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Sustaining Shared Food Futures Student Symposium

Concordia, Montreal

June 17 & 18 2024

in partnership with Concordia Food Coalition



Sustaining Shared Food Futures

[Canadian Association for Food Studies \(CAFS\)](#) will host its first ever Student Symposium in conjunction with [Concordia Food Coalition \(CFC\)](#), from June 17th to 18th, 2024 at Concordia University. The conference is currently planned as a predominantly in-person event with some capacity for virtual participation. CFC will host the Communal Lunch Project: DevOur Campus Conference June 18th to 20th, 2024.

Founded in 2005, CAFS promotes critical, multidisciplinary scholarship in the broad area of food systems, food culture, and food justice. CAFS membership is open to academics, activists, students, policy makers, community workers, professionals, practitioners, and others interested in food studies research and practice. CAFS members come from an array of disciplines across the sciences and humanities, as well as food production and activism.

So what is a Student Symposium? It's an opportunity for more established scholars or practitioners to mentor and for emerging food scholars to develop their research, presentation and knowledge dissemination skills. CAFS strives to support early career development through our events and community building efforts.

The Symposium is an opportunity to share knowledge and build capacity as an early career scholar with the mentorship of established scholars and practitioners. We welcome participants working across the spectrum of food connected scholarship. The program will be tailored to reflect the expressed mentorship needs of participants. From feedback on research programs, abstracts, and writing to workshoping your presentation for future conferences or interview techniques - our Mentors are prepared to provide a stellar

experience. We will provide ample time for engaging with peers and mentors, social events, and of course shared meals to continue our discussions. The CAFS Symposium offers emerging scholars the opportunity to gather meaningful feedback and mentorship on their research from thought leaders in their respective fields, while fostering a sense of community. The symposium will also have a hybrid component, allowing emerging scholars from across the country to join!

The Student Symposium – Sustaining shared food futures – thematically aligns with [Congress 2024](#) from June 12th-21st, 2024. In this way, the student symposium is designed to align with, and expand upon, the dialogues anticipated at Congress 2024. Building on the theme from Congress, this year's theme will explore what it means to sustain shared food futures. Sustained shared food futures encompasses how we can support more equitable and just food systems for all, particularly in the context of growing and converging environmental crises. It is also an exploration of how we can make positive change as scholars, practitioners, and advocates as we collectively face growing challenges in the food system. The theme can be interpreted broadly to consider how your work contributes to sustainable food futures - through environmental, social, cultural, community and economic sustainability.

2024 STUDENT SYMPOSIUM

MONDAY JUNE 17 - TUESDAY JUNE 18TH 2024
| TIME TBC| REGISTRATION \$65 - \$85 SLIDING
SCALE

Are you new to Food Studies or returning to academia? Looking for guidance on your research program, feedback on your presentation, or counsel on publishing and disseminating your research? Do you want to build your academic network, think in new directions, or find a community of others facing early-career challenges? If you answered yes to any of these questions, the 2024 Student Symposium is for you. Taking place at Concordia University separately from but in the midst of Congress 2024 at neighbouring McGill University, this two-day event is a great opportunity for focused exchange about the issues you care about (and a nice way to make new food friends). The 2024 Student Symposium is open to all students, post-docs, and emerging researchers (including new faculty, sessionals, and community-based researchers). For more information, watch the CAFS listserv and conference website, or contact the organizers at assembly@foodstudies.ca

HYBRID PROGRAM: OPPORTUNITIES FOR ONLINE ENGAGEMENT

MONDAY JUNE 17 - TUESDAY JUNE 18TH 2024 |
TIME TBC| REGISTRATION \$45

We are aware that increasingly scholars are limiting travel as a climate commitment and as a covid avoidance strategy. We want to include all emerging scholars who wish to participate. We are offering hybrid sessions for much of the programming, and will create online break out groups for abstract presentation lightning rounds, mentorship sessions, and the Special Event on June 18th. For more information please see updates on the conference website.

SPECIAL EVENT

FROM THE GROUND UP: ADDRESSING FOOD INEQUALITIES THROUGH SYSTEMIC CHANGES//DU TERRAIN VERS LE HAUT : ABORDER LES INÉGALITÉS ALIMENTAIRES À PARTIR DE CHANGEMENTS SYSTÉMIQUES

TUESDAY JUNE 18, 2024 | TIME TBC | COST: INCLUDED IN REGISTRATION

The proposed event for which we request funding is a bilingual pan-Canadian event that will comprise a roundtable featuring four non-for-profit food groups in Canada who have undertaken various actions and communication practices so as to 1) raise awareness about the root causes of food insecurity and as such reframe how we approach it in Canada; 2) propose systemic solutions to address it in a more sustainable way. The roundtable will be an occasion to hear food practitioners sharing on the ground experiences and perspectives on the current issues they identify with regards to our food system and food inequalities as well as the actions they have undertaken to bring systemic change to these issues. The roundtable will be accompanied by a panel of 5 researchers whose work aligns closely with the community groups' advocacy and activist work.

STUDENTS

Submit abstract and a 250 word expression of interest in mentorship to:

- develop and pitch workshops and panels
- prepare to present at Conferences incl. CAFS 2025
- develop your methods and research techniques
- develop research networks and co-authoring
- apply for funding: communicating your research program

We invite you to submit an abstract outlining the research program or paper for which you are seeking mentorship. Please keep abstracts to 400 words. For guidance, see our [Abstract Writing Webinar](#).

All abstracts are due on March 30th, 2024.

Submit your abstract here:

[CAFS Student Symposium 2024 Abstract Submission](#)

All participants will have an opportunity to present research through organized lightning talks. The Lightning Round Presentation Sessions will last 90 minutes with up to 6 scholars per group. Paper presentations should run 10 minutes, allowing substantial time for feedback and discussion.

Additional details about the program will be made available April 15th.

Notifications will be sent out on April 10th, and we request you confirm your participation by April 25th.

MENTORS

We are seeking Mentors for our early career scholars participating in the first ever CAFS Student Symposium! Participants will be workshoping their research, exploring topics relevant to their development as early career scholars, and building their networks. We need scholars like YOU to make this symposium meaningful to participants. Consider joining us June 17 - 18 at Concordia University in downtown Montreal. Time commitment is flexible, and it is anticipated that most mentors will be needed for two blocks of 1 or 2 hours each. We warmly welcome participants for mentorship from a variety of backgrounds and disciplines. Submissions close March 30th, 2024.

Submit an expression of interest to be a mentor here:

[CAFS Call for Mentor Participation](#)

CONFERENCE FUNDING

CAFS does not have direct funding available for the Student Symposium. Efforts have been made to make the event accessible. Breakfast and a light lunch, as well as coffee and snacks will be provided. The Symposium will also include a social event at Reggie's Bar and Resto, and a tour by Concordia Food Coalition.

Please contact the conference co-Chairs at assembly@foodstudies.ca for any supports needed when applying to your institution for funding support for travel and to register. Please review the requirements for academic conference supports from your institution.

REGISTRATION & FEES

Waged/ funded	\$85
Unwaged	\$65
Social Event	\$25
Pay it forward	\$20
Hybrid	\$45

Symposium participants will receive a one year CAFS membership. Registration includes symposium fees, breakfast and a light lunch both days. The social event includes food and a drink ticket. Our Pay it forward is a way for CAFS members to offset CADS' subsidy of this event. Registration for the CAFS symposium is through the [CAFS website](#). Registration will open after notifications are sent out on April 10th.

COVID SAFETY

While the realities of the pandemic are not known at this time, we assume that the risk of infection will still be active and significant in the spring of 2024. In order to make the CAFS symposium accessible and secure for the greatest number of people, we will be requiring all participants to wear a well-fitting mask that covers their nose, mouth, and chin. This includes all conference spaces on the Concordia campus, except when eating, drinking, presenting, or asking/answering questions. Masks will be available at the CAFS registration / check-in desk while supplies last. Attendees are nonetheless asked to bring their own masks and are encouraged to change masks daily.

SOCIAL EVENT AND TOUR

Details regarding the Social Event on June 18th 2024 and a tour with the Concordia Food Coalition will be announced in February of 2024. Please watch the CAFS listserv and the conference page on the CAFS website for more updates. Sign up for the CAFS listserv by entering your email at the bottom of the CAFS website: <https://foodstudies.info>

2024 CAFS Symposium Accommodations

Participants are responsible for purchasing and managing their own accommodations for the 2024 Student Symposium. CAFS has a special partnership with the following locations to offer you convenient and affordable accommodations for your stay:

Concordia Residence (Grey Nun's)

At 1190 Guy St

Approximately a 7 minute walk from the Hall Building To reserve:

1. Visit our accommodation website to easily reserve online: <https://www.concordia.ca/summerstays>
2. To benefit from a 10% discount, use the COUPON CODE provided for the respective conference.
 - a. The COUPON Code is CAFS24
3. To see the maximum number of room-types available change the default setting from 2 to 1 adult.
4. The discount is valid for the dates mentioned above.

There is no reserved block, availability is on a first come, first served basis.

Hotel2170

At 2170 Avenue Lincoln

[hotel2170.com](https://www.hotel2170.com)

Approximately a 12 minute walk from the Hall Building

Hotel 2170 Lincoln is ideally located in a peaceful residential area in downtown Montreal, ensuring tranquility and convenience. Nearby, you will find numerous restaurants, shops, supermarkets, and cafes, as well as a shopping center. Easy access to public transportation is available, notably with a metro station just a few meters from the hotel, allowing you to visit all the city's attractions with ease.

