Don Lofgren, Director

Don Lofgren earned a B.A. in Geology at the University of Minnesota in 1983, an M.S. in Geology at the University of Montana in 1985, and a Ph.D. in Paleontology at UC-Berkeley in 1990. His research interests include the systematics of Cretaceous-Paleocene mammals, stratigraphy and sedimentology of Cretaceous-Paleocene rocks of North America, and in particular the Paleocene mammal fauna of the Goler Formation of California. At the museum, Dr. Lofgren works with the board of trustees to further the mission and programs of the museum. He also teaches Honors Advanced Study in Paleontology and Honors Advanced Museum Research classes at The Webb Schools. Learn more about Dr. Lofgren's research here .

Andrew Farke, Augustyn Family Curator of Paleontology

Andy Farke earned his B.Sc. in Geology at South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in 2003 and a Ph.D. in Anatomical Sciences at Stony Brook University in 2008. His research interests focus on the evolution and paleobiology of the horned dinosaurs, dinosaurs of western North America, and the vertebrate paleontology of Madagascar. Within the museum, Dr. Farke engages in curation and research of fossil specimens and also is in charge of implementing the Paleontology for Educators workshop. He also teaches Introduction to Paleontology, Honors

Museum Research, Honors Advanced Museum Research, and Museum After School classes at The Webb Schools. Learn more about Dr. Farke's research here .

Kathy Sanders, Director of Outreach
Kathy Sanders earned her B.A. in Art History at California State University, Long Beach in 1981, and joined the Alf Museum in 2000. She schedules and administers daily Tours and Classroom Science Connections, conducts the museum's public programs and enrichment classes for children, develops and illustrates educational materials and works as scientific illustrator for museum research projects.

Sheana Wijeyeratne, Outreach Assistant
Sheana Wijeyeratne earned her B.Sc. in Math and Computer Science at The City University, London, U.K. in 1982 and her M.S. in Math and Computer Science at Ohio University, Athens, in 1987. She joined the Alf Museum in 2011 as the Outreach Assistant, organizing and conducting daily tours at the museum.

Ashley Fragomeni, Assistant Curator
Ashley Fragomeni earned her B.A in Anthropology from Indiana University Bloomington in 2007, and joined the Alf Museum in 2010, first as a volunteer, then as an intern, and most recently as assistant curator. Ashley assists in curating, identifying, and cataloging the museum's fossil collection. She also works as an educator at the Natural History Museum and Page Museum in Los Angeles, where she loves educating people about all things paleontology.

Peter Kloess, Assistant Curator
Peter Kloess earned his B.Sc. in Geology at Montana State University, Bozeman in 2003 and will begin his Master’s program in Geological Sciences at California State University, Fullerton in August 2013. In the years between degrees, he has worked in the corporate realm as a paleontology mitigation consultant, traveling across the country collecting fossils from

construction sites. Peter joined the Alf Museum in 2010 as a volunteer and then intern before becoming an assistant curator. He is working to organize, identify, and curate the museum's fossil collection, as well as utilizing the collection for research.