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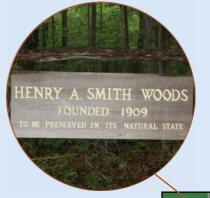
## PRI: WHAT AND WHERE WE ARE

**Our Mission:** The Paleontological Research Institution pursues and integrates education and research, and interprets the history and systems of the Earth and its life, to increase knowledge, educate society, and encourage wise stewardship of the Earth.

#### **Our Locations:**

30-acre **Smith Woods** is the largest piece of old-growth forest in central New York. Some of the trees are more than 200 years old, with a recently fallen hemlock dating back to 1663.

The Cayuga Nature Center provides PRI with an array of indoor and outdoor opportunities to expand its educational mission to teach about the Earth and its life — focusing especially on the natural history of the Cayuga Lake Basin.







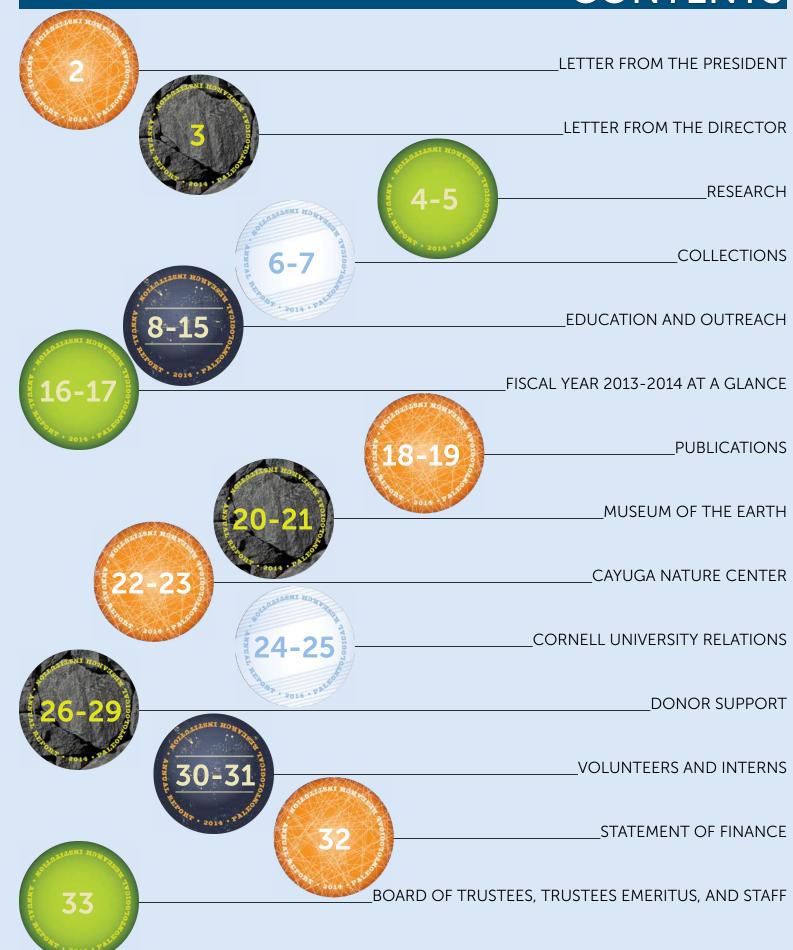




Named in honor of Katherine Palmer (Director, 1952-1978), **Palmer Hall** has been home to PRI since 1968, and today houses offices, labs, library and collections.

The iconic **Museum of the Earth** opened to the public in 2003 and has since become a major tourist attraction, regional educational resource, and a popular spot for community events.

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## FROM THE PRESIDENT



When you walk into the Museum of the Earth, past the stunning Rock of Ages, Sands of Time mural, you will be thinking of evolution in geologic time. But the evolution that has gone on at PRI during the past several years has been far more rapid and, in its own way, almost as astonishing. The merger with the Cayuga Nature Center, linked programs with the Shoals Marine Laboratory and our relationship with Cornell University as well as through the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences, have all contributed greatly to our capacity to carry out our mission. We now have outstanding capabilities in Earth science and environmental education and research, from the Precambrian Era to the challenges of the present time. This mission is so vital now when the public is confronted with issues like climate change, species extinction, energy needs and fresh water scarcity, at a time when valid scientific information is desperately needed.

The past year's Rock the Future campaign has enhanced the Museum of the Earth and transformed the Cayuga Nature Center into a more exciting venue for science education. Now we are embarked on a second phase of that campaign, to create and sustain programs that will take full advantage of these new resources. This is truly an inflection point in the life of this remarkable institution, and the future is rich in potential.

Dr. James Fogel

President, PRI Board of Trustees



### FROM THE DIRECTOR

2013-14 was a year of accomplishment, change, and challenge. PRI continues along the path it set for itself in 1992: to fulfill its potential as a nationally-significant, full-service, university-affiliated natural history museum dedicated to creating and spreading knowledge and understanding of the Earth, its life and history, and how that understanding can contribute to a more sustainable human presence on the planet.

The successful *Rock the Future* campaign, in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Museum of the Earth, raised more than \$1.1 million. Phase one renovations of the Cayuga Nature Center lodge were completed to wide acclaim. Research by staff and students flourished. Teaching by PRI staff at Cornell and Ithaca College expanded. Ranking among the largest in the country, PRI's collections of more than three million specimens, continued to improve in curatorial condition, and the continuing transition to a better collections database system brings us into line with peer institutions.



A number of NSF grants supporting activities over the past five or more years concluded, and we worked to develop the next big grant-funded projects in education, collections, and research. Despite turnover, we aim to keep our small but well-qualified and hard-working staff as effective and productive as they can be. PRI's long, rich history has given us many gifts – of objects, reputation, and tradition – as well as responsibility. Never before has understanding the Earth been more crucial to our continued prosperity. Never has it mattered more that all people be able and willing to confront the challenges we face with reason, knowledge, and wisdom. PRI makes a difference, as society seeks to confront these challenges. We make a difference to elementary students in central New York and students at Cornell, to teachers in California and educational reformers in Washington DC, to museum educators in Florida and scientists in France.

We hope that these pages stimulate your reflection on and celebration of our accomplishments of the past year, and your resolution to help PRI to meet the changes and challenges to come. Thank you.

"So long as the beauty and philosophy of the development of life on earth intrigues the human mind, facilities for their study will be demanded." – PRI Founder Gilbert Harris, 1950

Warren D. Allmon

EARTH Scientist

## ♠ RESEARCH

While PRI continues to evolve and grow, excellence in scientific research remains at the heart of our mission. Between July 1, 2013 and June 30, 2014, PRI scientists, affiliated students, and research associates (names in bold face) published 12 titles in peer-reviewed journals (plus numerous other publications and presentation abstracts not listed here). (R = Research Associate, S = student)

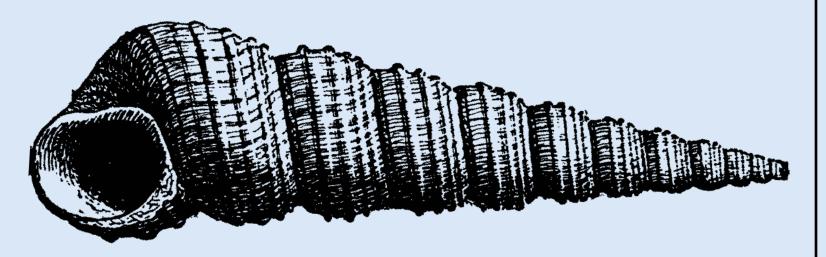
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If you are a scientist or a student, consider joining PRI as an Ecphora Member, and get exclusive benefits and opportunities to network with like-minded individuals while providing important financial support to enhance PRI's collection and scientific research efforts.



## ♠ COLLECTIONS



Collections volunteer Larry Jensen georeferences a collecting locality for a specimen in PRI's collection. PRI has over 3 million specimens in its collection containing everything from modern and Cenozoic mollusks to one of the most comprehensive Paleozoic invertebrate collections in the United States.

### COLLECTIONS HIGHLIGHTS

The completion of a one-year National Science Foundation-funded project to digitize and curate the historic Hatcher collection of fossil mollusks from Patagonia collected by Princeton University in the 1890s.

Twenty-nine professional and student researchers visited PRI's research collections in the fiscal year.

Thirty-three professional and student researchers borrowed research materials from PRI's collections in the fiscal year.



PRI's research collection added significant new acquisitions throughout the fiscal year. Donated specimens came from local Paleozoic sites in central New York as well as more distant locations around the world, including fossil corals from Papua New Guinea and sea stars from Antarctica and Chile.

### Specimen Donors (July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014)

Gordon Baird
Dan Blake
Arthur Bloom
Carl Brett
Nancy Cool
William Furmar

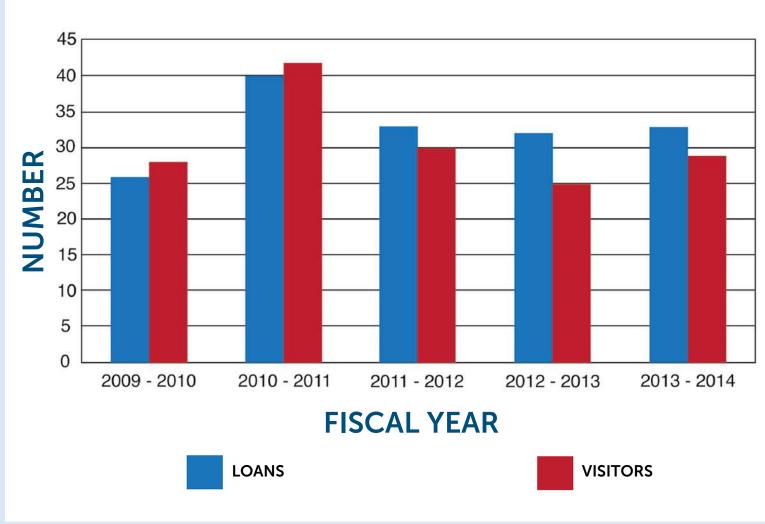
Linda Ivany Richard King Kevin McMahon Robin Hadlock Seeley John Wehmiller Karl Wilson

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A special thanks to all of our Specimen Donors.
Their contributions make our work possible.



### Visitors to and Loans from the PRI Collections



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## **EDUCATION & OUTREACH**

PRI's educational programs aim to increase science literacy at all levels of society, from early to adult learners. We are national leaders in providing innovative ideas and materials for Earth systems science education, including oceans, atmospheres, rocks, glaciers, and life itself. PRI programs reach teachers, students, and members of the general public -- at our two public educational venues in Ithaca (the Museum of the Earth and the Cayuga Nature Center) throughout central New York, and across the United States. In addition to Earth science, topics of special focus include evolution, ecology and the environment, climate and energy, and the public understanding of science. Altogether, PRI education reached more than 50,000 people in 2013-14.

### National leadership and service

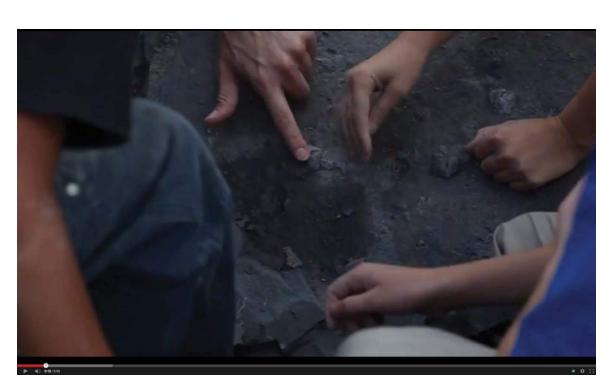
PRI's education staff includes three PhDs, all of Don and Associate Director for Outreach, whom are well-known and involved in the Earth Rob Ross, participated in the Summit on science education community throughout the U.S. Undergraduate Geoscience Education, funded by

served as a member of the New York's Statewide with ideas and priorities for improving the field in Leadership Team for development of the Next the coming decades. Generation Science Standards (NGSS).

Education Division of the Geological Society of Literacy Network, the group responsible for America (GSA) until October 2013 and as Past Chair the Climate Literacy Principles, which are now for another year. GSA invited PRI to organize a short cited in several federal educational initiatives course on "teaching controversial issues" for the and requests for proposals in an array of grant 125th Annual Meeting in October 2013, which proved programs. so popular, it was requested for the next year.

the National Science Foundation (NSF) and hosted Director of Teacher Programs **Don Duggan-Haas** at the University of Texas at Austin, to advise NSF

Don and Climate Change Education Manager, Don also served as Chairman of the Geoscience Ingrid Zabel, are active members of the Climate



Find out more about PRI's National Outreach in this new video: www.youtube.com/watch?v=VkGbDiQznPU

### Earth System Education

### Bringing the field into the classroom

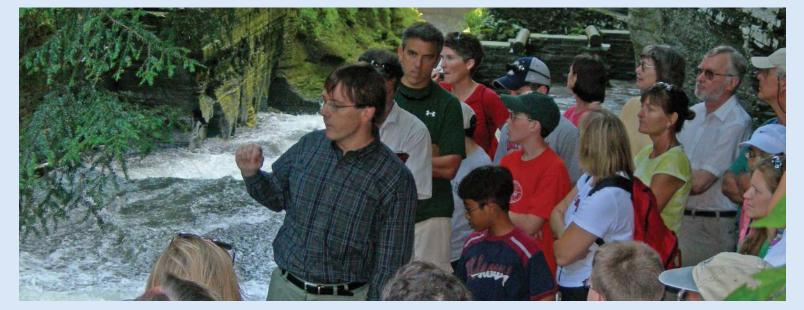
2014 saw PRI approaching the end of our \$1.8 million NSF-funded project, ReaL Earth Inquiry, to develop a national series of Teacher-Friendly Guides to regional Earth system science, and an associated set of teacher professional development programming and online tools. The series focuses on seven regions within the United States: Midwest; South Central; Southwest; West; Rocky Mountains; Northeast and Southeast. Managing Editor, Mark Lucas, oversaw writing and editing, contributed by a range of experts, both in-house and from around the country. The Guides are available as free downloads at www.teacherfriendlyguide.org, or for purchase in hardcopy.

PRI's innovative Virtual Field Experiences (VFEs) project brought the field into the classroom for teachers in workshops across the United States. VFEs offer a digitally navigable exploration of a real landscape, or even videoconferencing from the field (for example, Niagara Falls) to the classroom. In the end, each educator produced their own VFE of a site local to their school. The VFEs—and supporting materials—are housed at www.virtualfieldwork.org. In Fall, 2013, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Geological Society of America in Denver, PRI staff ran a real-time virtual field experience for teachers in Ithaca who "participated" in a field trip to Dinosaur Ridge that was led by University of Colorado's Lon Abbot.



### Taking the public into the field

For many years PRI has been taking families into the field. From June through September, PRI leads monthly public fossil collecting field trips to regional locales. Fossil collecting guides and identification sheets are produced with contributions from Dr. Karl Wilson, who authored PRI's new Field Guide to the Devonian Fossils of New York State. The 2013 season comprised visits to sites near the towns of Hamilton, Morrisville, and Jamesville, NY. The James Potorti Gorge Walks, which occur every Friday morning each August, are free geological interpretive walks through parks near Ithaca. The fifth Friday included our first public Gorge Walk through the Cayuga Nature Center's gorge.



## 🏇 EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### Resources for Teachers

Much of PRI's educational effort is focused on K-12 teachers. In addition to our Teacher-Friendly Guide and Virtual Field Experience projects, during the 2013-14 year we reached more than 400 teachers in central New York with a variety of programs.

For more than a decade, the first Saturday of October has been PRI's Annual Teacher Resource day. In 2013, 71 Upstate NY teachers were treated to eclectic collections of thousands of surplus specimens, from basalts to butterfly mounts, as well as publications, all free to take for classroom use. PRI Director of Exhibitions Beth Stricker, closed the event with a talk about museum exhibit design and an advanced look at the temporary exhibition Moving Carbon, Changing Earth. Thirteen teachers also spent the afternoon in Virtual Fieldwork workshop. This event has been sponsored for many years by Chemung Canal Trust Company.

As we have for many years, PRI had a strong the table of contents and a sample chapter, are presence at the Annual Meeting of the Science available at www.priweb.org/marcellusbook. Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS) in Rochester in November 2013 in Rochester, addressing the Draft 2014 New York State Energy NY. Don Duggan-Haas presented four talks at Plan and the public response to it, was posted on the meeting, on the Marcellus Shale, the JOIDES Resolution, and Virtual Fieldwork Experiences.

### Climate and Energy

### Marcellus Shale and Energy Education

The Marcellus Shale is a black Devonian-aged rock layer that contains abundant natural gas. The possibility of extracting gas from the Marcellus, which underlies much of Pennsylvania and New York, has polarized many communities, especially because of the method of extraction by "horizontal, high volume, slickwater hydraulic fracturing", or "hydrofracking". As a culmination of several years of NSF-funded research and outreach, in fall 2013 PRI published The Science Beneath the Surface: A Very Short Guide to the Marcellus Shale, by Don Duggan-Haas, Rob Ross, and Warren Allmon. Many copies of the book have been provided free to educators in workshops on the Marcellus



and energy education. Information, including As an extension of the project, a three-part series PRI's Climate Change 101 blog, GSA's Speaking of Geosciences blog, and the Western New York Environmental Alliance's www.GrowWNY.org blog.

### Climate change education at the Cayuga Nature Center.

In FY14, with support from the Park Foundation and donors to the Rock the Future campaign, PRI weaved climate change education into a variety of programs at the Nature Center. We opened the new Leopold Climate Room, which features exhibits on how changing climate is affecting both nature and agriculture in the Cayuga Lake Basin. During the Nature Center's summer camp, children learned how to measure temperature, wind speed, clouds, sunlight, and water, and learned how tree rings can serve as indicators of past climates. Climate change concepts have also been incorporated into non-camp programs such as guided hikes through Smith Woods and animal programs.

#### Glacier lecture series

During the winter of 2013-14, **Ingrid Zabel** organized a public lecture series at the Nature Center and the Museum on glaciers and their relationship with a changing climate, in celebration of the new glacier exhibit in the Museum of the Earth. The lectures, listed below, were sponsored by Ithacabased building energy consulting firm, Snug Planet, and can be found on PRI's Youtube Channel.

- Dr. Matthew Pritchard, Cornell University, Watching glaciers change from space links to pioneering Cornell glaciologist Ralph Stockman Tarr (1864-1912)
- Dr. Daniel Karig, Cornell University, The deglaciation of the Ithaca area: An outrageous new model based on recent field data
- Dr. Mike Willis, University of North Carolina--Chapel Hill, Scientific progress goes 'boink': Earth's spring-like motions caused by glacier mass changes
- John Fegyveresi, Penn State University, Two Miles of Climate History: How we Drilled the Deepest Ice Core in Antarctica, and Why
- Laura Faye Tenenbaum, NASA JPL, Celebrating Earth Day: Reconnecting with Planet Earth.

### Interns in action

### Glacier exhibition programs

During the summer of 2013, PRI intern Gaylen Sinclair created educational materials to accompany the Museum glacier exhibit, including a brochure, a Discovery Box (activities for Museum visitors), classroom activities for grades K-3, and an annotated map to a walking trail with glacial features at the Cayuga Nature Center. Gaylen is now a PhD. candidate at Oregon State University and was awarded an NSF Graduate Research Fellowship.

### Coral exhibition programs

From summer 2013 to summer 2014, PRI intern and work-study student Lily Eisermann (Cornell University class of '14) created a variety of programming for the new Museum coral tanks, including content for the PRI website and brochures with photographs and descriptions of all tank species.





## EDUCATION & OUTREACH



### **Teacher Friendly Guides to Evolution**

PRI has two online books for teachers on how to teach evolution using organisms that are familiar to students. The Teacher-Friendly Guide<sup>TM</sup> to Evolution Using Bivalves as a Model Organism provides the background to teach evolution using these familiar, attractive, and easily available organisms, many of which offer fascinating biological and cultural stories. The Teacher-Friendly Guide to the Evolution of Maize uses one of the best examples of crop domestication and genetic inheritance. The Guide teaches with maize from many perspectives—from biology and anthropology to the importance of scientific methods and the impact of women in science.

#### **Fossil Finders**

Fossil Finders is a \$1.5 million NSF-funded project involving a collaboration between science education researcher Barbara Crawford at the University of Georgia (formerly Cornell) and PRI. The project helps teachers and students understand principles of evolution, geologic time, and the nature of science, by bringing real science to the classroom and asking students to measure and classify Devonian fossils from Central NY. More than 12,000 specimens from 10 layers were measured by students.

### **Darwin Days**

Education about evolution and why it is at the center of all of biology and paleontology is a core mission of PRI's educational programming. Our "Evolution Project" programs include a diversity of approaches, from Ithaca's annual Darwin Days celebration to publications to exhibits to workshops for teachers.

Since 2006, PRI has hosted Ithaca's Darwin Days, an annual celebration of the birthday (February 12) and ideas of Charles Darwin (1809-1882), in collaboration with Cornell University. Our theme in 2014 was "Evolution and the Fossil Record," and events included a Family Day at the Museum; screenings of Creation: The True Story of Charles Darwin; and Jurassic Park, at Cinemapolis and Cornell Cinema; participation in Ithaca's Science Cabaret,; a science trivia night at Cornell;, as well as a panel discussion at Cornell University on Illustrations of Evolution in the Fossil Record. The screening of Jurassic Park included an introduction from the film's dinosaur consultant, PRI Artist-in-Residence John Gurche. Warren Allmon capped the week's activities with the presentation Darwin and Paleontology at the Museum.

### Traveling Exhibitions

Maize: Mysteries of an Ancient Grain is a small traveling exhibit created in collaboration with the Institute for Genomic Diversity at Cornell, through a grant from the National Science Foundation. The traveling exhibition focuses on the evolution and genetics of corn, as well as its role throughout human history. In FY14 the Maize exhibition was hosted by the Smith College Botanic Garden in Massachusetts, the Bell Museum of Natural History in Minnesota, and the Great Swamp Conservancy in Upstate New York. The exhibition is currently booked through November 2016.

My Climate, My Community: Weird Weather is an exhibit on regional climate change designed to be appropriate for small venues in rural communities around the state of New York. It was developed through grants from the National Science Foundation and Park Foundation. In FY14 the exhibit was on display at Jefferson Community College (Watertown, NY), Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) in Norwich, NY; and the Tompkins County Sustainability Center.





## EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Federal and local grant support for education and exhibits allowed us to reach audiences in Tompkins County and across the country. The following grants were active during FY2014:

#### **National Science Foundation**

- Enhanced Earth system teaching through ReaL Earth Inquiry: NSF DRL 0733303, Aug 15, 2007 July 31, 2015, \$1,763,588
- Fossil Finders: Using Fossils to Teach about Evolution, Inquiry and Nature of Science: NSF DRL 0733223, Jan 1, 2008 Dec 31, 2014, \$1,491,746, \$266,951 to PRI (partnership with Cornell and U Georgia departments of education)
- Phylogeny on the Half-shell Assembling the Bivalve Tree of Life, NSF DEB 0732860, Sep 15, 2007
   Aug 31, 2013, \$499,990
- Educator Professional Development on Energy and Environment: A Case Examples Focusing on Marcellus Shale Natural Gas Drilling: NSF GEO 1035078, September 16, 2010 – August 31, 2013, \$149,297
- Temporary exhibition and teacher professional development resources on the carbon cycle and climate change. NSF 1049033, April 1, 2011 March 31, 2015, \$60,736 to PRI (outreach on behalf of research at Cornell University)
- Traveling exhibit and teacher professional development on evolution of maize, associated with maize genetics research. (IOS 1238014, May 15, 2013 April 30, 2018, \$217,124 to PRI (outreach on behalf of research at Cornell University)

### **Institute for Museum and Library Services**

• National Leadership Grant: Developing resources for K12 and Museum personnel to improve public understanding of evolutionary trees. December 1, 2012 – November 30, 2015, \$401,833, \$38,693 to PRI (lead organization UC Berkeley; partnering organizations Yale Univ., Univ. Kansas, PRI)

#### **Park Foundation**

- Developing a long-term climate change exhibition and citizen science at the Cayuga Nature Center. April 1, 2013 March 31, 2014, \$40,000
- Park Foundation: Developing K12 and public programming on climate change at the Cayuga Nature Center. April 1, 2014 March 31, 2015, \$25,000



### Community Accessibility Program:

PRI's Community Accessibility Program (CAP) was developed in 2004 to ensure that our Earth science and environmental education is available to everyone regardless of resources or special needs. During fiscal year 2014, CAP allowed 1,677 visitors to come to the Museum free of charge.

To learn more see: www.priweb.org/donate

### CAP has four components:

- Winter Free Days: One Sunday per month from January to March, PRI opens the doors of both the Museum and the Nature Center to anyone who would like to come
- Community Day: Each May, PRI celebrates community with extra activities and programs, and no admission charge.
- Agency Memberships: Provide free passes and group tours, as well as summer camp opportunities and discounts on programs and field trips to the users of select social service organizations and agencies.
- Blue Star Museums: from Memorial Day to Labor Day, PRI joins more than 2000 museums by offering free admission to the nation's active-duty military personnel and their families, including National Guard and Reserve.

In addition to CAP, PRI has two other programs that help support access to our resources in the community:

- **Donations to Community Organizations**: In FY2014, PRI donated more than \$4,000 worth of memberships to community groups and organizations to use in fundraising efforts.
- Cayuga Nature Center Summer Camp Scholarships: In 2014, PRI twenty individual need-based summer camp scholarships were awarded to children in the Ithaca area, thanks to community support from people like you.

My boys have a curiosity for nature and adventure because they were able to attend Cayuga Nature Camp. The Cayuga Nature Camp scholarship fund will open the outdoors to more kids. What a great gift to give!—Heather G. Lane, Camp Scholarship Sponsor, Purity Ice Cream





## FY 2013-14 AT A GLANCE



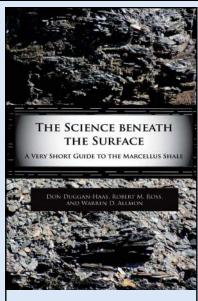
- 3-4 7th Annual Summer Symposium
- 14 Tompkins County Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Museum of the Earth





PRI Director Warren Allmon participates in the teaching of the evolution class at Shoals Marine Laboratory in the Gulf of Maine



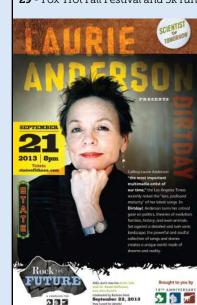


- **5** Teacher Resource day 16 - National Fossil Day
- 24 Science Beneath the Surface released
- 26 PRI staff attended the 125th annual meeting of the Geological Society of America (GSA), Denver,





- 21 Laurie Anderson at State Theater 27 - 10th Anniversary of Museum of the Earth opening
- 29 Fox Trot Fall Festival and 5k run

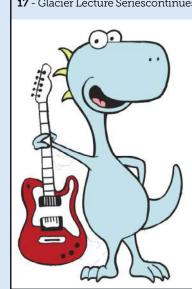




- 5 Artist-in-residence John Gurche book signing at Museum of the Earth-Shaping Humanity: How Science, Art, and Imagination Help Us to Understand Our Origins
- 6 Our Changing Climate exhibit opens, Nature Center



- **3-5** PRI staff attended the Science Teachers Association of New York State (STANYS) conference, Rochester, NY
- 10 Dino Jam at museum, supported by WSKG
- 17 Glacier Lecture Seriescontinues





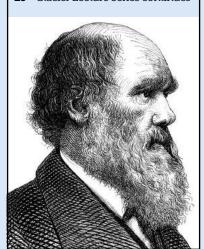
- 15 Nature Center lodge renovations break ground
- **26** Glacier Lecture Series continues







- 6 Water main break in the Biggs Building of Cayuga Medical Center, means 2500 sf of collections storage
- 8-13 Darwin Days- Evolution in the Fossil Record- see lectures on
- 23 Glacier Lecture Series continues





- Fain at the State Theatre
- **16** Glacier Lecture Series continues 30 - 8th grade PRI volunteer, Martin Welych-Flanagan's project, The Effects of Short-Term Sea Level Fluctuations on Devonian Brachiopods, wins highest honors and more at 2014 Central New York Science & Engineering Fair



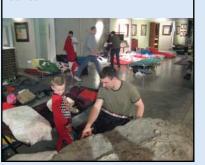
- Age of Aquarta Gala
- 3 Gala, Age of Aquaria 17-18 Dr. Scott Sampson Weekend 28 Under the Isles of Shoals: Archaeology on Smuttynose Island exhibit opens, Museum

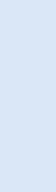




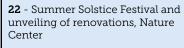


- **4** Night at the Museum, featuring CSI, Dino yoga and more!
- 18 Earth Day and Glacier Lecture













## ♠ PUBLICATIONS

#### BULLETINS OF AMERICAN PALEONTOLOGY:

We published one issue of *Bulletins of American Paleontology* since the last report. In December 2013, Kate Bromfield (Environmental Protection Authority, New Zealand) published her monograph on the Neogene corals of the Indo-Pacific (Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Fiji). Twenty-two new extinct species were described in this volume, extending in geological age back to the Miocene Epoch (16.9 million years ago).

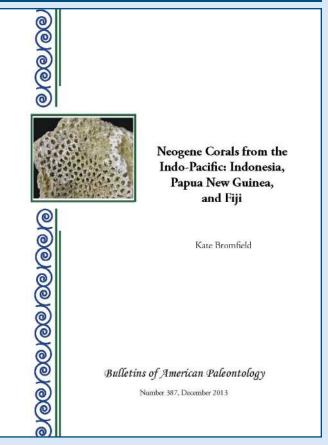
Despite only one issue being published in the past year, *BAP* is in a very healthy stage heading into fiscal year 2015. Now in various stages of pre-production are six monographs on: Silurian echinoderms of west-central Tennessee (Craig Clement and Carl Brett), the Cretaceous fauna of south-central Colorado (Erle Kauffman), the history of paleontology in Virginia (Lauck Ward), Paleocene gastropods from Maryland (David Govoni, Thor Hansen, and Warren Allmon), Eocene decapod crustaceans from North America and Europe (Adina Frantescu), and the enigmatic Paleozoic taxon Eldionata (Breandán MacGabhann and John Murray). We know of at least another seven manuscripts in preparation for submission.

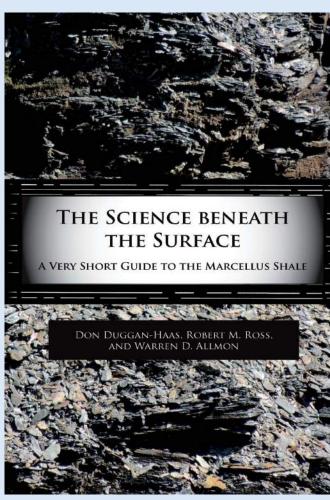
### **EVOLUTION:** This View of Life:

PRI continues to produce the Paleontology page for Evolution: This View of Life, (www.thisviewoflife.com) an online magazine published by the Evolution Institute at Binghamton University. Two part-time staff members, Laura Komor and Sasha Paris, generate content by soliciting original articles and book reviews, and facilitating "Paleonews" contributions by volunteer science writers. The latter postings detail new findings in paleontology, and serve as an online continuation of the popular PaleoNews column in the discontinued American Paleontologist magazine. Our Paleontology section of ETVoL is the website's second most successful section in terms of postings and views and continues to generate interest by outside scientists as a venue for promoting their new research. PRI's Life and Ecphora Members receive a special biweekly e-newsletter that includes this content.

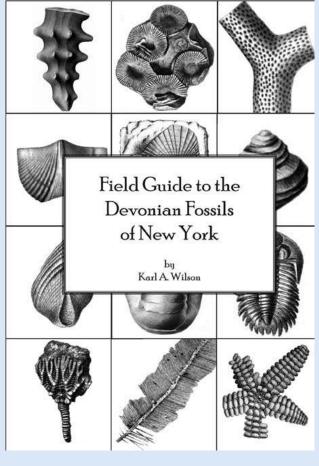
#### SPECIAL PUBLICATIONS

Science Beneath the Surface: A Very Short Guide to the Marcellus Shale by Don Duggan-Haas, Rob Ross, and Warren Allmon, was published in hard-copy and e-book formats in October 2013. It continues to sell well and has been used in at least four college courses that we know of this past year.

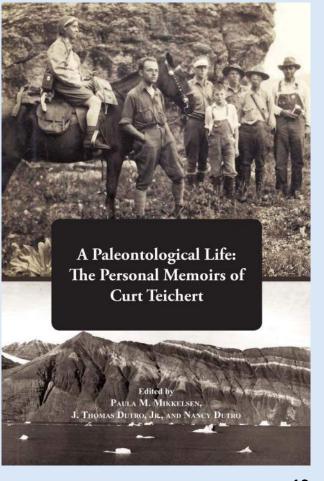




Another long-anticipated volume, published in Summer 2014, is *Field Guide to the Devonian Fossils of New York* by Karl A. Wilson. Karl is a retired biochemistry professor from University of Rochester, but is a life-long avocational paleontologist, well-versed in Devonian fossils. This volume, combining the best of modern paleontology with the classic illustrations of James Hall, John Clarke, Amadeus Grabau, and Winifred Goldring, replaces the long out-of-print *Devonian Paleontology* by New York by David Linsley (PRI, 1994). In all, 408 taxa are covered in the new volume, spanning the rich taxonomic breadth of New York's Devonian strata.



Also released in 2014 is the much anticipated A Paleontological Life: The Personal Memoirs of Curt Teichert, edited by Paula M. Mikkelsen, J. Thomas Dutro Jr., and Nancy Dutro. These previously unpublished memoirs document Teichert's exciting life and his influence on 20th century Earth science, and includes dramatic accounts of his long and fascinating career, spanning 60 years of adventure including Arctic fieldwork, an escape from Nazi Germany, working in the Australian outback, and cooperating with Iranian, Pakistani, and Afghan colleagues in the days before terrorism. Teichert was a world authority on fossil cephalopods, published on topics from Gondwanan geology to fossil reefs, described more than 280 new species, founded international paleontological societies, and contributed to the Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology.



## MUSEUM OF THE EARTH



# 10th Aniversary Events

### Laurie Anderson Weekend

In September, PRI held a special Weekend with Laurie Anderson event, which featured Dirtday!, a performance by Anderson at the State Theater as well as an artist panel held at the museum and facilitated by led by Barbara Mink. **The panel** featured Ms. Anderson, Dr. Roald Hoffmann, the Frank H.T. Rhodes Professor of Humane Letters Emeritus at Cornell University and 1981

chemistry Nobel laureate, and the Museum of the Earth's Artist-in-Residence John Gurche,

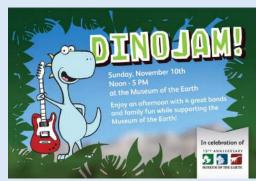
### Philip Glass with Special Guest Tim Fain at the State Theatre of Ithaca

In March, PRI sponsored a performance by world renowned composer and pianist, Philip Glass, and special guest, Tim Fain, at the State Theatre. Through operas, symphonies and collaborative work, from concert halls to cinema and even popular music, Glass has had an



**Dr. Scott Visits PRI!** In May, PRI hosted a fun-filled weekend with Dr. Scott Sampson from the Denver Museum of Science and Nature, and host of the PBS KIDS hit series, *Dinosaur Train*.

Museum events featured *Dr. Scott Talks Dinosaurs*, an interactive presentation tailored for dinosaur enthusiast of every age, and *Dinosaurs of the Lost Continent*, an academic lecture tailored for scientists and science enthusiasts. At the Cayuga Nature Center, Dr. Scott presented "Getting to Know the Neighbors", for nature lovers of all ages.



### Dino Jam

This family-friendly day of live music raised funds for the Rock the Future Campaign and featured local bands Pete Panek & The Blues Cats, Not From Wisconsin, Cats Elbow, Technicolor Trailer Park, and the Harry Nichols Band as well as dinosaur crafts, refreshments, and dancing under the whale.



### Temporary Exhibits

Raising the Dead: the Art and Science of John Gurche

Summer, 2013 This fascinating exhibit explored the intersection of art and science through the works of world-renowned Paleo-artist and PRI's artist-in-residence, John Gurche.



Rock of Ages, Sands of Time: A Look Back with Barbara Page Fall, 2013 The notes, sketches, and drafts by nationally-renowned Trumansburg-based artist Barbara Page were featured in this exhibit, teaching visitors about the iconic mural, Rock of Ages, Sands of Time. The series of 544-three dimensional paintings, each representing one million years of history, function as a visible metaphor for an eon, or 550 million years, of Earth's past.



## Moving Carbon, Changing Earth Fall, 2013

Created in collaboration with Cornell Professor, Dr.Natalie Mahawold,based on her NSF funded research, this exhibit on climate and the global carbon cycle allowed visitors to Learn what carbon is and how its movement affects the planet.

### eARTh

**Spring, 2014** A collaboration in celebration of the museum's 10th anniversary and the State of the Art Gallery's 25th anniversary, this two part exhibit took place in both the museum's Borg Warner gallery and the State of the Art Gallery in downtown Ithaca, and reflect concerns about climate change as interpreted by a range of artists.



10" ANNIVERSARY

MUSEUM OF THE EARTH

The Museum of the Earth celebratedits10thanniversary in FY14, which set the tone for the entire year, with extra special events, temporary exhibits and special guests, as well as a successful capital campaign.



The successful Rock the Future campaign raised more than \$1.1 million and has, and continues to, breathe new life into both the museum and the Cayuga Nature Center with new exhibits and upgrades, facility enhancements, and vastly improved visitor experiences. Thank you to all who contributed!



Nearly 500 Tompkins County elementary students visited the museum through the KDT program! Learn more at: www.kidsdiscoverthetrail.org

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## CAYUGA NATURE CENTER

### Renovations

As part of the Museum of the Earth's 10th anniversary Rock the Future campaign, the Cayuga Nature Center saw a burst of much needed updates to the building and exhibits, making the space more physically accessible and appealing to visitors, and improving the educational capabilities of the venue.



The most important of the improvements has been the new façade and entrance for the lodge. Designed by Claudia Brenner and built by McPherson Builders, the changes compliment the historic features of the 1939 building. The new entrance features a lobby with new exhibit area, as well as a small gift shop.

### Exhibit Changes...

Cayuga Lake: Then and Now: This prototype exhibit showcases the changes in the types of fish dominating Cayuga Lake 500 years ago and today. The eventual permanent exhibit will feature large fish tanks.

**Welcome Exhibit:** Featuring the original watercolor Cayuga Basin Bioregion map, by Sandy Wold and Camille Doucet, this exhibit greets visitors as they climb the stairs to the great room of the lodge.

**Animal Room:** The live animal room received a face lift, and, along with the exterior enclosures,



Our Changing Climate: focusing on the Cayuga Lake Bioregion, this exhibit, in the Leopold Climate Room, addresses issues such as invasive species and the effect of climate change on agriculture and established habitats, and augments educational programming of the Cayuga Nature Center.



### **Additions to the Animal Collection**

During FY14, a variety of new animals joined Cayuga Nature Center's growing family of non-releasable animals.

Western hognose snake (Wilbur)
Black rat snake (Kali)
Milksnake (Milkbone)
Fancy domestic rats (Iris and Honeysuckle)
Leopard geckos (Gaia and Gita)
Mudpuppy (Falkor)
Wood Turtle (Glen)
Eastern box turtle (Shelby)



## Program Highlights:

**Team Challenge:** 1,074 visitors took advantage of the Nature Center's team building ropes course program.

**Camp:** More than 800 youth participated in summer and school's out camp programs, with close to 20 taking advantage of the PRI's camp scholarship program.

Kids Discover the Trail: Nearly 600 Tompkins County elementary students were able to visit the Cayuga Nature Center through KDT, a community accessibility project of the Discovery Trail and The Ithaca Public Education Initiative.



## CORNELL UNIVERSITY RELATIONS

PRI remains separate from Cornell University, but after sixty years of separation and over the course of the past two decades, PRI and Cornell have reestablished multiple formal and informal connections, and collaborate in a multitude of ways. Most notably, in 2008, the Hunter R. Rawlings, III Professorship in Paleontology was established in Cornell's Department of Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, which can only be held by an individual who is also Director of PRI. In 2010 the two institutions renewed their formal agreement of affiliation for a second five years.

### Teaching & Research

The Museum of the Earth serves as a teaching resource for Cornell, both formally and informally. Several classes require their students to complete exercises in the Museum exhibits. PRI collections are regularly used by Cornell faculty, staff, and students for research and teaching. PRI staff and facilities constitute the great majority of the nonbotanical paleontology program for Cornell. Four PRI staff members hold full or adjunct faculty positions in the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences (EAS).

Director **Warren Allmon** teaches the equivalent of about 1.5 undergraduate courses per year, including Evolution at Shoals Marine Laboratory off the coast of Maine, as well as advising graduate students in EAS. He currently has two PhD students. Altogether, seven students have received Ph.D.s from Cornell under Dr. Allmon's supervision. Director of Collections **Greg Dietl** supervises two Ph.D. students in EAS. Both Greg and Warren also supervise undergraduate research students.

Associate Director for Outreach Rob Ross teaches a summer course for EAS called "Earth in the News."

Associate Director for Science **Paula Mikkelsen** was appointed as an Adjunct Professor in EAS in early 2014. She also assumed responsibility for teaching Invertebrate Zoology at Shoals Marine Lab.





### Outreach

PRI continues to contribute to Cornell's land-grant mission by facilitating public outreach in collaboration with various faculty and units of the University.

The 2013-14 year saw the conclusion of a major four-year collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension focused on educational outreach around natural gas drilling in the Marcellus Shale. In the fall of 2013, the Museum of the Earth was the site of a special temporary exhibit on climate and the global carbon cycle, put together in collaboration with EAS Professor Natalie Mahawold based on her NSF-funded research. This year we also began a major new collaboration with EAS Professor Lou Derry and colleagues, to provide outreach activities connected with the newly NSF-funded national office of the Critical Zone Observatory system.

PRI continues to serve as the informal "outreach arm" of the EAS department. In this role we develop temporary exhibits on research by EAS faculty, staff, and students for display in the Museum, manage fossil exhibits in Snee Hall on campus, staff the department's tables at annual campus events for alumni and incoming freshmen, and serve as "Cornell experts" to the media on relevant topics, from the Marcellus Shale to dinosaurs and evolution. Each year since 2006, PRI has taken the lead in organizing Ithaca's annual Darwin Days celebration, most of which happens on the Cornell campus and features Cornell faculty and students. In February 2014, the theme was "Evolution and the Fossil Record", and a total of around 400 people – mostly from Cornell – participated in the week's events.







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POST STI.F Match Charter HS Nestwatch Volunteers United Way

Into the Streets

Nielson

Interns# = 41 • Hours = 4000.25 Volunteers# = 127 • Hours = 8035.05 Service Groups# = 279 • Hours = 1286



## This year, interns came to PRI from...

Ithaca College Cornell University Syracuse University Hartwick College Skidmore University **SUNY Oswego SUNY Geneseo SUNY ESF** 

College of William and Mary St. Lawrence University Cambridge University Newman College Mansfield University Rochester Institute of Technology George Mason University

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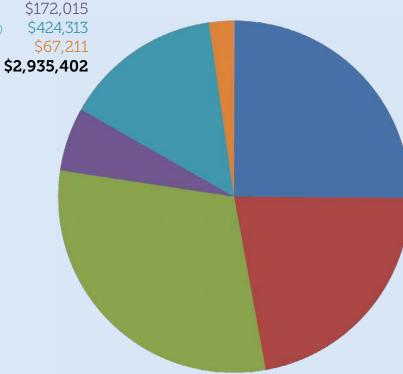
\$737,000

\$646,077

\$1,502,370

### Revenue 1 Grants

2 Restricted Gifts 3 Gifts and Memberships \$888,786 4 Funds Functioning as Endowment 5 Earned Revenue (programs + admissions + publications + store) 6 Other



### **Expenditures**

1 Payroll 2 Depreciation 3 Interest 4 Professional Fees 5 Other

6 Building and Maintenance

7 Grant Subcontracts

8 Exhibits

# \$335,434 \$162,404 \$44,037 \$271.513 \$189,009 \$184,641 \$36,767 \$2,726,175

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