



Informal Science Education Association
 Virtual Conference 2021:
 Re-Envisioning the Future

March 2021

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All Times Listed Are Central (CST)

Thursday, March 4th	
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Virtual Mixology for Informal Science Educators! With Drink Slingers presented by Ward's Science

Friday, March 5th	
11:00 am - 11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Currently none scheduled</i>
Noon - 12:15 pm 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Welcome & Announcements Featured Speaker: <i>Interactive Session:</i> Morgan Lee Richardson, Disney Imagineer and conservation artist The Art of Conservation: Artist, wildlife conservationist, and immersive experience designer, Morgan Lee Richardson, demonstrates how art & design can be leveraged to connect humans with animals.
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Featured Speaker Jessica Sickler, J. Sickler Consulting Evaluative Thinking: A Flexible Toolkit for Unexpected Changes
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Currently none scheduled</i>

Thursday, March 11th

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Threatened Texas Species Art + Advocacy with artist Juliet Whitset Suggested Supplies for Pop Art Mussels: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Sturdy paper (for art)● Scrap paper● Sharpie● Pencil Sharpener● Eraser● Scissors● Markers (or anything to color with)
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Friday, March 12th

11:00 am - 11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Environmental Education Before, During and After COVID-19 - Cinde Thomas-Jimenez & Elizabeth Gutierrez; Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority● GEMS (Girls in Engineering, Math, and Science) 2020-2021 - Calista Burns & Stephanie Weiss-Lopez
Noon - 12:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● WILD about TAEF - Brian McDaniel and Kiki Corry
1:00 pm - 1:15 pm 1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Welcome & Announcements Featured Speaker: Andrés Ruzo, National Geographic Explorer <i>From the Amazon to the Mississippi: Maximizing synergies between conservation, education, and research to build back better in the post-COVID era</i> For at least the past year, there has been an elephant in the room that seems to have touched every aspect of our lives... These have been very difficult times, and as we begin looking to the future it becomes increasingly apparent that elephants don't exactly leave your living room without a trace. We have a lot of cleaning up to do and the pressing need to re-envision, re-define, and re-build cannot be more urgent-- AND WE NEED YOUR HELP! Please join us to explore the power of synergy and collaboration from the Amazon to the Mississippi (and beyond).
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Camera Connections: Digital Dialogues and Sassy Sun Spot Snippets - Judy Meyer, Martinique Pautzke, & Saul Rivera; University of Texas McDonald Observatory

Friday, March 19th

11:00 am - 11:45 am	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Using Nature to Sustain Hope During the COVID-19 Pandemic and Onwards - Jordan Joly; Families in Nature● Lightning Talks<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Puneet Gill & Elizabeth Miller - Texas A&M International University○ Claudia Martinez-Grey - International Museum of Art & Science○ Cindy Willems & Megan Imme - Galveston Bay Foundation (pre-recorded)○ Morgan Kunde & Amy Bryan - University of Texas at Austin Priscilla Pond Flawn Lab School & University of Texas at Austin - College of Natural Sciences
Noon - 12:15 pm 12:15 pm - 1:00 pm	Welcome & Announcements Featured Speaker: Susie Wilkening, Wilkening Consulting Museum Audiences in the Age of COVID and Civil Unrest: Museum-goers are grappling with tumultuous events rooted in science and history. As museums navigate 2021, how can we best serve our audiences in ways that engender trust while opening minds to new ideas and information? Join Susie Wilkening to explore the latest research from the field.
1:15 pm - 2:00 pm	Featured Speaker: T’Noya Thompson <i>Though the Rocks Might Shift...</i> Journeying through moments that provoke change and the significance of cultivating community to navigate the next steps together.
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Business Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Featuring Rigor Video & important announcements!

--- Past Sessions (from before the Storm Reschedule) ---



Tuesday: First Day of the Conference!

Tuesday, February 16th

Conference Sessions: 2-5pm CST (noon-3pm PST, 1-4pm MST, 3-6pm EST)

Networking & Fun: 7-9pm CST (5-7pm PST, 6-8pm MST, 8-10pm EST)

Updates & details being added as they come in!

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Tuesday, February 16th	
2:00 pm - 2:15 pm	Welcome & Introductions
2:15 pm - 3:00 pm	Featured Speaker: Jungle Jordan , Zookeeper and Science Communicator <i>Zookeepers: Shaping the Future and Face of Conservation</i>
3:15 pm - 4:00 pm	Featured Speaker: Christian Greer , Michigan Science Center, Director and ASTC Board Member
4:15 pm - 5:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Deep in the Heart: A Texas Wildlife Story</i> - Jay Kleberg & Anne Marie Fayen; <i>Deep in the Heart: A Texas Wildlife Story</i>• <i>Large Public STEM Event Pivot to Virtual: Maintaining Engagement in a Virtual STEM Festival</i> - Tricia Berry; Women in Engineering, The University of Texas at Austin
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	ISEA Virtual Campfire & Game Night