management, heat islands, campus energy use, campus waste etc.)

**Important Dates:**

- Poster Abstracts (250-word limit) due: **Monday, March 18, 2024**
- Final electronic version of poster due: **Thursday, April 4, 2024**

Please submit the Poster Abstract by **Monday, March 18, 2024**, to the Muddy River Symposium review committee via Dr, Adam Silver at: [silvera@emmanuel.edu](mailto:silvera@emmanuel.edu).

Abstract Guidelines:

- Times New Roman, 12-point font, double-spaced, 1-inch margins
- Saved as .docx, Google Doc or PDF
- Title centered and bolded
- 250-word limit
- The names of the students leading the project and their colleges
- Identify the challenge / explain the project
- Describe methodology for addressing the challenge
- You are encouraged to include ways of engaging your audience through participatory elements.

Poster Guidelines:

- Posters will measure **24 x 36 inches at 300 dpi** and be saved as a **PDF**.

**Posters should be submitted Dr, Adam Silver at: [silvera@emmanuel.edu](mailto:silvera@emmanuel.edu).**

**Student posters will be judged during the event and awards given at the close of the Symposium.**

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**QUESTIONS AND CONTACT**

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