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**CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER'S FREE VIRTUAL LECTURE EXPLORES AMPHIBIANS
AND THEIR ENVIRONMENT**

ON APRIL 5, LEARN HOW FROGS FIT INTO THE ECOSYSTEM

PITTSBURGH, March 24, 2021 — On **Mon., April 5** from **7–9 pm**, join Dr. Jennifer Sheridan, assistant curator for the Section of Amphibians and Reptiles at Carnegie Museum of Natural History, for a virtual discussion on “Frogs: Who are they and why should you care?” The discussion is a part of Carnegie Science Center’s [Virtual Café Sci](#) – a monthly, free lecture series exploring today’s science issues.

During the discussion, Dr. Sheridan will talk about her research using frogs to examine the effects of habitat alteration on amphibian communities, the effects of climate change on organism size, and anthropogenic impacts on organisms in urban areas. Understanding how species are separated in ecological space and how species are affected by changes in their environment allow for better predictions of biodiversity losses and potential mitigation techniques.

Jennifer Sheridan, PhD, is a tropical conservation ecologist. Her research interests are ecological responses to changes in both climate and habitat and land use. She utilizes frogs as study organisms but with an eye for how they fit into the entire ecosystem. Most of her research has been in Southeast Asia (mainly Sabah, Malaysian Borneo), but Jennifer also examines impacts of climate change and land use change on amphibians in Pennsylvania utilizing Carnegie Museum of Natural History’s collections along with field work at Powdermill Research Station.

The Virtual Café Sci is free to attend, but [preregistration is required](#) to receive the webinar link. The event lasts from 7–9 pm.

Virtual Café Sci is presented by PPG and sponsored by Cook MyoSite.

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