

CLEVELAND MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY DISCOVERY DAY

MONDAY, JANUARY 18, 2021



THE SECRET LIVES OF DINOSAURS: MEET A PALEONTOLOGIST!

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10am EST

Let's talk about dinosaurs! Some were HUGE and some were little, and many even had feathers! Practice being a paleontologist as we explore how we know dinosaurs existed, how to tell the difference between dinosaurs and reptiles, and how to determine what adaptations these strange and interesting animals had in order to meet their needs. You'll even meet our very own Dr. Caitlin Colleary, Assistant Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology, and Museum educator Megan Johnson. By the way, dinosaurs are in your neighborhood right now! Can you guess what they are?



MEET THE DINOSAURS

Watch on Facebook Live | 2pm EST

Calling all junior paleontologists! Do you miss the Museum and its dinos? Here's your chance to see your old (like, really old) friends as we meet the dinos of Kirtland Hall and examine their skeletons up close. Discover how and when they lived, and why these magnificent creatures became extinct. We'll explore the main characteristics of a dinosaur, and uncover how dinosaurs differed from one another and how these differences helped them survive. Amanda McGee, paleontologist and Head of Collections, and educator Megan Johnson will be our guides as we become paleontologists and learn how to look for clues in the fossil evidence.

HUMAN EVOLUTION: FOLLOWING IN LUCY'S FOOTSTEPS

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Join Dr. Yohannes Haile-Selassie, our Curator of Physical Anthropology, and educator Lee Gambol to learn about Dr. Haile-Selassie's work and the insights it reveals into our evolutionary origins. We'll trace the development of modern humans using information from fossil hominids as well as clues from living primates. Meet your primate cousins and ancestors by closely examining casts of primate and fossil bones from the Museum's research collections.



IT'S NOT BLACK AND WHITE: HOW A MUSEUM DEFINES "RACE"

Watch Here | 4pm EST

This discussion will celebrate the genetic variation within the human species. Humans aren't alone in our constant search for identity—we'll reveal other animal species that segregate themselves into specific cultural communities. Dr. Nicole Burt, our Curator of Human Health & Evolutionary Medicine, and educator Lee Gambol will join us as we try some activities and discuss ideas that may challenge how you think about the very human-specific term "race."

THE SKIES ABOVE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.

Watch Here | 5:30pm EST

Watch Here | 7pm EST

On August 28, 1963, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered one of the most famous speeches in history. Join the Museum's Astronomy staff for a virtual planetarium experience and view the sky as it appeared on that momentous evening. We will examine the constellations and planets that an observer may have seen in that evening's sky and compare it to the celestial display we can see tonight as we celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day!

