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Megacerops coloradensis, the second fossil found by Elmer Riggs (1869–1963), legendary paleontologist during his first year with the Field Museum.



#### Dear Friends,

We are pleased to share a report on the Field Museum's work in 2017—a year of scientific breakthrough, educational outreach, increased attendance, and philanthropy—for which we are grateful to you.

**Your** Museum was the beneficiary of philanthropy totaling \$47 million raised in 2017. And for a second year in a row, the Field saw an increase in admissions with 1.5 million people visiting. They came for events, programs, and special exhibitions developed in-house, including *Ancient Mediterranean: Cultures in Contact* and *Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life*, which showcased Field Museum collections and scientific research that is conducted here everyday.

Specimens, in particular, explained why the Museum maintains one of the world's largest natural history collections. The exhibition celebrated the moments when scientists from around the world answered new questions using objects acquired more than a century earlier. And, it proved again that specimens are a snapshot of ecosystems and cultures that are always evolving.

In January 2018, the expertise and patience of the Museum's Keller Science Action Center staff was rewarded when our partners in Peru proclaimed the new Yaguas National Park. For the past 15 years, our conservation biologists and social scientists have worked in this region of the Amazonian rainforest, documenting its biodiversity and advocating for its preservation. In 2017 the Field witnessed and waited for a series of last-minute negotiations as the Peruvian government designated the new national park.

Finally, we celebrate in this *Annual Report to Donors* a transition at the Field Museum. After serving as Board Chair for three years, Connie Keller passed the responsibility to Bill Gantz in March 2018. You can read more about Connie's legacy of leadership at the Field Museum on page 52 of this report.

This report of 2017 accomplishments would not have been possible without your support and active involvement.

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## **Yaguas National Park**

After dedicating 15 years of hard work to a little-known watershed in northeastern Peru—including two rapid inventories, a dozen books, articles, government documents, and a flurry of last-minute negotiations and technical support in 2017—Keller Science Action Center staff were thrilled by Peru's January 2018 declaration of Yaguas National Park. The new park, which spans an area the size of Yellowstone, grants strict protection to more than half of Peru's 1,000 freshwater fish species and serves as the heart of a large new conservation corridor envisioned by indigenous residents of the Putumayo watershed.



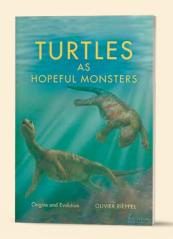








Here they are, still with us, boxed up in shells, prehistoric creatures that both predated and outlived the dinosaurs. Despite their highly specialized body plan, turtles show a surprising potential for evolutionary diversification, with 311 living species that conquered a great variety of habitats. Where do turtles come from, and how did their unique anatomy and bodily functions evolve? These are questions addressed in *Turtles as Hopeful Monsters*, a new book by Rowe Family Curator of Evolutionary Biology Olivier Rieppel, PhD, published by Indiana University Press.







#### **Biodiversity of Mountains**

It is a popular hypothesis: As mountains were created by tectonic shifts, habitats expanded, leading to the development of new species from resident ancestors. Research by Associate Curator of Botany Richard Ree, PhD, yielded the first quantitative evidence of this hypothesis for plants in the Hengduan Mountains, a temperate biodiversity hotspot in Southwest China. Ree studied evolutionary relationships of resident species and estimated when, where, and how their ancestors split to form new lineages. The data clearly shows a dramatic increase in the rate of species formation in the Hengduan Mountains during the same geological period, the last eight million years or so, in which the mountains were formed.





In 2017, Field Museum scientists conducted fieldwork in diverse locations around the world, including southern China, the Philippines, and the Solomon Islands.

#### **Archaeology and Globalization**

Globalization is often considered a phenomenon exclusive to the modern, Western world. Yet populations from across the earth have been interconnected for millennia. The Museum's Boone Research Scientist Lisa C. Niziolek, PhD, and Macarthur Curator of Mesoamerican Anthropology Gary M. Feinman, PhD, presented a new paper on this topic, along with research scientist Laure Dussubieux, PhD, and colleague Amanda Respess at the 82nd Annual Meeting of the Society for American Archaeology. Titled "Globalization in Southeast Asia's Early Age of Commerce and the Contributions of Maritime Archaeology," the paper synthesizes their ongoing research on the Museum's Java Sea Shipwreck collection and its relevance for illuminating ancient broad-scale human connectivity.

Left: A metal altar leg found in the Java Sea Shipwreck.

#### **Dinosaur Cousins**

In a paper published in *Nature*, Associate Curator of Fossil Mammals Ken Angielczyk, PhD, and an international team of university scientists described the earliest known dinosaur relative. Officially named *Teleocrater rhadinus*—meaning "slender complete basin"—this six-foot-long species was surprisingly more crocodilian than dinosaur-like, resembling the monitor lizards alive today. All dinosaurs are archosaurs, a group that contains dinos, birds, pterosaurs ("flying reptiles"), and crocodilians. About 250 million years ago, the archosaurs split into two groups: a bird-like group that evolved into dinosaurs, birds, and pterosaurs, and a crocodile-like group. While the newly-discovered *Teleocrater rhadinus* is the earliest member of the bird side of the family, the authors say it is not a direct ancestor of dinosaurs, but it is the oldest known dinosaur cousin.

An artist's rendering of the species Teleocrater rhadinus, an ancient relative of dinosaurs and birds.



#### **Digitization of Museum Collections**

Robert A. Pritzker Director of Integrative Research Corrie Moreau, PhD, had a new paper published in *Nature, Ecology and Evolution* this year titled: "Digitization of museum collections holds the potential to enhance researcher diversity." Co-authored by Josh Drew, PhD, and Melanie Stiassny, PhD, of the American Museum of Natural History, the paper highlights how the advent of digitization allows open access to images and specimen data. With open access, communities, especially in the Southern Hemisphere, will have access to the previously out-of-reach collections held mostly in the Global North. This will, in turn, promote researcher diversity and continued learning, both formally by professionals and informally by citizens and educators.

#### **Giant Rats**

In September, Negaunee Postdoctoral Research Fellow Tyrone Lavery, PhD, and colleague, Hikuna Judge, published a description of a new Solomon Islands rodent (*Uromys vika*). The Associated Press' release was featured in over 1,000 news outlets around the world, toppling SUE as the most popular news about the Field Museum. It was clear from the articles that people were fascinated with how this species was found; a scientist and indigenous landowners worked together with equal determination to record an incredibly rare mammal in a remote part of the world. It demonstrated the public's appetite for news about the natural world and highlighted exceptional steps taken by Field Museum scientists to find new species.





# **Biodiversity Dashboards** for Peru, Ecuador, and Colombia

The Conservation Tools team, which has curated three major online identification tools since 1999, launched a brand new one in 2017. Built for land managers in diverse countries where basic information on plant and animal occurrence is scarce, these dashboards use Field Museum collections data to provide species lists and information on conservation action for nearly 1,000 parks. The project, a collaboration with Yale University's Map of Life team and funded by the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, is currently testing the first prototype with the park services in all three countries.

#### **Calumet National Heritage Area**

Since its founding, Field Museum scientists have documented the biological and cultural richness of the industrial Calumet region that lies at the southern end of Lake Michigan. The area stretches from the Pullman National Monument to the Indiana Dunes. Working with many partners and engaging communities throughout this landscape, Keller Science Action Center staff significantly advanced a multi-year process with the formal submission of a critical book-length document to the National Park Service in 2017. The document demonstrates the area's national significance and lays out the feasibility of organizing and administrating a new national heritage area.

The feasibility study was generously supported by ArcelorMittal.

#### **Ancient Agricultural Practices**

Associate Curator Ryan Williams, PhD, published an article in the November 2017 issue of the Journal of Environmental Management with Geologist Ana Cristina Londono, PhD, of Lindenwood University and Engineer Megan Hart, PhD, of the University of Missouri-Kansas City entitled "A change in landscape: Lessons learned from abandonment of ancient Wari agricultural terraces in Southern Peru." Based on LIDAR survey work they conducted in 2013 in remnant terrace systems in the Andes, the authors argue the archaeological study of ancient terrace systems teaches us that ancient land management practices may be superior to those used today. They further argue that ongoing climate change is impacting agrarian productivity in dryland regions, which cover 40 percent of the earth's land surface, and that rehabilitation of highland terrace systems to full agricultural productivity may be necessary under the overriding shifts in climate towards intense aridity in these regions.

Right: Associate Curator Ryan Williams, PhD, at the site of Cerro Baul in Southern Peru.







#### **Monarch Conservation**

The Field Museum's Keller Science Action Center, with support from the US Fish and Wildlife Service, developed tools to assist urban communities taking action to save the Monarch butterfly. The tools, found at fieldmuseum.org/monarchs, include an Urban Conservation Guidebook, which uses a combined social-ecological approach to engage citizens and decision makers with strategic pollinator habitat planning. This effort elevated the Field Museum's role as an expert in urban pollinator conservation design and launched the team into partnerships at the local, regional, national, and international scale aimed at reducing the extinction risk for the Monarch butterfly.

#### **Chicago Community Climate Forum**

In December, along with more than 70 civic and environmental organizations, the Field Museum hosted the Chicago Community Climate Forum to feature Chicago stories about innovative climate solutions and celebrate the vision of vibrant communities made more resilient through climate action. Nearly 1,500 community leaders and engaged residents attended the event in Stanley Field Hall. The program featured keynote speaker Mustafa Santiago Ali, former chief of the Environmental Justice Office of the Environmental Protection Agency and now a senior vice president for Hip Hop Caucus. The evening culminated with the unveiling of the Chicago Agreement on Climate and Community which outlines a set of principles and commitments to embrace climate solutions with a platform for community members and local organizations to contribute to climate action. The event's success underscored the unique role the Field Museum plays in convening and elevating diverse voices, and in focusing on solutions.





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More than 70 pieces were treated for the Ancient Mediterranean: **Cultures in Contact exhibition.** 

#### **Additions to Gantz Family Collection Center Staff in 2017**



#### STEPHANIE HORNBECK **Head of Conservation**

Stephanie Hornbeck joined the Field staff in February after serving as Director of Caryatid Conservation Services, Inc.-her Miami-based private practice in object and sculpture conservation. She served as Chief Conservator for the Smithsonian Institution's Haiti Cultural Recovery Project after the 2010 earthquake and was awarded the Smithsonian Secretary's Gold Medal for Exceptional Service.



#### **ADAM FERGUSON, PHD Negaunee Collections Manager** of Mammals

Adam Ferguson comes to the Museum from a Fulbright Postdoctoral Fellowship working with wildlife management students at Maasai Mara University in Kenya. He is an evolutionary ecologist with a particular interest in the geographic distribution and evolutionary history of smallto-medium-sized carnivores. Ferguson received a PhD in biology from Texas Tech University.



#### STACY DRAKE, PHD Bioarchaeologist

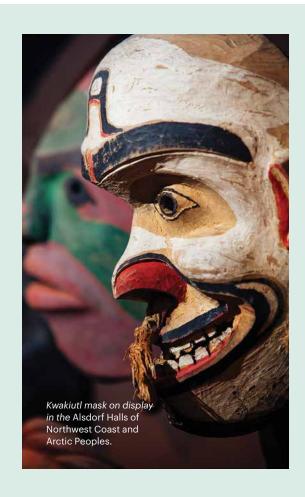
Stacy Drake joined the Museum in March to participate in an MLS-funded project to improve documentation and care of North American human remains within the Museum's collection. She earned her PhD from the University of Texas at Austin, researching prehistoric burial patterns of ancient Maya communities. Prior to the Field, Drake worked at the Texas Archeological Research Laboratory in Austin.

#### **Conservation Projects**

Conservators working in the Field Museum's Anthropology Department were fully involved in documenting and treating objects to prepare for installation in *Ancient Mediterranean: Cultures in Contact.* Conservator Debbie Linn served as the conservation project liaison. The most complicated treatment involved the 1st-century-AD Roman wall painting fragment (fresco technique) from Boscoreale, Italy. In consultation with the Field's conservators, contract conservators from Litas Liparini Restoration Studio stabilized numerous cracks and aesthetically integrated the damage with painted fills, allowing renewed appreciation of the original design motifs depicting an architectural interior.

Traveling objects require specialized packing and shipment to protect them in transit. Conservator JP Brown worked with a Field Museum team to pack, unpack, assess condition, and install *Mummies: Images of the Afterlife* at the American Museum of Natural History (New York) in February 2017. This was the last of four venues for the Field's traveling exhibition.

Head of Conservation Stephanie Hornbeck planned for conservation work on the upcoming multi-year renovation of the *Native North American Hall*. She served as co-principal investigator with Curator Alaka Wali, PhD, for grant proposals to support conservation and community collaboration efforts for the new hall. The grants will supplement support of salaries for a dedicated conservation project team and facilitate Native consultations related to care and storage.





# JULIA KENNEDY Collections Assistant for Pacific Anthropology

Julia Kennedy has been a volunteer in Anthropology for more than three years and worked in a term position with the Philippines Collection. She has undertaken collections and database work at Watkins Mill, a Missouri historic site and museum, and has participated in archaeological field work for the Iklaina Archaeological Project in Greece.



# JACKIE POZZA Collections Assistant for North American Anthropology

Jackie Pozza received her MA in Anthropology from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee in 2016. Her thesis focused on Oneota copper material from southeastern Wisconsin. She interned at the Missouri History Museum and National Railroad Museum and served as a Collections Management Associate at the Wisconsin Historical Society.



#### **Transcription Party**

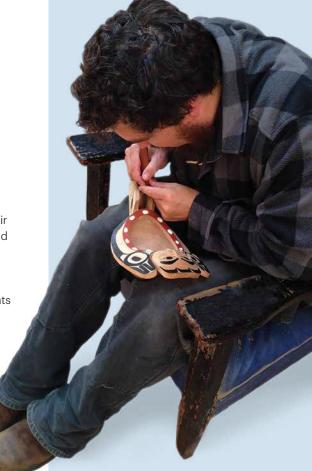
From October 19 to 22, the Gantz Family Collections Center invited members of the public, including college and high school students, to participate in a "transcription party." This was in conjunction with the Worldwide Engagement for Digitizing Biocollections or WeDigBio, a global event that brings participants online and onsite in digitizing natural history collections. Marking its third year of participation in WeDigBio, the Museum was one of the most significant on-site event hosts, globally, with support from more than 140 grassroots scientists in the Chicago region and beyond. Participants included the general public, Museum docents, and students. The collaborative effort was coordinated by McCarter Collections Manager and Head of Botanical Collections Matt von Konrat, PhD, Collections Assistant Yarency Rodriguez, and botanical collections volunteer Joann Martinec. Over 300 volunteers gathered throughout 2017 to help transcribe vital information from scientific specimens and objects as well as hands-on curation activities.





#### **Connecting First Nations to Field Museum Collections**

In 2017, Anthropology Collections staff continued to build relationships with artists and communities on the Northwest Coast and connect people with their cultural heritage. First Nations artists Marika Swan (Tla-o-qui-aht) and Joe David (Nuu-chah-nulth) visited the Museum in June and invited Collections Manager Jamie Lewis to their community in Tofino, British Columbia, Canada, for the eighth annual Carving on the Edge Festival. At the event, Jamie presented photos and information about the Tla-o-qui-aht items at the Field to participants and spoke with elders about how the Museum cares for collections. Jamie also had the opportunity to visit Haida Gwaii and connect with Haida artist Jaalen Edenshaw, who visited the Museum in 2016. During this visit, Jamie purchased a carved raven bowl from Jaalen for the Museum's permanent collection. Continued outreach from the Field to indigenous communities is essential for the sustainability of the Museum's collections and best care practices.



Right: Haida artist Jaalen Edenshaw carves a raven bowl, which was later purchased by Collections Manager Jamie Lewis.



#### **Collections Club**

The Collections Club was created in 2017 after volunteers expressed a strong interest following their participation in the 2016 WeDigBio public transcription event. The Collections Club met quarterly with about 50 to 60 active members of broad backgrounds. The major goals of the Club are to:

- Harness the enthusiasm generated by the WeDigBio events,
- Deepen the connection between scientific collections and the general public,
- Increase engagement through participatory science, and
- Improve and enhance physical specimens and associated data.

Participants generated data from more than 6,000 objects and specimens and re-packeted over 1,500 bryophyte specimens (mosses and liverworts) collected by Rudolf M. Schuster, PhD, who was previously a Research Fellow at the Field before his death in 2012. The volunteers unwrapped specimens from newspapers—some dating back to the 1960s—and placed them in archival packets. They also transcribed scientific label data from 3,500 bryophyte and fern specimens from around the world. Over 500 exhibition labels were digitally scanned for the anthropological collections. In addition, members examined 35mm photographic slides from the insect collection, which were then rehoused and prepared for cataloging. Dozens of pages from field notebooks of historical expeditions were also examined and transcribed. None of this work could have been achieved without the support and time of our grassroots scientists.



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Volunteers examine and transcribe pages from field notebooks kept in the Museum's archives.



# **Ancient Mediterranean: Cultures in Contact**

In late October, the Museum opened its newest special exhibition, Ancient Mediterranean: Cultures in Contact, which showcased 100 rarely seen artifacts from the Museum's Egyptian, Roman, Greek, and Etruscan collections. Each of these objects, such as an Etruscan necklace decorated with Egyptian scarabs, told a small part of a larger story of ancient immigration, assimilation, and connection. The exhibition was especially noteworthy for the way it revealed parallels between the classical world and the interconnectedness of our modern society.



Etruscan black ceramic amphora with designs of seated goddess receiving gifts.



# The Peregrine Returns: The Art and Architecture of an Urban Raptor Recovery

The Museum exhibited the story of Assistant Collections Manager Mary Hennen's book *The Peregrine Returns* through the artwork of Artist-in-Residence Peggy Macnamara. The book described the Peregrine Falcon's devastating decline and recovery in the state of Illinois. Using her Chicago Peregrine Program as a case study, Hennen explained how the urban landscape played an essential role in enabling Peregrines to return to the wild. Along with Macnamara's illustrations, the exhibition also displayed a slideshow of photographs by Stephanie Ware, which documented Chicago's Peregrine Falcons and eggs collected before, during, and after the DDT crisis—an environmental catastrophe that caused a thinning of the falcons' eggshells.



Cultures in Contact showcased 100 rarely seen artifacts from the Museum's Egyptian, Roman, Greek, and Etruscan collections.





Left: These scarab beetles are part of the Museum's collection of 40 million objects and specimens.

#### **Specimens**

Opening in March, Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life, was a continuation of the popular "Opening the Vaults" exhibition series, which included Mummies (2012) and Wonders of the 1893 World's Fair (2013). This series puts on display some of the nearly 40 million objects held in the Museum's collections. An active research institution, the Field employs scientists who make new discoveries based on its artifacts and specimens—many of which were acquired a hundred years ago. For Specimens, the exhibitions team and Museum staff hand-picked interesting, significant, or enigmatic specimens that allowed visitors to discover and interact with the Field's extensive research history.

Major Sponsor: Integrated DNA Technologies



#### **Bushman Care and Move**

In 2017, one of the Field Museum's most iconic specimens, Bushman the Gorilla, was cleaned and moved to the East Entrance on the Ground Floor. Bushman lived in the Lincoln Park Zoo from August 15, 1930, until his death on January 1, 1951. He was then processed for taxidermy by Leon Walters, Field Museum taxidermy artist from 1911 to 1954. Bushman's new location at the East Entrance allows school children arriving at the Museum for field trips to engage directly with the specimen through new digital labels and discover his importance to Chicago.

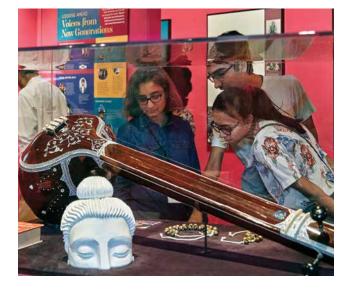


# The Field Museum holds the largest meteorite collection of any private institution.

#### **Meteorites**

A new permanent exhibition opened in January in the *Grainger Gallery* near the *Malott Hall of Jades*. It features meteorites from the Field Museum's collection, which began with 170 specimens purchased by Marshall Field I following the 1893 World's Columbian Exposition. Now holding the largest collection of meteorites of any private institution, the Field shares its most rare and interesting specimens with visitors, including pieces from the Russian Chelyabinsk air blast in 2013. The exhibition also highlights four fossil meteorites and the secrets they can reveal about our universe.





# Beyond Bollywood: Indian Americans Shape the Nation

A traveling exhibition from the Smithsonian Institution, *Beyond Bollywood* was at the Field Museum from July 29, 2017, to January 7, 2018. The exhibition explored the heritage, daily experience, and diverse contributions of Indian immigrants and Indian-Americans in the United States from the 1700s to the present. The Field collaborated with the Indo-American Heritage Museum to expand the exhibition by the inclusion of twenty objects, which highlighted the civic, economic, scientific, and artistic contributions of Chicagoland's Indian-American community. Among these objects, the Museum displayed the combat boots worn by US Army Sergeant Uday Singh, who died in Iraq in 2003, and the Nobel Prize awarded to University of Chicago astrophysicist Subrahmanyan Chandrasekhar.

This exhibition is generously supported by The Chicago Community Trust.





#### **March for Science**

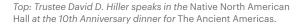
On Earth Day, April 22, the Field Museum led the world's largest March for Science. A crowd of 40,000 gathered in support of scientific research and advocacy. The Field Museum (the only Chicago museum to participate) made a strong showing—about 700 staff, volunteers, donors, and their families marched with the Museum, wearing bright green shirts. Emily Graslie, the Museum's chief curiosity correspondent, was the keynote speaker at the rally before the march from Grant Park to the Museum Campus. Afterward, the Field and other scientific organizations held an expo providing marchers with opportunities to further engage with and support science.

Left: Participants in the 2017 March of Science took a creative approach to voicing their opinions.



#### **Ancient Americas 10th Anniversary**

In March, the Field Museum celebrated the tenth anniversary of the *Robert R. McCormick Halls of the Ancient Americas*. The exhibition, opened in 2007, tells the epic story of 13,000 years of human ingenuity and achievement in the Western Hemisphere before the arrival of European explorers. In honor of its anniversary, a number of exhibition supporters, including Museum Trustee David D. Hiller, president of the Robert R. McCormick Foundation, joined Museum leaders for a dinner on the evening of March 30. As part of the evening's celebration, the Field shared early plans for finishing the story begun with *The Ancient Americas* through a new permanent exhibition about Native North Americans.



Right: Osage, Kaw, Cheyenne River Lakota Sioux artist Chris Pappan and his wife, Debra, and daughter, Ji Hae, attended the 10th Anniversary Dinner of The Ancient Americas. Pappan's artwork is featured in the Native North American Hall.





# "Facts are always welcome here, and so are you."

#### **Day of Facts**

In response to the era of "fake news," the Field Museum stood up for facts and science in 2017. The Field joined museums, libraries, and cultural institutions around the world for the social media campaign #DayofFacts on February 17. Hundreds of Field Museum staff participated in a video that declared, "Facts are always welcome here, and so are you." The video went viral, becoming the Museum's most wide-reaching social media post at the time and was featured in the Washington Post and the Chicago Sun-Times. It was later screened at the national March for Science in Washington, D.C.





Right: Kevin Willer and Beth Schmidt, Field Associates President (2017), speak at the Museum's Young Professionals Leadership Summit.

#### **Young Professionals Leadership Summit**

On November 11, the Field Associates, in partnership with the All A-Board Alliance, hosted the inaugural Auxiliary Board Leadership Summit. The event was a highly successful and unique conference, which attracted 125 Young Professional Auxiliary Board volunteer leaders and staff liaisons from 65 Chicago area organizations. This summit cemented the Field Associates' role as thought-leaders in Chicago's community. In addition to attending breakout sessions focused on strength-based leadership, the value of diversity, and the alignment of auxiliary and governing boards, guests heard from keynote speaker Kevin Willer of Chicago Ventures about the intersection of philanthropy and the entrepreneurial spirit.



#### **Field In The Burbs**

The first of its kind, the Field's *In The Burbs* program "Does Nature Need Cities?" took place on August 26 at the Oak Park Conservatory. It was designed to bring the Museum's work to our communities of members and donors. Attendees examined specimens and heard from Museum scientists Mark Bouman, PhD, and Abigail Derby Lewis, PhD. Their talk discussed ways to address environmental changes in Oak Park and across the region, as well as new efforts being piloted in Chicago to create pollinator habitats and recover species, such as the Monarch butterfly.

Purple coneflower (echinacea purpurea)



#### Women in Science 2017

On April 25, 2017, the Women's Board of the Field Museum held its annual Women in Science Luncheon with a keynote address by Ilene Gordon, Chairman, President, and CEO of Ingredion, followed by a moderated conversation with Ambassador Fay Hartog-Levin (Ret.). The event, cochaired by Field Museum Women's Board Members Donna Greenberg and Deanne McLean, drew nearly 400 corporate, civic and philanthropic leaders from throughout Chicago and the region. Surrounding the luncheon and program, the Museum also welcomed 40 young women from Chicago Public Schools for a day of hands-on programming and a chance to network with women in STEM careers. The event raised more than \$225,000 in support of science internships and fellowships for young women at the Field Museum.

The annual Women in Science Luncheon also funds the activities of the Field Museum Women in Science group, which this past year hosted a total of six guest speakers at their monthly meetings in addition to their other events. Among these was Meg Malone, PhD Candidate at the University of Illinois at Chicago who spoke on the ecoevolutionary feedbacks of coral reefs and fishes, and, in February, Bridget Coughlin, PhD, president and of the Shedd Aguarium, spoke on sharks, plastic, and sustainability. Adele Simmons, PhD, president of Global Philanthropy Partnership, and Barbara Risman, PhD, of the University of Illinois at Chicago both spoke on women's and gender issues of the coming era. And in November, Brenna Argall, PhD, of Northwestern University gave a lecture on human anatomy and robotics. The Women in Science Yearly Symposium was held on September 20 and featured Maureen Donnelly, PhD, of Florida International University who spoke on the conservation of Neotropical amphibians.

Top and Right: Chicago Public Schools students hear from 2017 Women in Science Luncheon speaker Ilene Gordon and participate in hands-on butterfly pinning activity following the lecture.



Above: Fay Hartog-Levin and Ilene Gordon speak at the Women in Science Luncheon.



# First Anniversary of the Grainger Science Hub

In 2017, nearly 300,000 visitors came through the *Grainger Science Hub* and engaged with its Discovery Squad carts. Guided by Field Museum educators and volunteers, visitors engaged with the Museum's collections and research to learn about topics from the oldest minerals ever found on Earth to the Field's work with Peregrine Falcons. The *Grainger Science Hub* also hosted 73 Meet-a-Scientist events, five live Brain Scoop events, and four live Meet-a-Scientist Skype events from the field. Scientists also joined the Hub Team to celebrate National Fossil Day on October 11, the solar eclipse that took place on August 21, and exhibition openings with items from the collections.



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#### **Design Challenges**

The Industrial Revolution is a familiar term, but the growing Biomimetic Revolution may be less so. Nature has been engineering through the process of evolution for millions of years, and many of these amazing designs can provide solutions to human problems. Biomimicry Design Stations introduce field trip students to the world of engineering by gaining inspiration from the Museum's collection of natural specimens. Participants are presented with specimens from nature and the man-made creations that were inspired by those objects. They find answers to how leeches help get clothes cleaner, spider webs can save birds' lives, and corals can help us create sidewalks out of pollution. Inspired by these intriguing inventions, students travel the galleries with mini-dry erase boards and markers to find amazing "creature features" and draft their own inventions inspired by those characteristics. The board presentations allow students to share their findings with their peers. They often finish the station wondering what other intriguing features they might see in the museum and what function those structures serve. Whether students are building a better bug trap to help our scientists collect insects or discovering nature's amazing solutions to problems in their own lives, these Biomimicry Design Stations encourage learners to see new relevance in the Field Museum's collections and research by introducing them to the science of engineering.





A Field Museum volunteer leads a design challenge in the Ronald and Christina Gidwitz Hall of Birds.





#### **National Recognition for Field For All**

The American Alliance of Museums honored the Field Museum for its Field For All program, a new suite of programs, events, and resources originating from the *Crown Family PlayLab*. Designed to make all families feel welcomed at the Museum, Field For All includes Sensory Saturdays and Accessibility Days, which are tailored to meet the needs of guests with a variety of disabilities. Field For All also offers five unique tours of the Museum for guests with special needs to explore outside the *PlayLab*. All programming takes place when the *PlayLab* is closed, and a new app has been developed to help visitors prepare for their specially created visits.



#### **curioCITY**

curioCITY is a career exploration event run by teens for teens. Originally designed as an introductory program to the Field Museum for youth, the event introduces participants to other teens involved in Museum programming. Members of the Museum's Youth Council plan each curioCITY event by choosing topics and presenters. Youth Council members also moderate a conversation between Field Museum scientists and guest speakers, exploring the pathways that led the speakers to their respective careers. Featured guests included Hebru Brantley (artist), Aravind Athiviraham (sports medicine doctor), and Suzanne Smyth (fire investigator). In 2017, more than 90 youth from around the city of Chicago participated in a curioCITY event.

#### **The Back Room**

In conjunction with Specimens: Unlocking the Secrets of Life, the Field partnered with Johalla Projects Land and Sea Department and the Chicago Athletic Association to bring a new experience to Chicago. The Back Room—a pop-up bar located in the former pool of the CAA—was designed by Johalla Projects to evoke a vintage scientist's office and included specimens from the Museum. Field Museum scientists presented a workshop, demo, or discussion every night the bar was open through March 25.





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On the evening of September 7, Museum Staff, Founders' Council members, Trustees, and guests attended Field of Champions, an event hosted by Field Trustee and Chicago Cubs Chairman Tom Ricketts at Wrigley Field. Showcasing the work of Museum scientists and baseball experts, booths were set up on the field and in the Cubs clubhouse. Guests could even go up to the press box, see the new clubhouse, and sit in the Cubs' dugout. Before the evening began, the Field's President and CEO Richard Lariviere, PhD, Tom Ricketts, and his Founders' Council Co-Chair Trustee Liz Sharp all spoke to the guests about the Museum and the importance of the Founders' Council. More than 750 guests attended this unique and spirited event.

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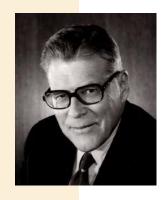
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