



Alison Grace Laurence

COLLEGE Lecturer

Stanford Introductory Studies - Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

Bio

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Alison Laurence is a Lecturer in Civic, Liberal, and Global Education. She received her PhD from MIT's interdisciplinary program in History, Anthropology, and Science, Technology, and Society (HASTS) in 2019. A cultural and environmental historian, she specializes in the historical study of nature on display, non-human animals, deep time, and extinction. Her current book manuscript--Of Dinosaurs and Culture Wars: A Monumental Reckoning with Modern American Monsters--traces how popular displays transformed dinosaurs and other creatures of deep time from scientific specimens to consumer objects and artifacts of everyday American life. Alison has published her research in *Museum & Society*, *Notes & Records: The Royal Society Journal of the History of Science*, and the *Science Museum Group Journal*. She holds a BA in Classics from Brown University and an MA in History and Public History from the University of New Orleans.

At Stanford, Alison has taught special topics courses like "Animal Archives: History Beyond the Human" and a variety of courses within the first-year liberal arts requirement, including: "Stories Everywhere," "100,000 Years of War," "Design That Understands Us," and "The Meat We Eat." During the 2022-2023 academic year, she is teaching "Why College?: Your Education and the Good Life," "Citizenship in the 21st Century," and "Preventing Human Extinction."

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Lecturer, Stanford Introductory Studies - Civic, Liberal, and Global Education

Teaching

COURSES

2023-24

- Citizenship in the 21st Century: COLLEGE 102 (Win)
- Preventing Human Extinction: COLLEGE 107 (Spr)
- Why College? Your Education and the Good Life: COLLEGE 101 (Aut)

2022-23

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2021-22

- Animal Archives: History Beyond the Human: HISTORY 42Q (Spr)
- Design that Understands Us: THINK 66 (Win)

- Stories Everywhere: THINK 49 (Aut)
- The Meat We Eat: COLLEGE 104 (Spr)

2020-21

- 100,000 Years of War: THINK 54 (Win)
- Stories Everywhere: THINK 49 (Aut)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

- **Pleistocene Park, and other designs on deep time in the Interwar United States** *NOTES AND RECORDS-THE ROYAL SOCIETY JOURNAL OF THE HISTORY OF SCIENCE*
Laurence, A.
2021
- **Merpeople: A Human History. (Book Review)** *HISTORY*
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