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October 14, Share This: When I started the Ph. I loved islands, and I loved insects. But I was in love with the wrong things. To make it in the rarefied atmosphere of research academia, I had to be driven by mechanistic questions, not places or organisms. I was heartbrokenâ€”I had paid my dues as an undergrad, slogging through all those calculus classes and other pre-requisites so I could fully indulge my inveterate passion for invertebrates. And now I was being patted on the head and essentially told I would make an excellent graduate student in *Pseudoloxops rubrocuneatus* I think many biology academics have done a great disservice to the broader impact of our field by approaching research in this way. We have only described an estimated 15 percent of the species on our planet, and yet the study of species documentation, taxonomy, is derided as being too old-fashioned to deserve funding natural history is similarly dismissed. The general public wants to learn about the natural world because it is intrinsically fascinating; that instinct that E. Life is cool for its own sake. I realized that I had to play the game to get through my Ph. Community colleges prepare students directly for the workforce, and as I thawed from the carbonite of grad school , I realized how many non-academic natural history job opportunities exist in the Bay Area, from government agencies East Bay Regional Parks District and EBMUD , to name two to environmental consulting firms to non-profit organizations. So besides training, why else start a natural history program in ? Some of this best research is happening right here at homeâ€”Dr. So to corrupt the old Wall Street Gordon Gekko quote: But it was essential to me that it stay. While an iconic native plant or mammal may have been the obvious choice, we chose a lichen to be our poster organism for two reasons that reflect our mission. A lichen, a symbiotic organism consisting of a fungus, alga, and sometimes bacterium living together, represents the interdisciplinary nature of our program, with classes in the departments of Biology, Business, Environmental Management, Geology, Landscape Horticulture, and Native American Studies. The lichen is also an understudied and underappreciated organism, symbolizing the people of color who are underrepresented in the environmental sciences. Social justice is central to our mission, and Merritt College, where 79 percent of students are people of color, is the ideal place to grow the program. Merritt has a particularly proud history in the African-American community, being the alma mater of Black Panther founders Huey P. Unfortunately, the black community was not historically embraced by the environmental movement, one of the many reasons for why African-American participation in nature is so low. As scholar Carolyn Finney describes in her book *Black Faces, White Spaces* , even John Muir expressed racist attitudes in his writings, a fact few are aware of: I could teach my introductory natural history class without veering into the uncomfortable waters of environmental racism. But I was wrong. When a black person flips through a magazine and almost all of the ads set in nature feature white people as documented in peer-reviewed research , what does that do to their sub-conscious? When a young person of color goes on a guided hike for the first time and none of the park rangers look like them, are they likely to follow that career path? I ask my students why they think people of color are not more involved in nature with activities like hiking a study in national parks, for example, found that only 2. We have a lot of work to do. When I started at Merritt, I also began to understand a more authentic version of diversity than the buzzword often thrown around university campuses. Beyond the straight-forward statistics of race and ethnicity, I encountered true diversity in the area of privilege, class, and life experience. I finally came to understand how lucky I am. In my first semester, one of my students missed a mid-term exam. Thinking he had just blown it off, I came to the next class ready to deliver a harsh reprimanding. I asked him what happened. Because as local environmentalist and Outdoor Afro founder Rue Mapp puts it: For more on the program, visit www. Like what you see?

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