

**MUSEUM  
OF NATURAL  
AND CULTURAL  
HISTORY**



**Stay Connected. Stay Curious.**

**IT'S A NEW YEAR!**

Connect with us and enjoy a great new lineup of online family programs, virtual talks, members-only chats, and more.



# DARWIN DAYS

February 12 marks the 212th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth. Join us as we celebrate his legacy of intellectual courage.

## VIRTUAL PROGRAM

### 2021 Darwin Talks

#### The Science and Ethics of De-Extinction

Join us as our guest experts examine current extinction trends and weigh the pros and cons of bringing extinct species back to life.



**Thursday, February 18 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**Can de-extinction reverse mass extinction?**

With Douglas McCauley  
Department of Ecology, Evolution, and Marine Biology  
University of California, Santa Barbara



**Thursday, February 25 | 6:00 p.m.**  
**Can—and should—we bring back extinct species?**

With Ross MacPhee  
Division of Vertebrate Zoology  
American Museum of Natural History, New York, NY

**THREE WAYS TO WATCH THE FREE TALKS:** Register to participate on Zoom, watch them live on our Facebook page, or catch them later on our YouTube channel. Visit [mnch.uoregon.edu](http://mnch.uoregon.edu) for details.

## ONLINE FAMILY FUN

### DNA—Cracking the Code!

Launches Monday, February 1

Get ready for the winter installment of our popular **Explore from Home / Explora desde casa** program! Head to our website to explore the fascinating world of DNA. Through videos and hands-on activities, you'll learn about DNA's role in evolution and how it helps animals thrive in their diverse habitats. We'll look at animals' adaptations, extract DNA from an onion, and create code for our very own imaginary critters!

**DNA—Cracking the Code!** is a free program featuring activities for children of all ages, and it's available in both Spanish and English. Find it at [mnch.uoregon.edu](http://mnch.uoregon.edu) beginning February 1. Questions? Email us at [mncheducation@uoregon.edu](mailto:mncheducation@uoregon.edu).

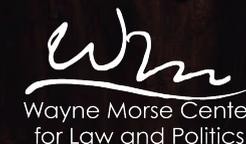
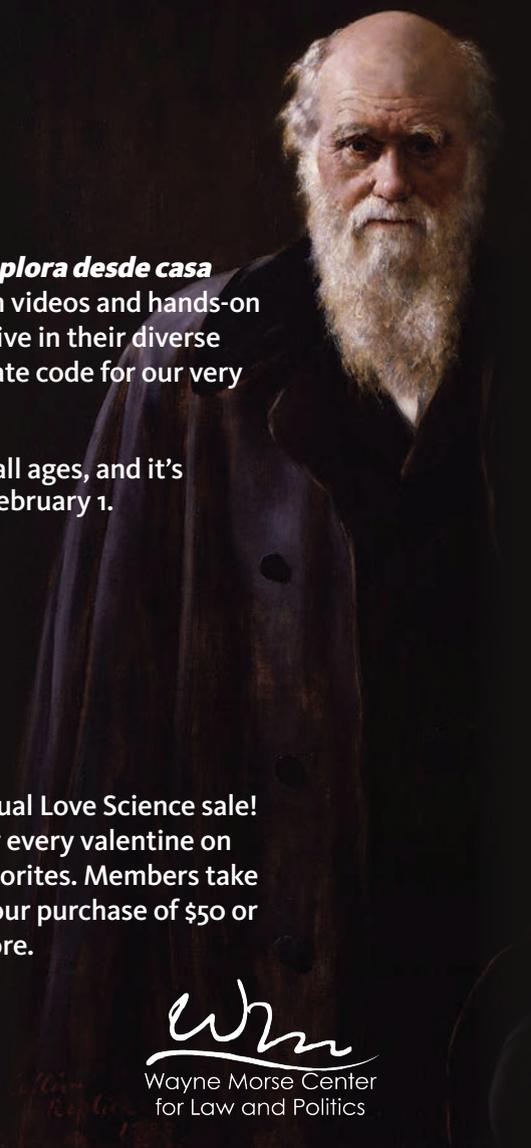
## ANNUAL SALE

### Love Science? You'll love the museum store.

**Thursday, February 11 to Sunday, February 14**

Charles Darwin's birthday meets Valentine's Day during the museum store's annual Love Science sale! From barware and jewelry to books and toys, we've got a science-themed gift for every valentine on your list—plus our all-new Love Science gift bags, chock full of museum store favorites. Members take 20 percent off all non-consignment purchases and receive a free tote bag with your purchase of \$50 or more. Visit [mnch.uoregon.edu](http://mnch.uoregon.edu) or email [mnchstore@uoregon.edu](mailto:mnchstore@uoregon.edu) to learn more.

The museum thanks the University of Oregon's **Wayne Morse Center for Law and Politics** for its generous support of our Darwin Days programming.



# LET'S TALK

**NEW! VIRTUAL PROGRAM**

## MUSEUM CHATS

**A members-only series with MNCH researchers**

Gather with us online for a behind-the-scenes look at current museum research. A free program just for our members, Museum Chats are informal and fun, with lots of opportunity for Q+A with our featured scientists. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Watch your monthly Membership Matters email for registration links.

Thursday, January 28 | 4:00 p.m.

### **Island Archaeology**

with museum associate director Scott Fitzpatrick

Thursday, February 11 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Mastodons in the Pacific Northwest**

with archaeologist Andrew Boehm

Thursday, March 18 | 6:00 p.m.

### **Plants in the Archaeological Record**

with paleoethnobotanist Jaime Kennedy

Tuesday, April 20 | 11:00 a.m.

### **Fossils as Guides to a Sustainable Future**

with paleobiologist Edward B. Davis

Questions about the Member Chats? Email [rhyde@uoregon.edu](mailto:rhyde@uoregon.edu).

Credit: Ross MacPhee/Peter Schoutren,  
*End of the Megafauna*, Norton (2019)

**NEW! VIRTUAL PROGRAM**

## CONVERSATIONS FOR THE CURIOUS

**A de-extinction discussion group**

**First three Thursdays in April | 6:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom**

Join a trio of University of Oregon scientists for a three-part conversation about bringing extinct species back to life.

On **April 1**, paleobiologist Edward B. Davis leads a discussion about **Oregon's Ice Age animals**.

On **April 8**, paleontology doctoral student Amanda Peng delves into the **science behind de-extinction** and explores the potential impacts on current ecosystems.

On **April 15**, biologist Amy Connolly wraps up the series with a look at environmental and ethical **implications of genetic engineering**.

Each session will be paired with a brief reading to be completed by the participants ahead of time. Space is limited and preregistration is required. Registration opens in March and is offered on a sliding scale of \$20 to \$60. Visit [mnch.uoregon.edu](http://mnch.uoregon.edu) or email [lmw@uoregon.edu](mailto:lmw@uoregon.edu) to learn more.

ONLINE FAMILY FUN

## LITTLE WONDERS—MUSEUM FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Join us the third Friday of the month for stories, hands-on activities, and more! **Live virtual story time starts at 10:30 a.m. and requires preregistration.** Can't make the live part? No problem, you can enjoy the other activities anytime afterward on our website.

January 15  
**The Five Senses**

February 19  
**Animal Teeth**

March 19  
**The Water Cycle**

April 16  
**Pollinators**



Little Wonders

### We now have Little Wonders activity kits!

Want a little help gathering the materials for your Little Wonders adventure? Our activity kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis during the week of each Little Wonders launch. Kits are \$5 each; MNCH members are entitled to two free kits each month; discounted kits are available to Oregon Trail or other EBT card holders.

Visit [mnch.uoregon.edu](http://mnch.uoregon.edu) to learn more about kits and to preregister for the live story time. Questions? Email us at [mncheducation@uoregon.edu](mailto:mncheducation@uoregon.edu).

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

## IDEAS ON TAP

First Wednesday of the month | 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. | Live on Zoom

Quench your thirst for knowledge at Ideas on Tap, the museum's monthly pub talk—now served online!

January 6 | 6:00 p.m.

### Art Saved My Life

with writer, educator, and creative revolutionist Renee Mitchell

February 3 | 6:00 p.m.

### Saving California Condors

with Kelli Walker, senior keeper of California condors at the Oregon Zoo

March 3 | 6:00 p.m.

### Housing Instability and Eugene's Vulnerable Populations

with University of Oregon sociologist Claire Herbert

April 7 | 6:00 p.m.

### Beneath the tips of Greenlandic icebergs

with University of Oregon oceanographer Dave Sutherland

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# RACING TO CHANGE

Explore Eugene's civil rights years. Visit the award-winning Racing to Change exhibit, now online at [mnchexhibits.uoregon.edu/racing-to-change](https://mnchexhibits.uoregon.edu/racing-to-change)



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