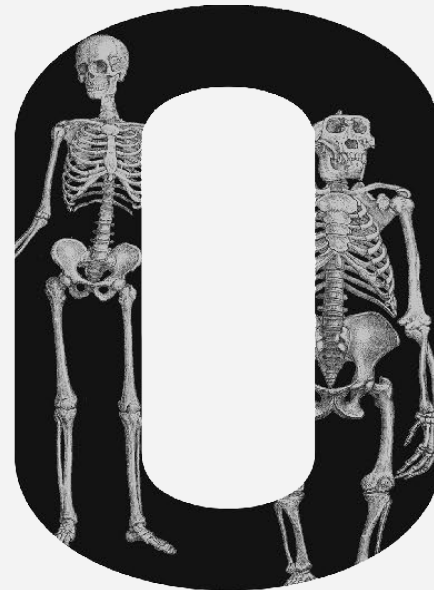


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PUBLIC OUTREACH
PROGRAM

What Makes Us Human: Anthropology Public Outreach at COSI



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Alexandra Tuggle, Mark Hubbe, and John Osborn
Community Engagement Conference
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APOP IN ACTION!



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APOP was created to share our knowledge of humanity, to explore why we are here, and to examine what makes us who we are.



We engage in fun and interactive educational activities for diverse audiences:

- COSI science museum visitors
- Middle and High School students
- Undergraduate College students



To understand and respect human diversity, we need to build our perspective based on our own experiences



APOP INFORMATION!



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- Founded in spring 2017
- Actively engaged in outreach since Spring 2018
- 30+ undergraduate, graduate, and faculty volunteers

Current Programs

COSI Carts	Columbus City Schools Outreach Program
“A Story of Us” Podcast	Fossil of the Month
Workshops in College Residence Halls	“Evolved” COSI Exhibit (coming soon!)
Can You Dig It? @ Science Olympiad	
The Anthropology Online Resource Bank	



WHAT IS COSI?

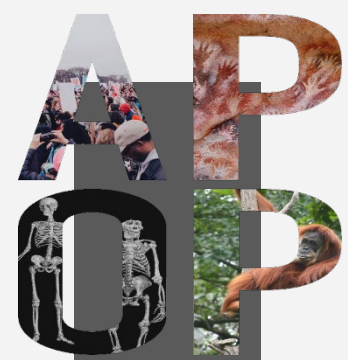


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COSI Columbus, Ohio's dynamic **Center of Science and Industry**, inspires the scientists, dreamers, and innovators of tomorrow through involvement in **exhibits, demonstrations**, and a variety of **educational activities** and experiences.



COSI's mission:
“For those of all ages to discover more about our environment, our accomplishments, our heritage, and ourselves.”



COSI CARTS



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In partnership with COSI, APOP created six **interactive activities** aimed at helping COSI visitors explore different sides of **Anthropology**.

How We Belong

Walk With Your Ancestors

Heads Up

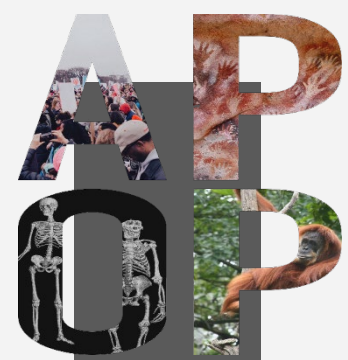
Who's That Ancestor?

Garbology

Tools: That Was Then, This is Now



APOP is at COSI every other Saturday!



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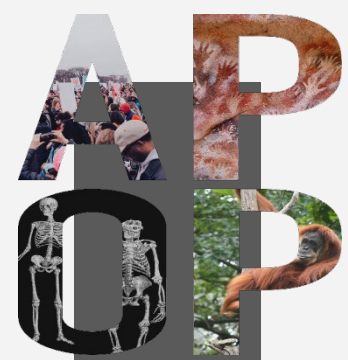


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We ask, “whose head is whose?” in this hands-on exploration into our complex evolutionary past



Participants are introduced to the skulls of 5 of our hominin ancestors, and challenged to use **physical characteristics** to piece together the story of us!



Garbology



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Be an archaeologist for a day!



Participants are challenged to recreate the lives of modern humans using the things we leave behind in our daily lives – our trash!



How We Belong



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Social identity and belonging are explored in this program through hands-on experience with cranial deformation



Explores how body modification plays an important role in being human



COSI BY THE NUMBERS



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- 40+ volunteers during 2018
- Over 700 person-hours of volunteer work in total!
- Six carts created for 2018. More coming in 2019.
- The APOP carts are at COSI every other Saturday and at “After Dark” and special events

Program highlights:

- Volunteers learn to interact with broader audience
- Activities are designed to be engaging, starting from the participants experiences.
- Carts have been adapted to other outreach activities, like summer camps.

“Volunteering at COSI was such an incredible experience, and I can’t wait to get back to it in the fall!” – Drew Hardin



THANK YOU!



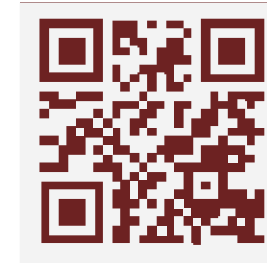
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Come visit us at COSI, and follow us on social media to keep up with our outreach events!



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