

**Speaker:**

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"Science at the AMNH museum"

**Abstract:**

The American Museum of Natural History has over 23 million insect specimens, and curators use these collections to evaluate the evolutionary history of the taxa on which they specialize. I am an odonatologist, and Dictyopteran researcher, so I use these collections to work on the genetics, genomics and morphology of termites, cockroaches, dragonflies and damselflies! As a museum curator, I also serve my scientific society in the presidential line of the Entomological Society of America, as president of the World Dragonfly Association, and as Diversity Director of the Society of Systematic Biologists. I am a co-founder of the Entomologists of Color collective, and the BlackInEnto group.