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Phipps Names Dr. Sarah States as new Research Manager

Dr. States brings an abundance of knowledge and talent to Phipps Research Institute.

Pittsburgh, Pa. — [Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens](#) is pleased to announce the hire of Dr. Sarah States, the new research manager in the Phipps Research Institute for Biophilia and Science Engagement. Phipps Research Institute is the first of its kind, taking an integrative, multi-disciplinary approach to understanding the impact of connections between people and their environment, and human and ecological health and wellness through research, education and practice.

Dr. States comes to Phipps with impressive credentials. She received her Ph.D. in ecology and evolutionary biology from Cornell University, where her research focused on studying infection dynamics in house finches. Additionally, Dr. States completed postdoctoral research at Yale University and Columbia University, targeting community ecology and vector-borne disease.

Her extensive background in ecology and biology are the perfect addition to the research department at Phipps. In her new position, Dr. States will focus on strengthening and creating innovative local, national and international research partnerships in the research focus areas of Phipps, including: science communication and outreach, ecology, human health and wellness, environmental education and social justice. Moreover, she will be creating and researching innovative programs that connect youth and the public to scientists and allow them to participate in research, as well as participating in original research relevant to the focus area of ecological health and wellness.

To learn more about the Phipps Research Institute, please visit phipps.conservatory.org.

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About Phipps: Founded in 1893, Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pa. is a green leader among public gardens with a mission to inspire and educate all with the beauty and importance of plants; to advance sustainability and promote human and environmental well-being through action and research; and to celebrate its historic glasshouse. Learn more: phipps.conservatory.org.

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