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Black Rock Forest announces *Jessica Schnell, PhD* as Director of Education starting May 11, 2023.

Black Rock Forest in Cornwall, NY is pleased to announce Dr. Jessica Schnell as the Director of Education starting May 11, 2023. In this capacity, Jessica's primary focus will be educational programming for K-16 students, teachers, and the general public. Jessica has a strong background in elementary and secondary education having taught middle and high school science in the Bronx for six years, beginning as a NYC Teaching Fellow in 2017.



Prior to teaching, Jessica conducted postdoctoral research in wildlife conservation modeling while abroad in Germany for four years first at the Max Planck Institute for Ornithology and then as a postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Biology at the University of Konstanz. She also taught college biology courses during her PhD research, which focused on assessing habitat loss of forest endemic birds.

Jessica was first introduced to Black Rock Forest as a volunteer for the 2019 Summer Science Camp. That rewarding experience teaching students in nature four years ago inspired her to pursue the position she begins at the Forest this spring!

Jessica received her BS in Nutritional Sciences from Cornell University, her MS and PhD in Biology from Rutgers University, and her MEd in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, K-12 from City College of New York.

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