

Clockwise from top left: The Experience Korea program invited families to explore Korean culture. Museum researchers helped trace the birthplaces and movements of sea turtles. The new Space Show Dark Universe featured

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visualizations from NASA's mission to Jupiter. The first class from the Museum's MAT program graduated. A biofluorescent goby was among many species photographed during the Explore21 Expedition to the Solomon Islands.





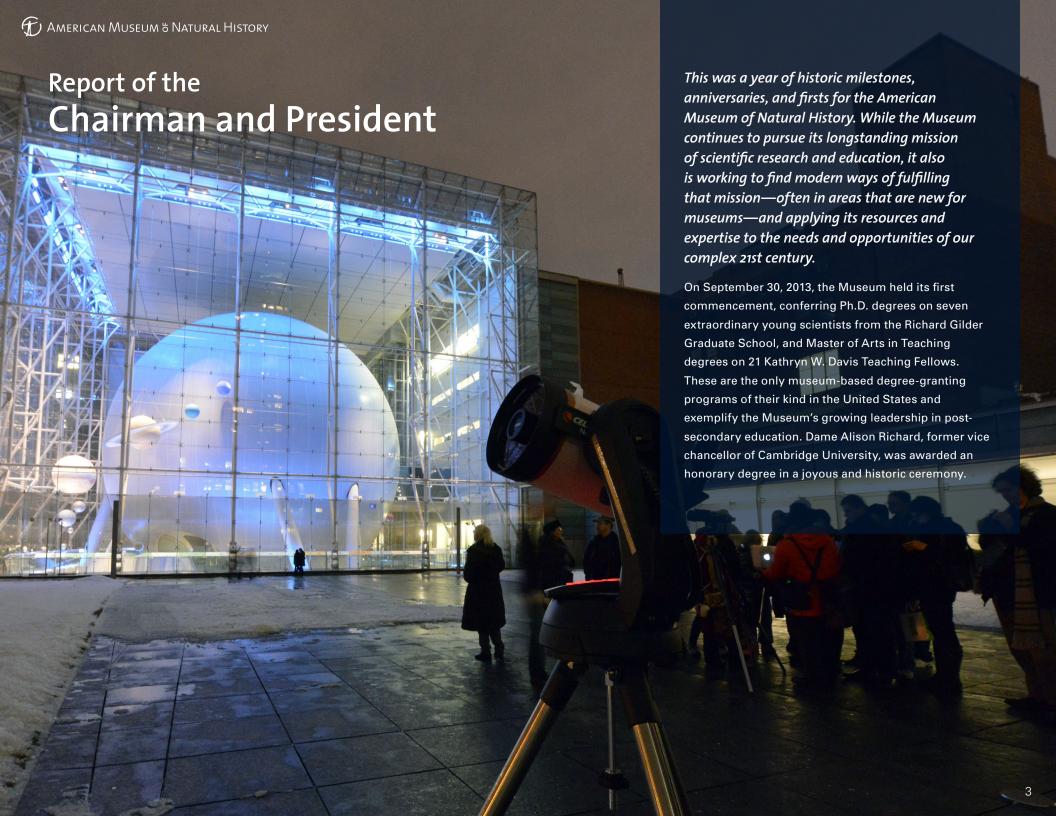












Also that fall, a multidisciplinary team of Museum scientists traveling aboard the high-tech research vessel Alucia arrived at the Solomon Islands and embarked on the first expedition of the Museum's major new research initiative, Explore 21. Bringing innovative methodologies, approaches, and technologies to the Museum's distinguished tradition of fieldwork, Explore21 embraces large-scale, multidisciplinary expeditions to locations of exceptional scientific interest, with an eye to pursuing some of the pressing scientific questions of our time related to the environment, human health, and other key issues, while fueling the Museum's collecting activities.

Donations also contribute to the growth of the Museum's collections. This year, the Division of Paleontology received the massive and significant Mapes Collection of Marine Fossils, donated by Ohio University, pushing the Museum's collection over the 33-million-item mark, and further amplifying the Museum's standing as the steward of one of the most important and valuable scientific records of life on Earth.

In a year of anniversaries, the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation celebrated its 20th, the Science and Nature Program for early childhood education commemorated its 15th, and Urban Advantage marked its 10th. The latter, a Museum-led collaboration among eight science-based cultural institutions and the New York City Department of Education, served more than 50,000 middle-school students in one-third of all New York City public schools this year. External evaluations show that Urban Advantage students outperform their peers, pointing to the potential impact of so-called "informal" educational institutions like the Museum in improving educational outcomes.

For those long past middle school, the Museum launched its first MOOCs (Massive Open Online Courses) in partnership with Coursera. Enrollment in MOOCs in Earth Science, Evolution, and Genetics exceeded 60,000 in the first year.

Of course, many still come to the Museum in person every year—nearly 5 million in 2014. They come for our 45 permanent galleries and a strong program of special exhibitions, which this year included The Power of Poison and Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs. These exhibitions featured an array of media and exhibitry, from traditional specimens and video to virtual reality and live theater presentations, which combined to create a highly varied and effective educational experience. The Rose Center for Earth and Space premiered the dazzling new Space Show Dark Universe, on the mysterious and up-tothe-minute topic of dark matter, narrated by Neil deGrasse Tyson, Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium.

These are just a few of the highlights of fiscal year 2014; many more are detailed throughout this report. Taken together, they underscore the Museum's commitment to its underlying mission as it works to direct its resources and expertise to the vital task of helping to train the next generation of scientists, science teachers, and a scientifically literate populace—at a time when it is more important to our well-being than ever.

We could not do this work without the many individuals—led by our Trustees—Members, foundations, corporations, and government partners who support the Museum. We thank you for your interest and partnership, and hope you will continue with us on this wonderful and deeply rewarding journey of exploration and discovery.

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Chairman

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SCIENCE

The Museum is home to more than 200 scientists who conduct research in anthropology, vertebrate and invertebrate zoology, conservation biology, Earth and planetary sciences, genomics, and paleontology, as well as in astrophysics at the Rose Center for Earth and Space; a world-class collection of more than 33 million specimens and cultural artifacts; and the Richard Gilder Graduate School—the only Ph.D. degree-granting program in a museum in the Western Hemisphere.

The Explore21 Expedition to the Solomon Islands revealed much about the phenomena of biofluorescence and bioluminescence in fishes and other marine animals.

Fiscal Year 2014 In The Field

Field expeditions remain one of the Museum's primary sources of scientific knowledge, with more than 100 field projects around the globe each year. From explorations of underwater bioluminescence in the Solomon Islands to conservation studies in Vietnam, these expeditions continue to add to the Museum's preeminent collections and to inform its exhibitions and educational programs. Select expeditions are highlighted below.



Fiscal Year 2014
Collections

Over the last 145 years, the Museum has amassed one of the world's preeminent natural history collections, which form an irreplaceable record of life on Earth.

In fiscal year 2014, thanks to a major donation of a marine fossil collection from Ohio University, the Museum's collections surpassed 33 million specimens and artifacts.

TOTAL 33,468,637 SPECIMENS AND CULTURAL ARTIFACTS

17.2%
PALEONTOLOGY
5,779,908

1.6% Anthropology 532,457

0.6% Physical Sciences 195,300

10.8%

VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

3.607.352

0.3%
AMBROSE MONELL
CRYO COLLECTION
(FROZEN TISSUE)
92.822

92,

69.5%
INVERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

23,260,798

The Museum's millions of specimens are maintained in specimen jars, on shelves, and in mounts behind the scenes and on view.

Museum Acquires Mapes Collection

A major donation from Ohio University brought 15,000 pounds of marine fossils hundreds of millions of years old to the Museum's collection in 2014. The Mapes collection, named for Ohio University



professors Royal and Gene Mapes, totals 540,000 fossil specimens, including nautiluses, ammonites, sponges, and fishes. The donation filled a chronological gap in the Museum's existing fossil collection, and pushed the total number of specimens and artifacts in the Museum's world-class collections over the 33-million mark.

"This collection is from the upper Paleozoic, roughly 240 to 350 million years ago, an era that is under-represented in our current holdings," says Neil Landman, curator-incharge of the fossil invertebrate collection in the Museum's Division of Paleontology. "These spectacular specimens will provide rich opportunities for scientific research far into the future as we investigate the record of marine biodiversity throughout Earth's history."

The fossil material mostly consists of invertebrates but also includes vertebrate specimens such as exquisitely preserved fish skulls. The specimens were collected primarily from Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas over a period of 45 years by Royal and Gene Mapes and their students. In addition, a number of the specimens represent more distant locations, including Morocco, Russia, Japan, and Vietnam. Museum scientists have been studying Mapes specimens for years through collaborative work with Ohio University.

"The Mapes collection is an extremely valuable scientific collection from which we've already described two new fish species," says John Maisey, curator-in-charge of the

fossil fish collection in the Museum's

Division of Paleontology (see story
on page 13 for more). "Many other
specimens in this collection
are destined to star in future
papers about the anatomy
and evolution of sharks
and other early jawed

vertebrates."

Fiscal Year 2014 Research Highlights

The research conducted by the Museum's scientists contributes to its collections and informs its exhibitions and programs. During fiscal year 2014, Museum researchers produced more than 500 publications, a selection of which are highlighted below.



Fiscal year 2014 began July 1, 2013.

California gnatcatcher not a subspecies Barrowclough, Groth »



Tracing the evolution of bird brains *Balanoff, Bever, Norell* »

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Relationships between bats, flies, and parasites Perkins, DeSalle »

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Bats harbor many strains of malaria parasite *Perkins* »

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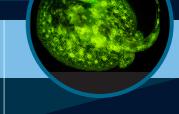
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discovered Tseng, Wang »

Niches of marine species change over time *Hopkins* »

Earliest Caribbean rodents identified *MacPhee* »



Researchers reveal world of fish biofluorescence Sparks et al »



Ice melt changes polar bear diet Gormezano, Rockwell » How stars take shape Mac Low » **FEB**

Lava flows created Chinese fossil beds *Meng, Harlow* »



Tracking the birthplaces and "lost years" of green turtles *Gaughran et al »*



APR



Fish flashing may be a mating tactic *Sparks* »

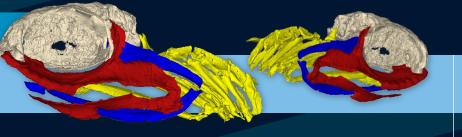
MAR

New bat species discovered by Museum researchers *Velazco*, *Voss*, *Simmons* »

How red and giant pandas share a food source *Tseng* »



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Daddy longlegs once had extra eyes *Sharma »*

Shark fossils illuminate evolution of jaws *Pradel, Maisey* »

Geography influences wasp coloration Perrard, Carpenter »

MAY

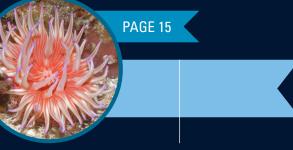
Mancala games found near Arabian seashore de Voogt »



Astronomers "check the prescription" of a cosmic lens *Graur, Rodney* »



Discovering a new order of marine life *Rodríguez et al* »



Putting fossils in their place *Velazco, Simmons »*









Left: John Sparks in the cockpit of the Alucia's Triton 3300 submarine. Right: Assistant Curator Eunsoo Kim collects microbes in the clear water of the Solomon Islands. The expedition offered Dr. Kim and others opportunities to collect specimens from several water body types and multiple sites.

The Explore21 program was established to support multidisciplinary expeditions that draw on cutting-edge technology and focus on delivering real-world applications by discovering new species, preserving biodiversity, and uncovering new knowledge about the natural world. For the inaugural trip, a team of Museum scientists led by Curator John Sparks traveled to the Solomon Islands aboard the research vessel Alucia to learn more about the fish, microbes, and other life in the region's exceptionally rich marine ecosystems.

During their three weeks in the field, the Solomon Islands team carried out groundbreaking work studying marine biofluorescence and bioluminescence. Beneath the surface of the ocean, the light from the Sun is quickly absorbed, leaving mid- and deepwater animals best served by making their own light, a feat they accomplish through two means: bioluminescence and biofluorescence. In bioluminescence, animals produce light via reactions between organic chemicals, while biofluorescence occurs when organisms absorb light and change it, reflecting it as a different color.

While biofluorescence and bioluminescence are not uncommon in nature, scientists have until recently understood little about how they factored into the lives of fish. Dr. Sparks and his team shed some light on the subject with their work on the Explore21 Expedition. Using a suite of cutting-edge, custom-made cameras, an enviable onboard laboratory, and a submarine with room for a crew of three, the Explore21 team documented many examples of biofluorescence and bioluminescence and collected more than 7,000 fish specimens during their trip.

The results took the team by surprise. Far more fish species than expected demonstrated biofluorescence, suggesting the trait could be much more common among bony fish than was previously thought. Fish were found with stripes, spots, and whole bodies that produced wild fluorescent colors, which may be used for camouflage among fluorescing coral reefs, for flashy courtship displays, or for other, still unknown, purposes. Initial findings have already produced several papers, including publications in Marine Biology and PLOS ONE.

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Putting New Technology to Work

From a miniature submarine to high-end cameras fit for a Hollywood blockbuster, the Explore21 Expedition to the Solomon Islands put cutting-edge technologies to work underwater and in the onboard laboratory.



In preparation for the expedition, the scientific team designed and built a custom underwater fluorescence LED system with ultra-bright LEDs, special lenses to accurately align the light to the filters, large dichroic filters, and exit diffusers—all contained within watertight housing capable of withstanding considerable pressure. This powerful illumination system was successfully installed on the *Alucia's* Triton 3300 submersible, creating a uniquely powerful tool for deepwater investigations of bioluminescence, and was also deployed with SCUBA divers in shallow waters.

The advanced lighting system was combined with top-of-the-line cameras, including a RED Epic camera that integrated blue LEDs and specially designed filters to photograph and record fluorescence that would otherwise be invisible to the human eye. Also on hand was a Hamamatsu Orca 4.0 V2 camera that could be controlled via laptop from the relative comfort of the Triton submersible.

"We still have so much to learn about how these animals use bioluminescence—for predation, camouflage, communication, or something else," says Sparks.

The team also gathered examples of 100 species of biofluorescent invertebrates, and the trait was observed in many of these animals for the first time. These unexpectedly bountiful research findings are about more than identifying new traits in sea life, however. Fluorescent proteins have been used in medicine to help doctors trace the actions of living cells, and some of these newly discovered proteins could someday provide new diagnostic tools.

In the course of their three-week journey aboard the *Alucia*, the Museum team, led by Assistant Curator Eunsoo Kim, also performed a thorough survey of the microbial life around the islands.

"Being able to collect from several water body types—from shallow water to blue ocean water, surface to deep water—I was really excited about [the prospect of finding] interesting, rare material," says Kim.

She is working to analyze the variety of collections from the Solomon Islands trip with the assistance of colleagues around the world.

The second Explore21 Expedition has already returned from the remote central highlands of Papua New Guinea, and an additional field program is planned for 2015. ①

The Museum greatly acknowledges the Dalio Foundation for its generous support of the inaugural Explore21 Expedition.

The Museum's Explore21 Initiative is generously supported by the leadership contributions of Katheryn P. and Thomas L. Kempner, Jr., and Linda R. and William E. Macaulay.

Clockwise from left: The Alucia's Triton 3300 submersible vehicle can fit up to three people. The Triton 3300 being lowered into the water. David Gruber films from inside the submarine.









"Sharks are traditionally thought to be one of the most primitive surviving jawed vertebrates. And most textbooks in schools today say that the internal jaw structures of modern sharks should look very similar to those in primitive sharklike fishes," says Alan Pradel, a postdoctoral researcher at the Museum and the lead author of a study that was published in the April 16, 2014, issue of *Nature*. "But we've found that's not the case."

Bony fish have jaws that are rigidly connected to their skulls by bone structures, while shark jaws are attached with more flexible ligaments. The discovery of an early jaw in this new fish fossil suggests that this early sharklike fish, known as *Ozarcus mapesae*, had structures known as gill arches that more closely resemble the gill supports of modern tuna than the jaws of modern sharks.

That evidence is only available thanks to the beautifully preserved state of the fossil, one of more than half a million marine fossil specimens donated to the Museum by Ohio University (see page 7). That preservation allowed Museum researchers to pick out details that would have otherwise been lost to the ages.

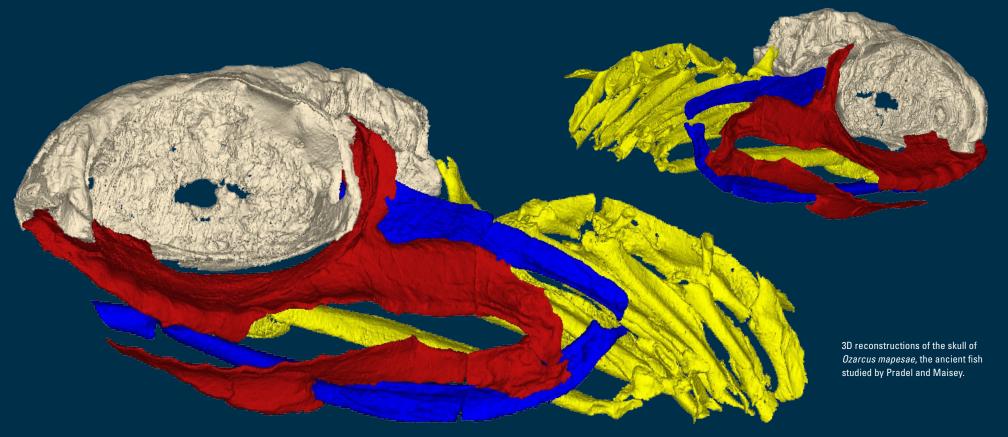
"There are other shark fossils like this in existence, but this is the oldest one in which you can see everything," says John Maisey, curator in the Museum's Division of Paleontology and one of the authors of the study. "There's enough depth in this fossil to allow us to scan it and digitally dissect out the cartilage skeleton."

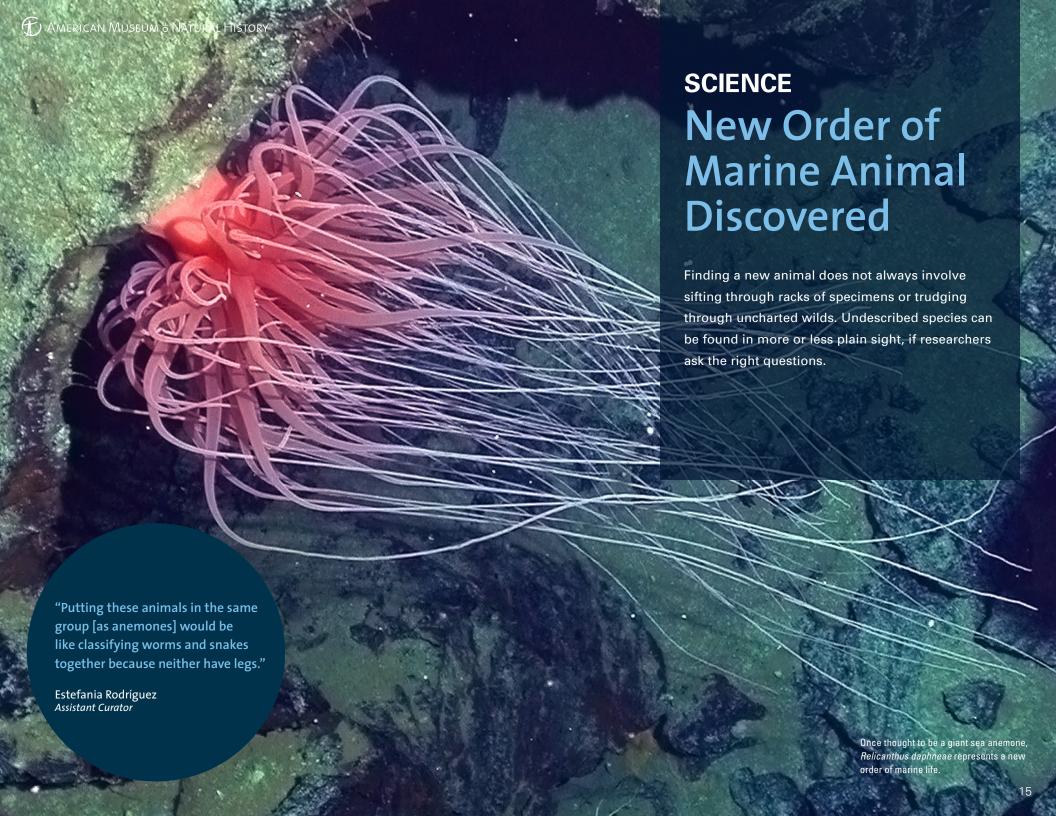
That scanning was performed with assistance from partners at the European Synchrotron. This device, which Maisey has called the

"Hubble Space Telescope of paleontology," can offer a look deep inside fossils without damaging them by bombarding specimens with high-energy x-rays.

Synchrotron results provided high-resolution 3D scans of *Ozarcus mapesae* that allowed researchers to examine the fossil in stunning detail. This more detailed understanding suggests that researchers interested in learning how early jaws developed might have more to learn from early fish fossils than modern sharks.

Funding for this study was provided in part by the Herbert & Evelyn Axelrod Research Chair in Paleoichthyology at the Museum.





That's how Museum Assistant Curator Estefania Rodríguez discovered that underwater creatures sporting six-foot-long tentacles were not the giant sea anemones they had been assumed to be, but an entirely new order of sea life.

First discovered in 2006, the species formerly known as Boloceroides daphneae was at first taken to be an oversized example of a sea anemone. When Rodríguez used genetic analysis to clarify the sea anemone family tree, however, the results showed that the two were not related. "Putting these animals in the same group would be like classifying worms and snakes together because neither have legs," says Rodríguez.

The sea anemone lineage has been rather murky: a lack of genetic data in the past has meant that researchers and taxonomists have had to depend solely on morphological data to properly place anemone species in the tree of life. As a result, a species that looks

like an anemone and acts like an anemone has generally been classified as an anemone.

"Anemones are very simple animals," Rodríguez says. "Because of this, they are grouped together by their lack of characters—for example, the absence of a skeleton or the lack of colony-building, like you see in corals. So it wasn't a huge surprise when we began to look at their molecular data and found that the traditional classifications of anemones were wrong."

To get a better picture of how anemones are related, Rodríguez and her colleagues analyzed genetic data from 112 anemone species in a study published in *PLOS ONE* in May 2014. In doing so, they simplified the connections between animals, showing that what were thought to be four sub-orders of anemone were actually just two. Most surprising though, was their discovery that *Boloceroides daphneae* was not an anemone at all. Indeed, the animal was so genetically

distinct from anything on record that it required the creation of an entire new order of Cnidaria. Now renamed *Relicanthus daphneae*, it is currently the sole member of this newly established order, though Rodríguez expects it will have company sooner than later.

"Although we've long known about the existence of this giant animal, it's only in recent years that we're really starting to understand where it fits into the tree of life," Rodríguez says. "So imagine what else is still out there to discover."

This work was partially supported by the U.S. National Science Foundation under Grant No. EF-0531763 to Daly, the Lerner Gray Fund for Marine Research to Rodríguez, the Louis V. Gerstner, Jr., Gerstner Family Foundation and the Gerstner Scholars Program to Brugler, and the Chilean FONDECYT project under number 1131039 to Häussermann.

Clockwise from left: Dr. Rodríguez in the laboratory. Hear more about this research in a video with Dr. Rodríguez. Doctor Rodríguez collecting anemones in South Africa. A sea anemone, once thought to be related to Relicanthus daphneae.











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Curators in the Division of Paleontology work to describe the diversity of extinct invertebrates and vertebrates and explore the mechanisms driving their evolution and extinction. The Museum's preeminent paleontology collections, with more than five million specimens, are divided into four units: Fossil Amphibians, Reptiles, and Birds (FARB); Fossil Fish; Fossil Invertebrates: and Fossil Mammals.

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Scientists in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences conduct research that explores the nature of terrestrial and planetary processes and curate the Museum's world-renowned collections of minerals and gems, meteorites, ores, rocks, and xenoliths.

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The Division of Vertebrate Zoology houses one of the greatest collections of vertebrate specimens in the world, with more than 3.6 million specimens representing more than 35,000 species, as well as a growing collection of tissue samples for DNA studies. The division includes the Department of Herpetology, the Department of Ichthyology, the Department of Mammalogy, and the Department of Ornithology.

Joel L. Cracraft

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DEPARTMENT OF **HERPETOLOGY**

The Department of Herpetology houses one of the most important collections of reptiles and amphibians, with particular strengths in the fauna of Mexico, Panama, much of South America, Africa, Madagascar, Pakistan, China, New Guinea, Australia, and the Pacific Islands. The department is a major center for research, with active collection-based research programs in the Americas, Africa, and Asia.

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Scientists pursue research focusing on the phylogeny and biogeography of recent fishes, classical collection-based revisionary studies, species discovery through field projects, and detailed comparative anatomical studies. The ichthyology collection, one of the world's largest, comprises approximately 2 million specimens.

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Researchers in the Department of Mammalogy work to describe the diversity of living and recently extinct mammals and explore the mechanisms responsible for their evolution and extinction. The department houses the third-largest collection of recent mammals in the world.

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DEPARTMENT OF ORNITHOLOGY

The Department of Ornithology maintains one of the largest collections of bird specimens in the world: nearly 1 million specimens, representing all continents and oceans and nearly 99 percent of all species. Researchers pursue projects that include higher-level phylogenetics of birds, studies of speciation and species status, and the description of patterns of geographic variation.

George F. Barrowclough, Associate Curator

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SACKLER INSTITUTE FOR COMPARATIVE GENOMICS

Sackler Institute for Comparative Genomics (SICG) consists of four facilities spread throughout the Museum, each with a unique group of principal investigators whose research interests take them deeper into genomics, phylogenetics, cladistics, systematics, and molecular aspects of research. One of the SICG facilities is the Ambrose Monell Cryo Collection (AMCC), a repository of frozen tissue specimens.

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Scientists at the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation work to mitigate critical threats to global biological and cultural diversity by advancing scientific research in diverse ecosystems; strengthening the application of science to conservation practice and public policy; developing professional, institutional, and community capacity; and furthering the Museum's efforts to heighten public understanding and stewardship of biodiversity.

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RICHARD GILDER GRADUATE SCHOOL

In fiscal year 2014, the Richard Gilder Graduate
School awarded its first Ph.D.s in comparative biology.
Graduates have embarked on impressive careers
at the Royal Ontario Museum, Cold Spring Harbor
Laboratory, and the U.S. Geological Survey, among
other organizations. As the first generation of Ph.D.s
leave, others continue to build the graduate school's
reputation. In this fiscal year, students and professors
earned recognition for their work in media and academia
alike. Michael Tessler and advisor Mark Siddall were
featured in a video for NPR's "Science Friday," and
student Eugenia Gold won the Society of Vertebrate
Paleontology's Dawson Award for Predoctoral Research.

John J. Flynn

Dean

HAYDEN PLANETARIUM

The office of the director of the Hayden Planetarium operates out of the Department of Astrophysics at the American Museum of Natural History with a mission to bring the frontier of astrophysics to the public via exhibitry, books, public programs, and online resources.

Neil deGrasse Tyson

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RESEARCH LIBRARY

In fiscal year 2014, the Library was awarded a National Science Foundation grant to transcribe and edit the digitized manuscripts of Charles Darwin, adding this content to the Darwin Manuscripts Project, which is based in the Library. The Library launched its online image database, Digital Special Collections, featuring thousands of images of archival photographs documenting the Museum's history and highlights from the Library's Rare Book Collections. Staffers also collaborated with filmmakers to feature the Library and artifacts from its Memorabilia Collection in Night at the Museum 3: Secret of the Tomb.

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OFFICE OF REGISTRAR AND COLLECTIONS CONSERVATION

The Office of the Registrar works on the development of temporary exhibitions; manages de-installation of collections objects for traveling exhibitions; coordinates travel for exhibitions that include collections objects; manages outgoing exhibition loans; and processes accessions to the permanent collections. The Natural Science Conservation Lab oversees conservation efforts across the five scientific divisions.

Lisa Elkin

Chief Registrar and Director of Conservation

SOUTHWESTERN RESEARCH STATION

The Museum's year-round biological field station in Portal, Arizona, continues to add new workshops, new courses and education programs, support the activities of visiting researchers, and participate in local conservation efforts.

Dawn S. Wilson

Director

MICROSCOPY AND IMAGING FACILITY

The Microscopy and Imaging Facility (MIF) provides research staff and visiting scientists with time and training on advanced imaging technology, including a computed tomography scanner.

Morgan Hill

Laboratory Manager

COMPUTATIONAL SCIENCES

The Computational Sciences facility is used by research staff and students to analyze data on a high-performance, 128-core computing cluster.

Ward Wheeler

Curator-in-charge



On September 30, 2013, the Museum held its inaugural commencement ceremony for graduates from the Richard Gilder Graduate School (RGGS)—established in 2008 as the first Ph.D.-granting program offered at a museum in the Western Hemisphere—and from the Master of Arts in Teaching program.

"This is not only a milestone for the Museum, but the museum field, and more broadly for higher education," said President Ellen V. Futter in her commencement address. "Today we celebrate not only the graduation of our very first doctoral and Master's candidates... but also a deeper and more profound integration of the Museum's twin missions of science and education."

With families and faculty members in attendance, Provost of Science Michael J. Novacek and RGGS Dean John J. Flynn conferred the Ph.D. degree in Comparative Biology on seven candidates, whose

specializations range from the evolution of armor in lizards to the study of fossils for clues about ancient climates.

During the second part of the ceremony, New York State Board of Regents Chancellor Merryl H. Tisch and New York State Education Commissioner John B. King Jr. presided over the conferral of Master of Arts in Teaching degrees.

The first class of graduates from this pilot 15-month urban residency program, which was established in 2011 in response to a demonstrated need for qualified Earth science teachers in the state, included 20 graduates who had already started the school year as teachers in New York State schools, part of their commitment to teach in high-need schools in the state for four years after completing the program.

Known as Kathryn W. Davis Graduate Teaching Fellows, they received their degrees from MAT co-directors Maritza Macdonald and Rosamond J. Kinzler and faculty members Edmond Mathez and Mordecai-Mark Mac Low.

President Futter, together with Provost of Science Michael Novacek, also conferred an honorary degree on Dame Alison Richard, eminent biological anthropologist and academic leader, for her extraordinary contributions to advancing science, enhancing education, and promoting conservation.

With deepest appreciation, the Museum acknowledges Kathryn W. Davis for her generous founding support of the Master of Arts in Science Teaching (MAT) Program.

The MAT program is supported in part by the New York State Education Department and by the National Science Foundation under Grant numbers DRL-1119444 and DUE-1340006.

Additional support has been provided by the Booth Ferris Foundation.

Clockwise left to right: President Ellen V. Futter delivers an address at commencement. Graduates are joined by (front row, from left) New York State Education Commissioner John B. King Jr., Chancellor of the New York State Board of Regents Merryl H. Tisch, Museum Chairman Lewis W. Bernard, Museum President Ellen V. Futter, Provost of Science Michael J. Novacek, Dame Alison Richard, RGGS Dean John J. Flynn, and (second row, tenth from left) MAT co-directors Maritza Macdonald and Rosamond J. Kinzler and faculty members Mordecai-Mark Mac Low and Edmond Mathez. MAT graduates look on.







DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY INAUGURAL GRADUATES

JOHN S. DENTON

Gainesville, Florida Harvard University, 2006 B.A. in Biology Stanford University, 2008

M.S. in Biology

Dissertation: Evolution and Diversification of Myctophiform Fishes with Applications to Phylogenetic Methodology

Defense Date: August 26, 2013 Degree Award Date: September 2013 Advisor: Melanie L. J. Stiassny, Ph.D. Co-Advisor: Ward C. Wheeler, Ph.D.

BRYAN G. FALK

Boise, Idaho Portland State University, 2004 B.S. in Biology

Dissertation: Diversification of Malaria and Pinworm

Parasites in Caribbean Anolis Lizards

Defense Date: January 10, 2013 Degree Award Date: January 2013 Advisor: Susan L. Perkins, Ph.D.

ANTONIA M. FLORIO

Astoria, New York City University of New York, 2008 B.S. in Biology

Dissertation: Comparative Phylogeography of Widespread Furcifer Chameleons in Madagascar

Defense Date: January 8, 2013 Degree Award Date: January 2013 Advisor: Christopher J. Raxworthy, Ph.D.

SEBASTIAN KVIST

Gothenburg, Sweden University of Gothenburg (Sweden), 2008 B.S. in Marine Biology M.S. in Biology

Dissertation: A Phylogenomic Perspective on Annelid Evolution with Emphasis on the Evolution of Bloodfeeding in Leeches (Clitellata: Hirudinida)

Defense Date: May 25, 2012 Degree Award Date: September 2012 Advisor: Mark E. Siddall, Ph.D.

SHAENA A. MONTANARI

Ridgefield, Connecticut University of North Carolina, 2008 B.S. in Geological Science

Dissertation: Paleobiology, Paleoecology, and Morphology of Vertebrates: New Approaches to Old Questions

Defense Date: September 5, 2012 Degree Award Date: September 2012 Advisor: Mark A. Norell, Ph.D. Co-Advisor: John J. Flynn, Ph.D.

EDWARD L. STANLEY

Bere Regis, Dorset, United Kingdom University of St. Andrews (St. Andrews, Scotland), 2005 B.S. in Zoology Villanova University, 2009

M.S. in Biology

Dissertation: Systematics and Morphological Diversification of the Cordylidae (Squamata)

Defense Date: September 5, 2013 Degree Award Date: September 2013 Advisor: Darrel R. Frost, Ph.D.

ISABELLE M. VEA

Paris, France

Université Pierre et Marie Curie (Paris, France), 2008 B.S. in Life Sciences M.S. in Systematics, Evolution and Paleontology

Dissertation: A Time Scale for Scales: Reconciling Neontology and Paleontology in Coccoidea (Hemiptera)

Defense Date: August 19, 2013 Degree Award Date: September 2013 Advisor: David A. Grimaldi, Ph.D. Co-Advisor: Randall T. Schuh, Ph.D.

KATHRYN W. DAVIS GRADUATE TEACHING FELLOWS

WILFRID BEAUZILE

York College, 1995 B.S. Geology and Sociology

DUNCAN BLAIR

University of Sydney, 2000 M.A.Sc. Environmental Science Harvard University, 1994 B.S. Environmental Science and Public Policy

JOHN P. CLARK

Illinois State University, 2012 B.S. Geology

KARL C. CLARKE

Oregon State University, 2013 M.S. Free-Choice Learning. Science Education Hunter College, 2009 B.A. Environmental Earth Science

CHRISTOPHER M. CUBELO

University of South Carolina, 2007 B.S. Geology

JASMINE CHERICHE DECOSTA

University of California at Berkeley, 2010 B.S. Geology

LISA D. HLINKA

Stony Brook University, 2012 B.S. Geology

VICTORIA P. JONES

Columbia University, 2012 B.S. Earth and Environmental Engineering

KRISTEN E. LAPENTA

State University of New York at Brockport, 2011 B.S. Earth Science

CHRISTINA LEE

Bryn Mawr College, 2012 B.S. Geology

TYLER LYONS

Stony Brook University, 2012 B.S. Geology

SEAN P. MCFADDEN

Pennsylvania State University, 2009 B.S. Mineralogy

ANDREW O. NESHEIM

Boston College, 2011 M.S. Geology Macalester College, 2007 B.S. Geology B.A. Classics

BART F. PISCITELLO

Stony Brook University, 2012 B.S. Geology B.A. Earth Science Education

JOHN JOSEPH ROWITT

Syracuse University, 2004 B.S. Geology

REID J. SHERMAN

University of California at Santa Cruz, 2012 B.S. Earth and Planetary Science

MELISSA SHUMER

University of Connecticut, 2004 Advanced Business Certificate in Accounting Hunter College, 1998 M.S. Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences

YEVGENIY VIDERMAN

Columbia University, 2011 M.A. Climate and Society Syracuse University, 2009 B.S. Geology

CATHERINE WARNER

Binghamton University, 2012 B.S. Physics and Geological Sciences

TODD R. WHELAN

Buffalo State College, 2008 B.S. Geology



Fiscal Year 2014 Program Highlights

Alfred Russel Wallace and

the Birds of Paradise with

Sir David Attenborough

Highlights of fiscal 2014 included programs for visitors of all ages, as well as a few milestone anniversaries. Renowned naturalist Sir David Attenborough spoke at the Museum, as did groundbreaking biologist Craig Venter. Festivals offered visitors a taste of the culture of Korea and marked the Museum's 35th year celebrating Kwanzaa. And in June, the Urban Advantage program celebrated a decade of supporting New York City's public middle school science teachers and students at the annual UA Science Expo.



Jackson: How Plants

Domesticated Humans

Anniversary Celebration

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Give Your Voice: Honor Black History

Wild, Wild World: Wolves



Experience Korea: Innovations in Art and Culture



Isaac Asimov Memorial Debate: Selling Space



JUN

Our Genes, Ourselves: What Can Our DNA Tell Us?



Milstein Science Series Presents Capturing the Ocean's Glow

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Urban Advantage Science Expo Celebrates 10 years



The Urban Advantage Middle School Science Program was holding its 10th annual expo, which featured projects from 900 students from across the City. The bustling event was also the culmination of the program's 10th year, a decade spent helping 1,135 teachers and more than 185,000 students in 327 New York City public middle schools tap into the resources of some of the finest science-based institutions in the country.

"The scale of the 2014 Urban Advantage Expo mirrors the extraordinary growth that this program has seen in the 10 years since it began," says Museum President Ellen V. Futter of the innovative public-private partnership between the New York City Department of Education and a Museum-led consortium that includes the New York Hall of Science, the Bronx Zoo, the New York Aquarium, The New York Botanical Garden, the Brooklyn Botanic Garden, the Queens Botanical Garden, and the Staten Island Zoo.

Generously supported by the New York City Council and the Department of Education, Urban Advantage expands opportunities for evidence-based inquiry and authentic science in middle schools by providing lab supplies; access to collections, scientists, and other resources of partner institutions; and professional development for educators across the five boroughs—all aimed at bringing the best of science teaching to the classroom.

"As a former teacher and principal, I know how critical professional development is to empower, cultivate, and retain great teachers," says New York City Schools Chancellor Carmen Fariña. "That's why it's great to see Urban Advantage, a truly wonderful program, using the cultural institutions of our city to help teachers innovate new strategies to inspire their students."

In addition to offering teachers workshops on a range of topics, Urban Advantage has fostered a strong network of middle-school science teachers that educators say offers another crucial level of support, including the opportunity to share curricular resources.

"If you look at the science teachers in this school 10 years ago, and the science teachers today, you'll see that there's a big difference," says John Barbella, principal of IS 347 in Brooklyn, of the program's impact. "And that's all due to the resources, professional development, and partnerships that Urban Advantage has brought to the school."

Another important source of inspiration comes from visits to partner institutions, whether to The New York Botanical Garden, the Staten Island Zoo, or the Museum, by students with their families or on school field trips.

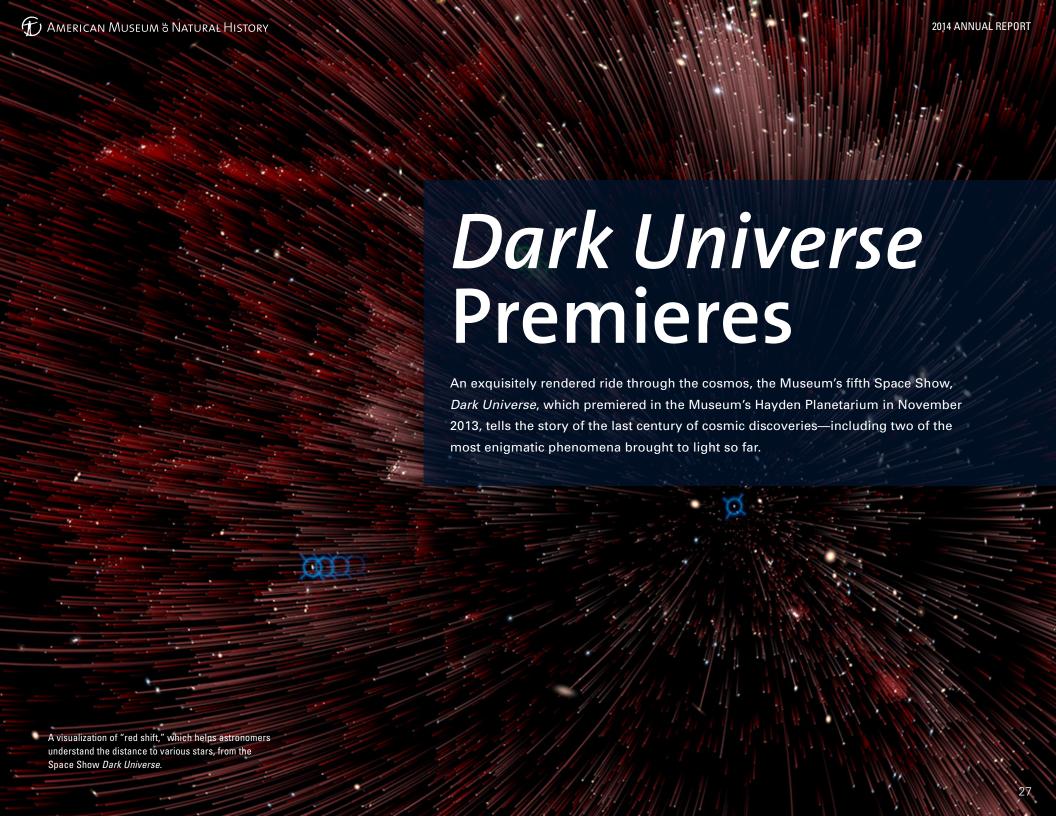
"Science is more than reading a book," says Kevyn Jackman, a science teacher at the Academy for Personal Leadership and Experience in the Bronx who has participated in Urban Advantage for seven years. "If we're studying astronomy, we go to the Hayden Planetarium. Evolution? The (Spitzer) Hall of Human Origins. Fossils, the fourth-floor dinosaur halls."

Public support for the Urban Advantage program is provided by the Speaker and Council of the City of New York and the New York City Department of Education.













Left: The production team visited the Horn Antenna to shoot a time-lapse sequence in spring 2013. Right: As the Space Show came together, the team reviewed scenes in the Hayden Planetarium Space Theater.

"This Space Show is not just about what we know about the universe but how we know it so well," says Dr. Mordecai-Mark Mac Low, curator in the Museum's Department of Astrophysics who also served as curator of Dark Universe. "The major accomplishment of the last decade in cosmology has been going from rather general knowledge about the universe to knowing its properties to within a few percent. The astonishing result is that the universe has turned out to be a very odd place, nothing like anybody ever expected."

Narrated by Dr. Neil deGrasse Tyson, the Frederick P. Rose Director of the Hayden Planetarium, Dark Universe begins 100 million lightyears away from Earth. After flying to our own Milky Way galaxy, viewers arrive on Earth at California's Mount Wilson Observatory, where Edwin Hubble's discovery that the universe is expanding provided the first clues to the Big Bang. That initial discovery, and ever more sensitive instruments on the ground and in space, led to other breakthroughs that give astronomers an increasingly detailed and precise picture of how our universe formed and evolved. The revelations also uncovered intriguing new mysteries: What is the invisible dark matter holding together galaxies? And what is dark energy, which accounts for about 70 percent of the stuff in the universe and which is causing the acceleration of cosmic expansion?

Created by an award-winning team of astrophysicists, educators, and science visualization experts, and directed by Carter Emmart, the Museum's Director of Astrovisualization, Dark Universe drew on data from NASA and European Space Agency missions, groundbased telescopes, supercomputer simulations, and research conducted around the globe to produce its stunning visuals.

The show includes breathtaking sequences that drop audiences alongside a parachute descending through Jupiter's atmosphere, bring them back to the afterglow of the Big Bang, and float them through an intricate web of invisible dark matter.

"I was happily swooning through the cosmos, stars and galaxies floating crisply by like fluff you get from blowing on a dandelion, ready to go anywhere, when the final credits started rolling," wrote Dennis Overbye in The New York Times.

Dark Universe, which was produced by Vivian Trakinski with Dr. Rosamond J. Kinzler serving as executive producer, features a script by best-selling science writer Timothy Ferris and a score by Robert Miller, a New York City composer who worked on music for two previous Space Shows.

The show won several awards including Best Science Visualization at the FullDome Festival in Jena, Germany, and joined the Museum's other popular planetarium shows playing to audiences all over the globe. In fiscal year 2014 alone, six planetarium shows, including Dark *Universe*, and the musical show *SonicVision*, appeared in 40 venues in 17 countries. Cosmic Collisions screened in 25 locations, including Moscow and Manila, while Journey to the Stars was shown in nine cities including Perth, Australia, and Athens, Greece.

Dark Universe was created by the American Museum of Natural History, the Frederick Phineas and Sandra Priest Rose Center for Earth and Space, and the Hayden Planetarium.

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Dark Universe was developed by the American Museum of Natural History, New York, in collaboration with the California Academy of Sciences, San Francisco, and GOTO INC, Tokyo, Japan.



Fiscal Year 2014 Special Exhibitions



The Power of Poison

November 16, 2013–August 10, 2014

Ubiquitous in the natural world, toxins are part of a dynamic defense system that plants and animals deploy against predators. *The Power of Poison* took visitors through the world of poisons and the science behind them.

Highlights of the exhibition included fascinating historical artifacts that showed how humans have sought to detect the presence of poisons—and to protect against their toxic powers; how plant and animal toxins have been used in medical treatments; and the potent power of poison as a longstanding motif in fairy tales, legends, and children's stories.

The Power of Poison was brought to life in the Detecting Poison Theater, in which live presenters explored a real-world poisoning case that highlighted dramatic advances in toxicology and forensics since the 19th century. Visitors also got close views of live animals on display, including dart-poison frogs, flame butterfly caterpillars, and a Gila monster.

The exhibition was curated by Mark Siddall, curator in the Division of Invertebrate Zoology.

Major funding was provided by the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Endowment Fund.

The exhibition was designed and produced by the Exhibition Department under the direction of David Harvey, senior vice president for exhibition.



Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs

April 5, 2014–January 4, 2015

They flew with their fingers. They walked on their wings. Some were gigantic, while others could fit in the palm of a hand. Millions of years ago, the skies were ruled by pterosaurs, flying reptilian cousins to dinosaurs and the first vertebrates to fly under their own power.

These amazing aerialists were highlighted in a comprehensive exhibition that featured rare fossils and life-size models of majestic pterosaurs. The exhibition also included a virtual flight lab where visitors could use their bodies to pilot a pterosaur over a prehistoric landscape.

Dr. Mark Norell, curator and chair of the Museum's Paleontology Division, oversaw this exhibition with Dr. Alexander Kellner of Museu Nacional in Rio de Janiero.

The Museum gratefully acknowledges the Richard and Karen LeFrak Exhibition and Education Fund.

Generous support for *Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs* was provided by Mary and David Solomon.

The exhibition was designed and produced by the Exhibition Department under the direction of David Harvey, senior vice president for exhibition.

Live-Animal Exhibitions



Frogs: A Chorus of Colors

Returning to view, *Frogs: A Chorus of Colors* featured more than 150 live frogs, including 10 species of colorful dart-poison frogs, and explored the diverse world of these complex amphibians by introducing visitors to their biology and evolution, their importance to ecosystems, and the threats they face in the wild.

Christopher J. Raxworthy, associate curator in the Department of Herpetology and associate dean of science for education and exhibition, served as lead curator.

The exhibition was presented with appreciation to Clyde Peeling's Reptiland.



The Butterfly Conservatory: Tropical Butterflies Alive in Winter

October 12, 2013–June 22, 2014

Celebrating its 16th year at the Museum, this annual favorite invited visitors to mingle with up to 500 fluttering, iridescent butterflies among blooming tropical flowers and lush green vegetation in a 1,200-square-foot vivarium.

Generous support for The Butterfly Conservatory has been provided by the Eileen P. Bernard Exhibition Fund.

Temporary Exhibitions



A:shiwi A:wan Ulohnanne— The Zuni World

October 17, 2013 – January 12, 2014

A:shiwi A:wan Ulohnanne—The Zuni World featured contemporary Zuni map art paintings, illuminating the tradition of "indigenous mapping" that has become increasingly significant over the last two decades as a way to record and memorialize indigenous knowledge of the landscape.

The exhibition was produced in partnership with the A:shiwi A:wan Museum and Heritage Center in Zuni, New Mexico.



Natural Histories

Opened October 19, 2013

Featuring scientific illustrations spanning five centuries, *Natural Histories: 400 Years of Scientific Illustration from the Museum's Library* explored the integral role illustration has played in scientific discovery through 50 striking, large-format reproductions from holdings in the Museum Library's Rare Book collection.

The exhibition was curated by Tom Baione, Harold Boschenstein Director of Library Services at the Museum.

The presentation of *Natural Histories* was made possible through the generosity of the Arthur Ross Foundation.



The Exosuit

February 27, 2014 – March 5, 2014

The Exosuit, a 530-pound aluminum alloy atmospheric diving system, together with a remotely operated vehicle (ROV), was featured in a temporary exhibit in the Milstein Hall of Ocean Life that highlighted new technologies that are offering new ways for scientists to observe, photograph, and collect marine life.











The Museum's exhibitions began featuring in-gallery live presentations in the summer of 2012, with the opening of the Spiders Alive! exhibit. Throughout the day, visitors could join a 15-minute presentation about the basic anatomy and life history of a pair of amazing live arachnids: the rose hair tarantula and emperor scorpion, which were chosen for very specific qualities.

"The Chilean rose hair tarantula and emperor scorpion are both big and impressive, but they're also pretty docile," says Associate Director of Living Exhibits Hazel Davies. "They're calm, so they could take being moved and handled and having lights shone on them."

While an instructor handled the animals, a camera over the table projected the presentation onto a large screen, offering the entire audience a close-up view. A lively question-and-answer session, as well as a chance to handle touchable specimens including a tarantula's molted carapace, rounded out the in-gallery experience. Clockwise from left: In Spiders Alive!, presenters introduce attendees to living arachnids. A Chilean rose hair tarantula from Spiders Alive! In The Power of Poison iPad app, sleuths can solve toxic mysteries on their own. Kids get up close and personal with arachnid specimens in Spiders Alive!

The Power of Poison offered a more intricate live presentation that gave visitors some background on the development of toxicology the branch of science concerned with the detection of poison—and prime them to solve poisoning mysteries in the penultimate section of the exhibition.

In the Detecting Poison Theater, presenters donned lab coats and invited visitors into a setting reminiscent of a forensics laboratory, then wove a tale that illustrated the rise of toxicology in the 19th century while detailing the effects of poison on the body.

"Since the presenters had backgrounds in science, they could loosen the script a little bit and adjust the show to visitor interest and aptitude," says Senior Director of Exhibition Interpretation Lauri Halderman. "That helped to make the show more friendly to repeat visits, as every live performance was one-of-a-kind."

The presentation also set the stage for the next section of the exhibition, which featured three accidental poisoning mysteries that visitors were invited to solve using clues in three-dimensional dioramas and *The Power of Poison* app.

Given visitors' enthusiastic response, and the opportunities to enrich, enliven, and even personalize the experience, live interactions like these are likely to be part of Museum exhibitions in the future.

"We're taking the best parts of the live experience from the poison theater and taking them to the next level," says Halderman, who is especially excited about including science-literate presenters who thrive on fielding impromptu questions from the audience and on off-the-cuff interactions that make each show unique.

Awards

PTEROSAURS: FLIGHT IN THE **AGE OF DINOSAURS**

American Graphic Design Award Graphic Design USA, 2014

THE POWER OF POISON

In-House Design Award of Merit HOW Design Magazine, 2014

Platinum Hermes Creative Award for Mobile App Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, 2014

Platinum Hermes Creative Award Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, 2014

Webby Award nomination International Academy of Digital Arts & Sciences, 2014

OUR GLOBAL KITCHEN: FOOD. NATURE, CULTURE

Gold Award Graphis Design, 2014

Justified: AIGA Design Competition American Institute of Graphic Arts, 2013

American Graphic Design Award Graphic Design USA, 2013

SPIDERS ALIVE!

Platinum Hermes Creative Award Association of Marketing and Communication Professionals, 2014

American Graphic Design Awards Graphic Design USA, 2013

The rare pterosaur fossil known as Dark Wing was on display in Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs.

Keeping Visitors Engaged at the Museum and Beyond



Two of the special exhibitions in fiscal year 2014, The Power of Poison and Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs, were accompanied by new apps that were featured as interactive exhibits in the gallery and available for free from the App Store.

In The Power of Poison: Be a Detective, players gathered clues to solve a trio of accidental poisoning mysteries that were also featured as dioramas in the gallery. In the process, the Webby Award-nominated app offered a crash course in poisonous animals, common items with the potential to poison, and how factors like dosage and species can affect the way a toxin works.

The Pterosaurs: Flight in the Age of Dinosaurs app offered an in-depth look at the fascinating flying reptiles with spotlights on six pterosaur species, animations of pterosaur behavior, interactive explorations of pterosaur fossils and anatomy, interviews with paleontologists, and more.

A companion app was also available for *Pterosaurs: The* Card Game, an educational card game co-developed with youth in a Museum education program using images and information from the special exhibition. Triggered by cards from the deck, which were available to be downloaded for free on amnh.org or purchased in the Museum Shop, the app reveals animations of pterosaurs walking, flying, and more.

Traveling Exhibitions and Productions

Developed by award-winning design, media, engineering, and exhibition teams and by educators working with research scientists, the Museum's exhibitions, Space Shows, and the Digital Universe Atlas were presented on every continent except Antarctica in FY 2014.

TRAVELING EXHIBITIONS **EXHIBITIONS** VENUES COUNTRIES Number of locations where the exhibition was shown worldwide, not including the Museum. BEYOND PLANET EARTH: THE FUTURE CANADA OF SPACE EXPLORATION BRAIN: THE INSIDE STORY COLOMBIA CREATURES OF LIGHT: NATURE'S BIOLUMINESCENCE GREECE DINOSAUR DISCOVERIES = ISRAEL DINOSAURS: ANCIENT FOSSILS, NEW **DISCOVERIES ITALY** EXTREME MAMMALS: THE BIGGEST, SMALLEST, AND MOST AMAZING MAMMALS OF ALL TIME **MEXICO** MYTHIC CREATURES: DRAGONS, = UNICORNS, & MERMAIDS SINGAPORE OUR GLOBAL KITCHEN RACE TO THE END OF THE EARTH = SLOVENIA TRAVELING THE SILK ROAD: ANCIENT = PATHWAY TO THE MODERN WORLD SPAIN WATER: H20=LIFE = WORLD'S LARGEST DINOSAURS **USA**





The Macaulays are just as passionate about the treasures behind the scenes as the ones on display. This interest was first sparked when Linda began carrying out research in the collections and then volunteering in the Department of Ornithology.

"You can open any drawer and come up with a scientific question," says Linda, a Museum Trustee who leads the Collections Committee and is a formidable collector herself, having recorded thousands of birdsongs around the world. "It's important to add to the collection, to add to the base of knowledge—to go to new areas that haven't been explored before, and to go back to areas and see the differences over time."

Such appreciation for the enduring and growing value of the Museum's scientific collections—and their own extensive experience in the field—inspired the Macaulays to support the Museum's Explore21 scientific initiative for exploratory fieldwork. In 2014, the Macaulays provided support for the fall 2015 Explore21 Papua New Guinea Expedition, which included biodiversity surveys in the country's central highlands—areas so remote that the scientists' journey included landings on grass airstrips, days of hiking through muddy ravines, and river crossings on suspension bridges made of vines.

"The difference that organization and preparation makes when you get to the field is amazing," says Bill, who has often joined Linda on expeditions. "We could relate to helping fund the advance work for Papua New Guinea, because when you get to the field, every day counts."

As the specimens collected in Papua New Guinea continue to yield important information about the area's biodiversity—and perhaps even descriptions of several species new to science—the Macaulays remain enthusiastic supporters.

"The Museum is a premier institution with spectacular leadership, with great vision, and it serves a very broad community, from New York residents to people all over the world," says Linda. "Then you have the back of house—scientists from all over the world using the collections here, scientists doing really great work, graduate students getting the best grants. It's the whole package, really."

Robert F. Gossett, Jr.

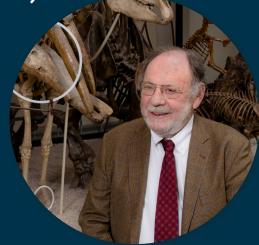
Bob Gossett's fascination with the Museum began when he was a boy in a remote corner of southwest Texas reading about Roy Chapman Andrews.

"My parents gave us these Landmark Books about prominent Americans," he explains. "Here's this man at this big museum in New York City, and he's going off to the Gobi Desert. Pretty exciting stuff!"

Retired now and splitting his time between Texas and Manhattan, Gossett first became a Patron in 1997. Since 2013, he has maintained his annual membership gift at the highest level, the Chairman's Circle. He remains passionate about the Museum and strongly motivated to keep supporting its unique educational mission, showing the public "the world as it is and how it came to be."

As a father who saw his own children delight in discovery at the Museum, Gossett knows firsthand what an invaluable role it plays for city schoolchildren. "They might go to the park but they never get to see wild animals, they never see the night sky because of the lights," he says. "The American Museum of Natural History offers them a chance to see a much larger world than they would ever get to see."

Gossett himself recalls boyhood excursions to a local natural history museum, the Witte Museum in San Antonio. A doting aunt took him there for a course in astronomy—



making sense of the "billions of stars" the small-town boy could see in a night sky unobscured by city lights.

When he and his late wife, who also grew up in Texas, moved to New York and raised their family, he rediscovered the wonder again—and then some—with the Hayden Planetarium giving them back the stars and the dioramas, a closer look at the wildlife Texans take for granted.

"In southwest Texas, most activity is outdoors," he says. "At the Museum, it's all there—and sometimes even better. I've seen live rattlesnakes but in the reptile hall there are two rattlesnakes fighting. I'd never seen that before."

Plus, he adds, "Here, you have scholars who know all about rattlesnakes. Back home we had old wives' tales handed down by old hunters!"



UNRESTRICTED OPERATING RESULTS

During fiscal year 2014, the Museum's annual Unrestricted Operating Revenues and Support increased by \$8.9 million, from \$166.3 million to \$175.2 million. Annual Unrestricted Operating Expenses, together with transfers, increased by \$8.9 million, from \$166.2 million to \$175.1 million for the same period, resulting in net unrestricted operating revenue and support of \$110,898 during fiscal year 2014.

The Museum continued to enjoy record attendance levels during fiscal year 2014. As a result,

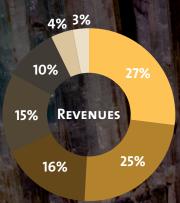
attendance-related revenues increased by \$3.4 million to \$47.4 million, and remained the largest source of operating revenue. The Museum continued to receive substantial operating and programmatic support from Trustees, other individuals, foundations, and corporations, as well as from the City of New York, the State of New York, and the federal government. During fiscal year 2014, contributions and grants used to fund Museum operations, including a portion of net assets released from restrictions, totaled \$42.8 million. Additionally, the Museum received unrestricted

operating support from the City of New York, including funding for certain energy and pension costs, totaling \$17.0 million. The City of New York also provided capital support to the Museum (see "Capital Expenditures").

Support for annual operations from the Museum's endowment—which equals five percent of the average of 12 preceding quarterly market values, ending March 31—fluctuates according to market conditions. During fiscal year 2014, endowment support for Museum operations increased by \$1.0 million, to \$27.3 million.

UNRESTRICTED OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Fiscal Year 2014



- 27% Visitor contributions and admissions
- 25% Contributions and grants*
- 16% Endowment and related funds*
- 15% Auxiliary activities
- 10% The City of New York
- 4% Membership
- 3% Miscellaneous revenue and other fees
- * Includes a portion of net assets released from restrictions



- 36% Scientific research, education, and exhibition
- 19% Guardianship, maintenance, and operating costs
- 10% Cost of goods sold and other expenses of auxiliary activities
- 10% General and administrative
- 9% Transfers to fund payment of debt service
- 5% Fundraising and membership
- 4% Communications
- 4% Visitor services
- 3% Information technology



CAPITAL EXPENDITURES

In fiscal year 2014, the Museum invested \$9.8 million to fund priority capital improvement projects to meet infrastructure and security needs as well as permanent exhibition hall renovations and new scientific facilities. As in the past, the Museum funded most of its capital improvements from a variety of sources, including the City of New York, State of New York, private donations, and the Museum's endowment.

The Museum recognized non-cash depreciation expense of \$29.9 million during fiscal year 2014. Net of depreciation expense, the value of the Museum's physical plant decreased by \$20.1 million, from \$452.1 million to \$432.0 million.

DEBT AND OTHER LIABILITIES

The Museum's liabilities increased by \$18.2 million during fiscal year 2014, from \$396.7 million to \$414.9 million.

The increase in liabilities was largely attributable to an increase in accrued postretirement healthcare liabilities resulting from a lower discount rate, as well as an increase in deferred revenues. The Museum's long-term debt remained fairly consistent in fiscal year 2014, decreasing from \$269.3 million to \$268.7 million during the period.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

The return on the Museum's endowment was +16.2 percent in fiscal year 2014, reflective of positive performance in worldwide equity markets. As a result, the market value of the endowment increased by \$69.2 million, from \$588.0 million to \$657.2 million. During this period, the Museum received cash gifts and pledge payments totaling \$8.9 million, and made planned withdrawals from the endowment for Museum operations and capital investment totaling \$32.6 million.

The Museum's endowment asset allocation is intended both to drive investment return and to provide protection in volatile markets. The Museum's endowment funds are invested by independent investment managers in diversified equity and fixed income securities and are overseen by the Museum's Investment Committee. In recognition of favorable worldwide equity market conditions, the Museum shifted 7 percent of endowment assets to marketable equities and reduced its allocation to absolute return/hedged equity funds and real assets by 7 percent. As of June 30, 2014, the Museum's endowment was invested as follows:

40%
37%
3%
3%
15%
2%

TOTAL 100%

THE IMPORTANCE OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND GRANTS

The Museum continued to benefit greatly from the extraordinary generosity of its private and public supporters. During fiscal year 2014, the Museum raised a total of \$76.8 million in support of its operations, programs, capital improvements, and endowment—a major endorsement of the importance and social impact of the Museum's work in science, education, and exhibition. As a result, the Museum continued to balance its operating budget, grow its endowment, and make improvements to its infrastructure and facilities.

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CONDENSED SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

These statements are summarized for the fiscal years ending June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2013, and excerpted from the audited financial statements. A complete set of audited financial statements is available on amnh.org.

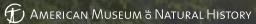
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ASSETS	2014	2013
Cash and other operating assets	\$ 105,435,674	\$ 86,023,510
Contributions and grants receivable, net	48,803,632	51,046,864
Long-term investments, at fair value	666,596,709	596,572,355
Plant and equipment, net	432,030,961	452,074,386
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,252,866,976	\$ 1,185,717,115
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LIABILITIES	2014	2013
Accounts payable and other liabilities	\$ 146,158,348	\$ 127,394,499
Loans from the Trust for Cultural Resources	268,696,789	269,270,225
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 414,855,137	\$ 396,664,724

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS
TOTAL NET ASSETS
Permanently restricted
Temporarily restricted
Officotificted

\$ 1,252,866,976	\$ 1,185,717,11
\$ 838,011,839	\$ 789,052,39
187,874,704	176,067,25
319,737,742	277,597,33
\$ 330,399,393	\$ 335,387,80



CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES—UNRESTRICTED

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OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPORT		2014		2013
Investment return designated for operations	\$	18,610,217	\$	18,115,493
Contributions and grants		24,066,521		24,854,218
Operating support from the City of New York		16,964,933		16,721,953
Visitors' contributions and admissions		47,386,598		43,956,168
Membership fees		6,510,218		6,715,807
Auxiliary activities		28,233,814		25,243,289
Miscellaneous fees and other revenue		6,070,085		5,053,478
Net assets released from restrictions		27,396,304		25,653,941
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE AND SUPPOR	Т\$	175,238,690	\$	166,314,347
OPERATING EXPENSES	TO TO	2014		2013
Scientific research	\$	35,801,735	\$	33,570,176
Education		18,701,527		17,747,862
Exhibitions		7,826,659		8,963,758
Membership		2,242,173		2,154,412
Visitor services		7,648,292	100	7,401,914
Auxiliary activities		17,641,579		16,501,880
General and administrative		16,970,863		15,851,165
Fundraising		5,741,091		5,437,851
Communications		7,353,379		7,041,211
Information technology		6,182,315		5,594,584
Guardianship, maintenance, and operating costs		31,689,408		31,840,534
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	157,799,021	\$	152,105,347
Designated contributions and transfers to plant and long-term investments		17,328,771		14,096,849
Operating revenue and support in excess of operating expenses,				1
designated contributions, and transfers	\$	110,898	\$	112,151

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NON-OPERATING REVENUE, SUPPORT AND EXPENSES		2014	*	2013
REVENUE AND SUPPORT FOR PLANT	TH	The state of		
Contributions, grants, and				
miscellaneous income	\$	1,347,462	\$	9,090,375
Capital support from the City of New York		967,984		12,750,969
Net assets released from restrictions		70,460		305,544
Transfer from long-term investments and operations to plant		25,473,771		22,004,796
PLANT EXPENSES				
Interest expense not capitalized	\$	12,428,314	\$	12,239,653
Change in value of interest rate				
exchange agreements		(512,004)		(19,240,783)
Depreciation and amortization		30,082,440		26,955,102
Plant expenses not capitalized		234,333		260,951
Write-off of deferred bond issuance costs		1,946,072		
LONG-TERM INVESTMENTS AND OTHER				CLASS.
Contributions and bequests	\$	1,225,872	\$	917,351
Investment return in excess of amounts				
designated for operations		13,911,598		4,888,132
Net assets released from restrictions		11,920,363		12,528,328
Transfers from plant and operations to long-term investments, net		(8,145,000)		(7,907,947)
Other pension-related activities		(7,692,662)		28,193,040
CHANGE IN UNRESTRICTED NET ASSETS	\$	(4,988,409)	\$	62,667,816



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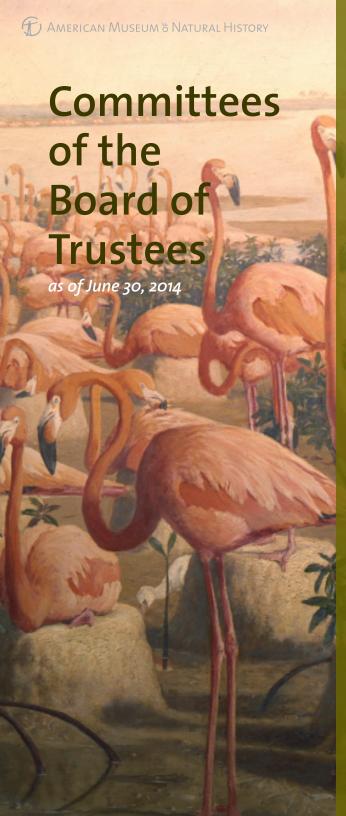
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