



DECO Conference Agenda | Virtual

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Wednesday, Nov. 16–Thursday, Nov. 17 – 9am–4pm pacific time

Theme: Living Inquiry: Using Action Research to Investigate Empathy in Informal Learning

Zoom link: seattleaquarium-org.zoom.us/j/88908058064?pwd=VkF0NFFFdElkQ2ZkWDldzBRcmVwdz09

Onsite facilitator: Jessica Luke, University of Washington **Zoom facilitator:** Bradley Smith, Seattle Aquarium

DAY ONE VIRTUAL	Time (approximate)	Description
	8:45–9:00am	Zoom meeting opens; virtual participants encourage to join early and connect ZOOM
	9:00–9:30am	Welcome, opening remarks: Jim Wharton, Seattle Aquarium LIVE STREAM
	9:30–10:00am	Plenary session: Bryan Nichols, Florida Atlantic University LIVE STREAM "Pathways to Compassion for Animals: Concepts and Progressions for More Effective Goals & Assessments"
	10:00–10:15am	Facilitated discussion for virtual participants ZOOM
	10:15–10:30am	Break
	10:30–11:30am	Case study: Kathryn Owen, Kathryn Owen Consulting and Courtney Cordova, Henry Vilas Zoo "Testing Interpretive Messages for Empathy Impact" LIVE STREAM
	11:30am–12:15pm	Break
	12:15–1:15pm	Panel discussion: "New Directions in Understanding Empathy for Wildlife" LIVE STREAM Cam Whitley, Western Washington University; Bryan Nichols, Florida Atlantic University; Jeffrey Skibins, East Carolina University; Louise Chawla, University of Colorado
	1:15–2:00pm	Facilitated brainstorm: Bradley Smith Small group ideation: questions that could be pursued via action research ZOOM BREAK OUT ROOMS
	2:00–2:15pm	Break
	2:15–3:30pm	Presentation: "To Empathy & Beyond: Addressing the Gap Between Empathy and Conservation Action" LIVE STREAM Marta Burnet, Woodland Park Zoo; Kerrie Littlejohn, Woodland Park Zoo; Carol Strecker, Minnesota Zoo; Jennifer Kleen, Roosevelt Park Zoo
	3:30–4:00pm	Day 1 wrap-up ZOOM

DAY TWO VIRTUAL	Time (approximate)	Description
	9:00am	Welcome LIVE STREAM
	9:05–9:45am	Plenary session: Cameron T. Whitley, Western Washington University LIVE STREAM "Using Animal Portraiture to Develop Empathetic Response"
	9:45–10:00am	Setting up process and goals for the day LIVE STREAM
	10:00–10:15am	Share-out from virtual convening: ideas for action research – Bradley Smith LIVE STREAM
	10:15–10:30am	Break
	10:30–11:30am	Nuts & Bolts of Action Research – Jessica Luke LIVE STREAM
	11:30–12:45pm	Break
	12:45–1:00pm	Virtual voting on topics of interest ZOOM
	1:00–2:00pm	Working session: identifying questions, ideating methods, developing study ZOOM BREAK OUT ROOMS
	2:00–2:15pm	Break
	2:15–2:45pm	Virtual working groups share out: topic, study question, audience, collaborators ZOOM
	2:45–3:15pm	In-person working groups share out: topic, study question, audience, collaborators LIVE STREAM
3:15–4:00pm	Next steps, closing remarks & farewell LIVE STREAM	

Zoom meeting info is the same for both Day 1 and Day 2: <https://seattleaquarium-org.zoom.us/j/88908058064?pwd=VkF0NFFFdElkQ2ZkWDldzBRcmVwdz09>