



MUSEUM DEPARTMENT

**Associate Education Curator (Science)
at the Museum of Riverside**

Museum Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 28, 2021

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A LITTLE ABOUT ME...

Danielle Leland
Associate Education Curator (Science)
15 Years at the Museum of Riverside

I have a passion for
experiencing and
learning about southern
California's natural and
cultural history and
sharing this knowledge
with the community.



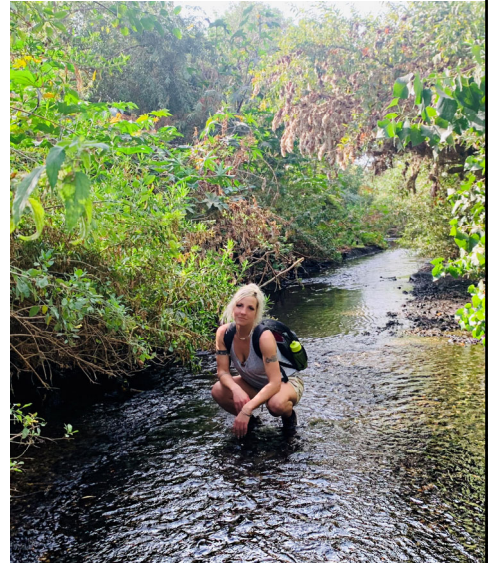
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MORE ABOUT ME...

- School groups and public programs
- Exhibition installation, design, and content
- Community outreach and communications
- Collection care and storage
- Education materials and publications
- Live animal and plant care and interpretation

Bachelor of Arts - Philosophy/Spanish-UNT
Associate of Science Communications-Chaffey
Field Ecology of Southern California-UCR Extension
Archaeology Field School Monitoring/Surveying
 San Jacinto Mountains-CSUSB
Digital Art and Design-UCR Extension
California Naturalist-UCD Extension



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AS A MUSEUM EDUCATOR, I ...

- Provide visitors with the necessary tools as they engage in the process of discovery.
- Provide training, resources, and support for visitors, interns, volunteers, and staff.
- Collaborate in the planning of exhibitions to create spaces that encourage community participation.
- Create a welcoming environment for everyone.



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NATURE LAB



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NATURE LAB IS...

...a living museum collection of arthropods, reptiles, amphibians, fish, as well as geological and botanical specimens.

- Live animal and plant interpretation, handling, and care
- Hands-on activities
- Up close encounters with live animals


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NATURE LAB PRIORITIES



- Visitor experience is core
- Community-based
- Observation and discovery
- Interdisciplinary
- Education, engagement, empathy, and enthusiasm



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THE FUTURE OF NATURE LAB...

- Live demonstrations and other hands-on activities.
- Straightforward technology to augment content.
- Informal and self-directed learning experiences for visitors of varying backgrounds and ages.



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THE FUTURE OF NATURE LAB...

- Exhibits that allow for easy rotation and content update
- Increased partnerships and offsite outreach
- Opportunities for college students and volunteers



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THE FUTURE OF NATURE LAB...

- Use local/regional objects and life forms as appropriate objects and life forms to teach broader science concepts.
- Serve as a community resource.
- Subject matter, content, and learning methods that are interdisciplinary.



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THE EDUCATION COLLECTION



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WHAT IS THE EDUCATION COLLECTION?

- Cultural and natural history objects
- Replicas and real objects
- Hands-on activities/programs
- Handling and usability over long-term conservation



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THE FUTURE OF THE EDUCATION COLLECTION

- Inventory and documentation
- Interpretation and data
- Outreach opportunities
- Expand scope of collection



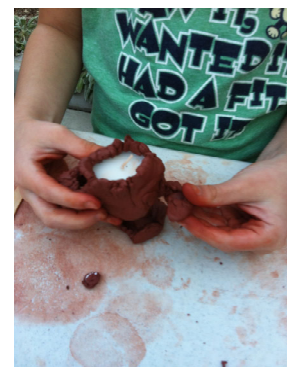
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EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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EDUCATION PROGRAMS



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THANK YOU



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RECOMMENDATION

That the Museum of Riverside Board receive and file a presentation on the Museum of Riverside's Associate Education Curator(Science).



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