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## NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM SAYS "ALOHA" TO NEW FUNDRAISER

PHILADELPHIA—The Academy of Natural Sciences today announced a new chief fundraiser who will help guide America's oldest natural history museum to its 200th anniversary in 2012.

Amy Miller Marvin, 34, in August became Vice President for Institutional Advancement. She recently moved to Philadelphia from Hawaii, where she served in the same position at the Bishop Museum, the premier cultural and natural history institution in the Pacific. During her five-year tenure, she oversaw a \$21 million capital campaign for the restoration of the museum's historic Hawaiian Hall, which opened in August. She also created a new planned giving program and increased revenues in all areas of giving for the museum.

Marvin holds a bachelor's degree in environmental science and public policy from Harvard University, and a master's degree in psychology from the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

"Amy brings to the Academy a perfect blend of environmental and museum expertise and experience," said Academy President and CEO William Y. Brown, who previously worked with Marvin when he was president of Bishop Museum. "It is my privilege to work with her again to advance another great natural history institution."

Founded in 1812, the Academy has begun to upgrade its exhibits and to make building improvements and program additions in preparation for its 200th anniversary.

"I am delighted be working with the Academy," said Marvin. "This is a tremendous institution with an international reputation in science and education, and it is an honor to have the opportunity to help support this wonderful place."

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The Academy of Natural Sciences, founded in 1812, is the oldest natural science research institution and museum In the Americas and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. The mission of the Academy is the encouragement and cultivation of the sciences.

HOURS: Monday–Friday, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Saturday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. ADMISSION: \$12 adults; \$10 children 3-12, seniors, college students, military personnel; free for members and children under 3. \$2 fee for "Butterflies!"

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