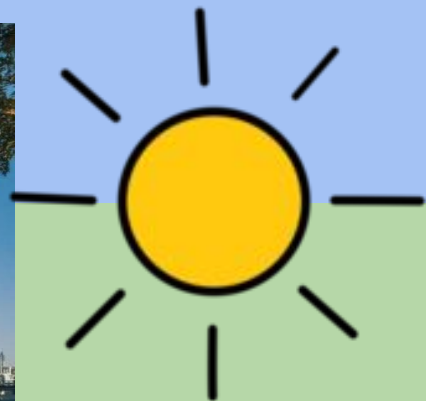


# WELCOME!



COLUMBIA CLIMATE SCHOOL  
Environmental Justice and Climate Just Cities Network



# PANEL 1

## Advocacy, Organizing, & Resistance: Conversations on Student Activism on Campus

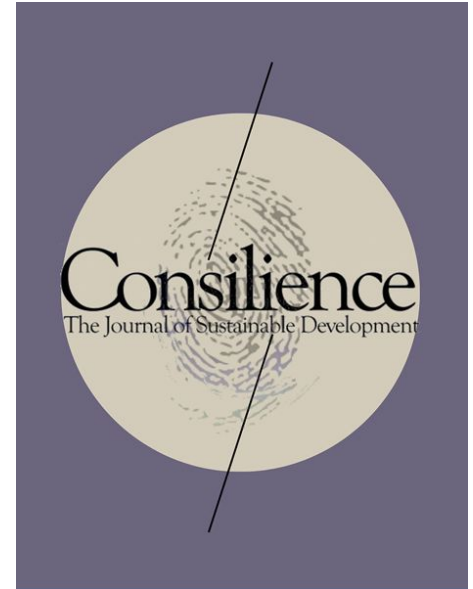


- 6 panelists:
  - 3 students from CUNY
  - 3 students from Columbia
- 1 hour panel:
  - 30 min of presentation from each student
  - 30 min of Q/A and discussions

## MODERATION BY

# Consilience: The Journal of Sustainable Development

- Student-run, open-access, double blind peer reviewed journal
- Academic Journal:
  - Accepts research, artwork, and scholarship from around the world
  - New section accepts long-form research papers from students
- Briefings:
  - Blog-style articles
  - Published regularly by students
  - Accept article pitches from any authors



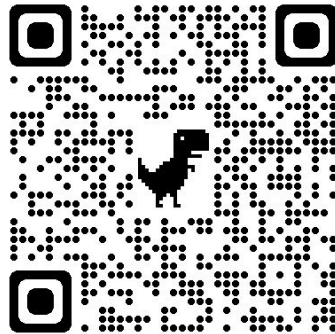
# SUNRISE COLUMBIA



We are a group of Columbia and Barnard students focused on **institutional environmental issues** at Columbia University. We are an official hub of the national Sunrise Movement.

## Current Project:

- Fossil-Free Research Campaign
  - 3 main demands
- Our Strategy:
  - Research
  - Petition & Outreach
  - Faculty Coalition
  - Powermap & Dialogue



# Columbia Policy Institute

We are a **progressive, non-partisan, and student-run think tank**. We release a yearly undergraduate public policy journal, hold weekly policy discussions, and host events with elected officials, policy professionals, and Columbia faculty.

Our **Policy Centers** pursue policy-oriented projects, typically involving **advocacy, activism, or research**, that are designed to create meaningful change on campus and in the local community.

We are a member organization of **CUAD**.

## The Energy & Environment Center

Current Project: Current Fossil Fuel Exposure in Investments (also touches on fossil fuel research!)

- Attorney General Complaint for Violations of Fiduciary Duties Under State & Federal Laws (Full Complaint will be released April 12th)
- Worked with Sunrise on divestment issues through a proposal sent to ACSRI to clarify present divestment policies





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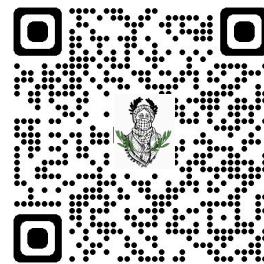


## OUR MISSION

Columbia University Apartheid Divest is a **coalition of student organizations** working toward achieving a **liberated Palestine** and the end of Israeli apartheid by urging Columbia to **divest all economic and academic stakes in Israel**. We seek an end to all interlocking systems of oppression through collective action and solidarity with oppressed people worldwide.

## OUR VISION

We envision a free Palestine. We necessarily envision **an entire world free from colonialism and imperialism**, and from all the interrelated systems of that uphold them.





# New York Public Interest Research Group

NYPIRG is a student run non-profit, non-partisan advocacy organization dedicated to providing a unique service of supplementary learning and provided countless students with an enriching and rewarding experience since 1973. Students across the state at NYPIRG campus chapters, including our Student Board of Directors, have made tangible contributions on the issues of civic engagement, and city and state legislation.

## Our Project Issue Campaigns

- Funding Higher Education
- Combating Climate Change
- Protecting Democracy
- Hunger & Homelessness
- Mass Public Transit
- Consumer Justice / Public Health

## Notable Climate Legislation

- Local Law 97
- Climate Change Superfund Act
- Bottle Bill
- NYHEAT Act



**Check out our Linktree to sign up for events and student actions on your campus and community!**

# The Reducetarian Fellowship



The Reducetarian Foundation is founded by Brian Kateman, the Fellowship is co-founded and led by Sofia-Davis Fogel. *'Reducetarians'* are devoted to consuming less meat, dairy and eggs—with gradual goals that consider the humans, the environment and the animals within their daily consumption.

As a member of the inaugural *Reducetarian cohort*, each fellow aimed to make a difference in disenfranchised communities affected by climate injustice. Before the fellowship began, I wondered: *How can we achieve this impact collectively rather than just individually?*

## Education

The reducetarian solution is founded on community collaboration. If individuals were to incrementally lessen the amount of animal products they ate, the factory farming system would have less demand and through law, less subsidies. This can see through “Meatless Mondays” or adding more fresh foods into our diets!

## Connection

Type of Advocacy: *guest speakers from diverse backgrounds, including biologists, economists, non-profit entrepreneurs, environmentalists*

Climate Refarm's CEO Manny Rutinel

- **Collaboration:** working with politicians asking for aid on policy etc
- **Direct persuasion:** lobbying
- **Coercive pressure**→ protest

## Smell of Money: Jamie Berger





# CCNY Sustainability Engagement Internship Course

## CCNY Recycling Action Projects

Professor Stephanie Rose

Student Presenter: Sabrina Schembri

SCIE 32701

Spring 2024

- Part of Science Education & Public Engagement Program in the School of Education.
- Student activists
- Proposed CCNY Sustainability Plan - suggested by graduate school capstone team
- Campus recycling tour
- Recycling action project
- Weekly tabling events
- Where does CCNY's trash go?
- Website for outreach



# QUESTIONS

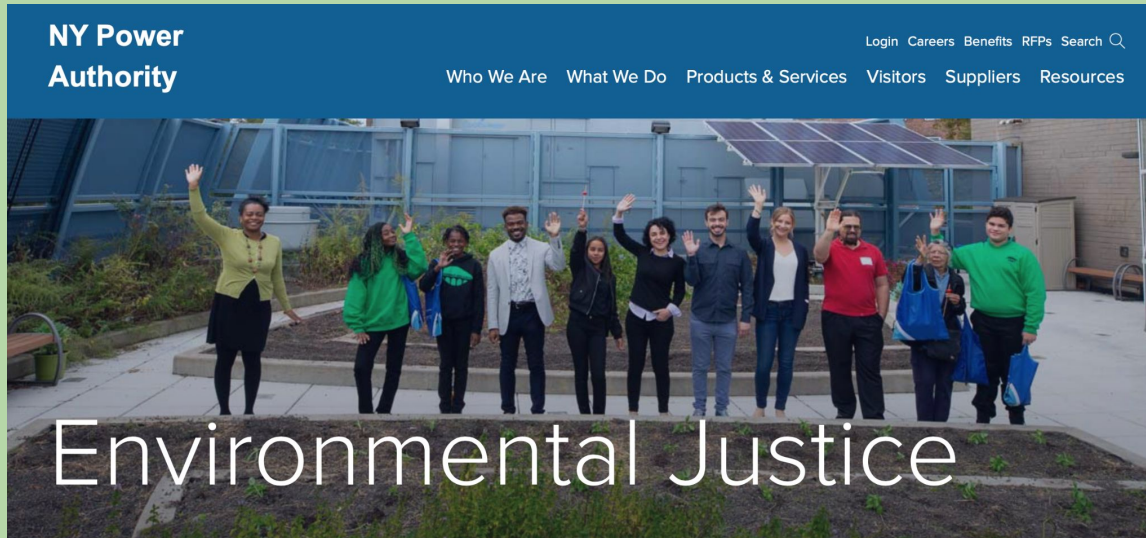
- How have the recent restrictions on political demonstrations on campus affected your organizing strategy?
- What are your strategies for getting busy college students interested in spending time and energy on activism?
- How do you maintain your ability to keep fighting for change in the face of large and distressing issues like climate change?



# FINAL NOTE

## Kaela Mainsah

Vice President for Environmental Justice (EJ) for the New York Power Authority (NYPA)




# CALL TO ACTIONS

- Deborah Cheng- CUNY Climate Fellows- Calls for Applicants
- Ashley Dawson, professor at CUNY and community organizer
- Nancy Romer, professor at CUNY and community organizer

2024-2025

## Climate Policy Fellows Program

*Undergraduate 1 Year Program*



ROLLING ADMISSIONS


**\$1,000** per Semester

**\$5,500** Summer Internship Stipend

- Two workshops per semester
- Summer internships in NYC, Washington D.C., and San Francisco

### About the Fellowship

The Climate Policy Fellows Program is designed to support CCNY undergraduate students from the sciences, social sciences, architecture, and engineering degree programs with training, professional development, and internship opportunities that link climate-related science, engineering, and economics to public policy. Led by Trevor Houser, a 2006 CCNY alum who is an international climate and policy leader, the program involves workshops, a paid summer internship, and a network of students, alumni, and professionals working on climate policy.



## Eligibility

Applicants for the 2024-2025 fellowship:

- **MUST** be full-time undergraduate CCNY students from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025
- **MUST** demonstrate interest in climate and sustainability policy work
- Can be from any school/major
- No GPA or citizenship requirement