

**FIU**

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# Agroecology Program

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at FIU



## An Innovative Agricultural Science Education at a Non-Land-Grant University

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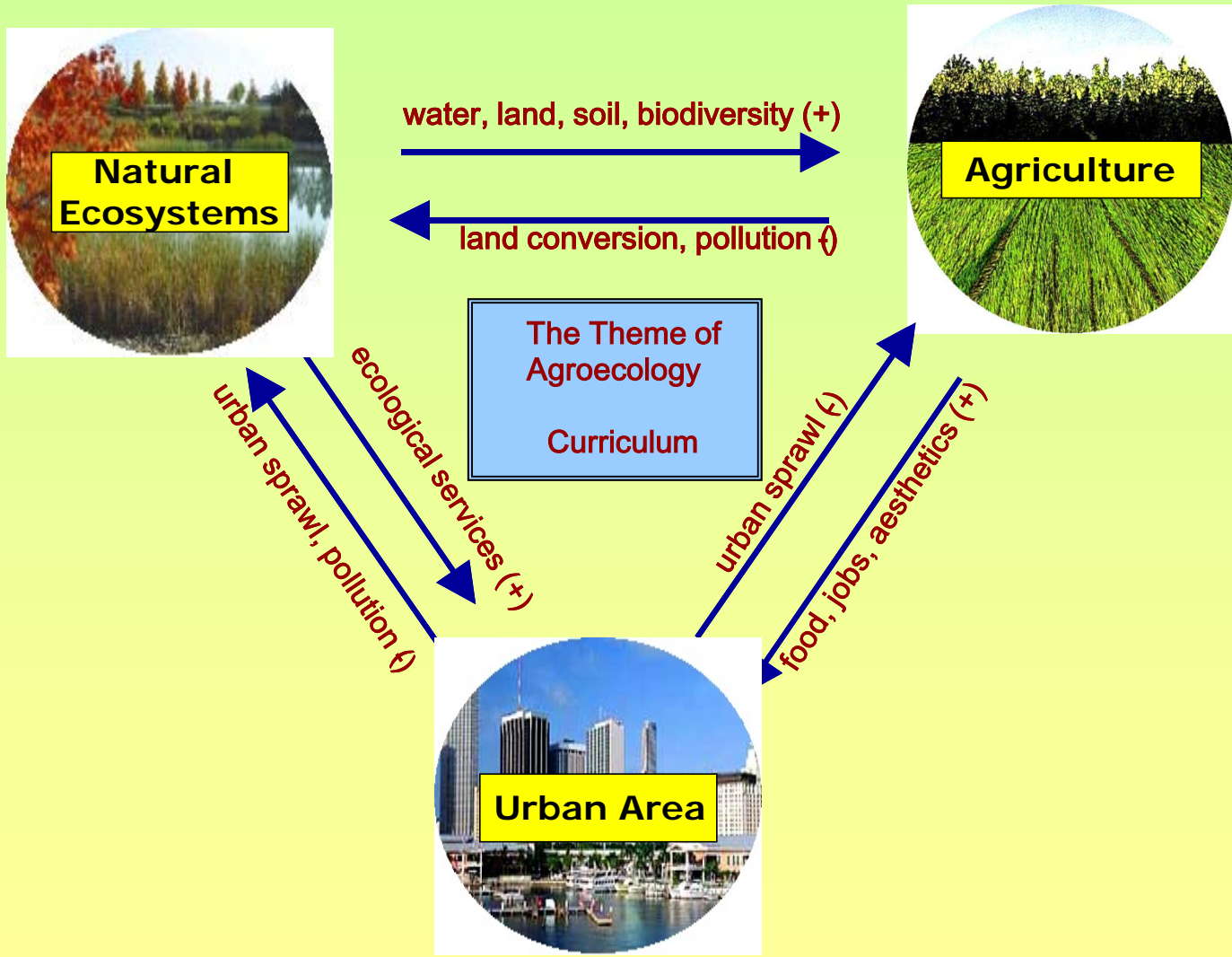


# **Theme**

**Promoting Student-Centered  
Learning and Engagement**

## **FIU's Vision and Mission**

**Student-Centered Urban Public  
Research University**





# Structure

❖ Objectives

❖ Recruitment

❖ Teaching

❖ Research

❖ Outreach



# Objectives of the FIU-Agroecology Program

- ❖ Continue to offer a comprehensive agroecology program at FIU by targeting under-represented populations and a significant number of freshmen from high schools and transfer students from Miami Dade College with agriculture sciences background
- ❖ Incorporate scientific instrumentation into the agricultural sciences curriculum
- ❖ Establish campus organic garden to provide students with hands on experience
- ❖ Promote agriculture careers – Jobs or Graduate Education



## Recruitment Activities

- ❖ **Biannual visit to six Miami-Dade County Senior High Schools (STEAM Academy)**
- ❖ **Summer workshops for High School Students in STEAM area**
- ❖ **Environmental Immersion Day for High School Students through Fairchild Challenge Program**
- ❖ **Participation in Fairchild Challenge Competition – Judge**
- ❖ **Participation in Miami-Dade County Science and Engineering Fair – Judge and best project awards**



Agroecology curriculum and  
increase the enrollment of  
under-represented students

# Undergraduate Program

**Major in Agriculture Sciences – Fall 2015**

**Degree: BS Environmental Studies**

## Some of the Courses:

**Horticulture + Lab**

**Agronomy – Modern Crop Production**

**Soil Science + Lab**

**Soil Microbiology + Lab**

**Integrated Pest Management**

**Agriculture Colloquium**

**Agriculture Internship**

**Agroecology**

**Sustainable Agriculture**







# Research Activities

- ❖ Incorporate scientific field experiments as requirement for Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture courses
- ❖ Agroecology class students conducted various field experiments. The focus of these projects is sustainable agriculture production
- ❖ 250 students took part in different field experiments





Community Garden



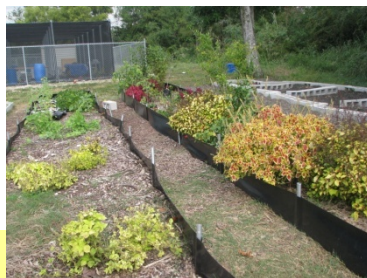
Vermiculture unit



Shade house



Fish pond



Permaculture



Native edible



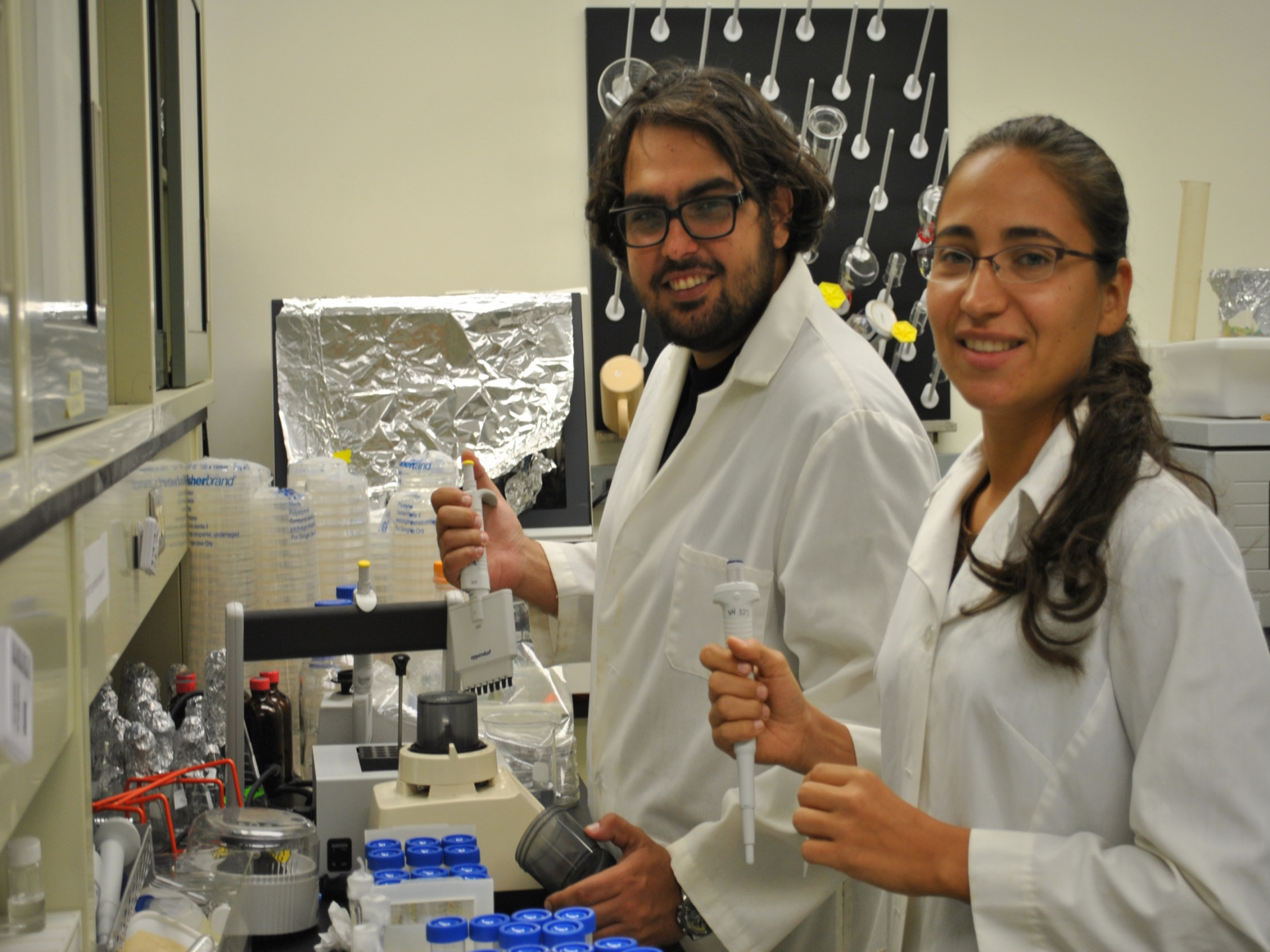
Smoothie sale @ farmers' market





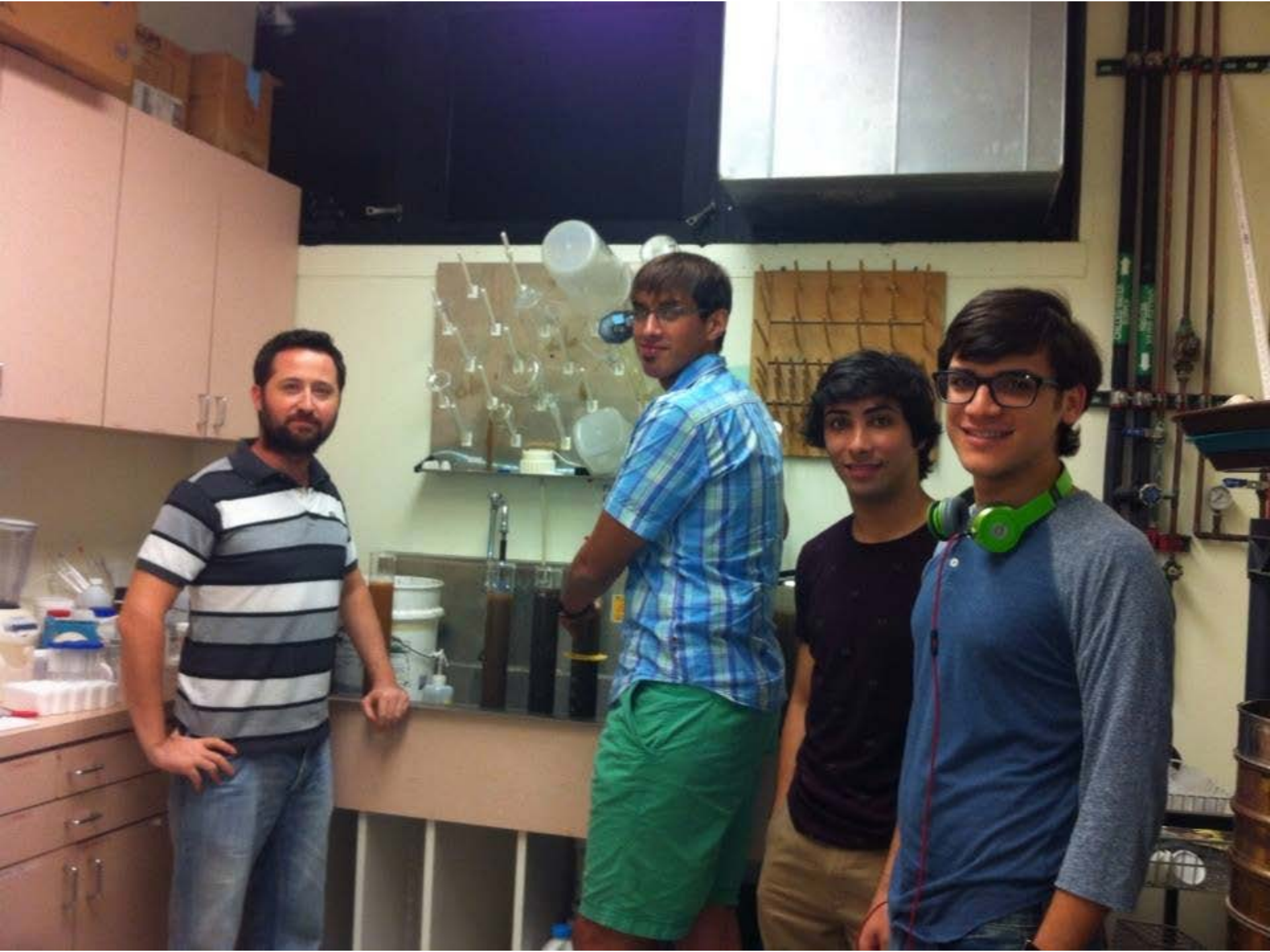
# Students Research















# Outreach Activities

## Annual Agroecology Symposium:



Tuesday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
Florida International University  
MARC Building Pavilion



Registration at 9:00 am

### ❖ Goal:

- bring together academicians, agricultural agency and extension personnel, and farmers to FIU to address emerging issues in sustainable agriculture science for the benefit of students and faculty
- showcase the agroecology student projects & provide them with professional experience of communication and interaction









POUNCE THE FLOW  
MILLPORE

BPD - PLATES



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# Collaborators

**Inter American University**



**Fairchild Tropical Botanical Garden**



**Bee Heaven Farm**  
Certified organic by QCS since 1997



**Earth Learning**



**Saint Thomas University**



**Thank You**

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