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BIRD 'N BUFFET & VAUGHAN LECTURE SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 28

**Buffalo Museum of Science to host buffet dinner and free lecture on
*Behavior, Ecology, Conservation and Unique Adaptations of Woodpeckers***

BUFFALO (April 15, 2010) – The Buffalo Museum of Science has scheduled its Bird 'N Buffet dinner and 19th Annual Vaughan Lecture for **Wednesday, April 28**. The dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m. The lecture, *Behavior, Ecology, Conservation and Unique Adaptations of Woodpeckers*, presented by Dr. Jerome Jackson, will immediately follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Museum auditorium. Both the dinner and lecture will be held at the Buffalo Museum of Science (1020 Humboldt Parkway, Buffalo, NY 14211).

Tickets for the Bird 'N Buffet dinner are \$25 and include the annual buffet dinner with a birding theme. Advanced registration is required and can be made by calling 716.896.5200 x385 or online at www.sciencebuff.org. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit educational programs at Tiff Nature Preserve.

The night's FREE lecture presented by Dr. Jerome Jackson will examine the ecological roles of woodpeckers in natural ecosystems and how those roles have changed in our modern world. Dr. Jackson will address questions including why some species are either extinct or extremely rare, while similar species have remained relatively common. The lecture is free to the public.



Dr. Jerome Jackson

To register for the dinner or for general inquiries about the lecture, please call 716.896.5200 x385 or visit www.sciencebuff.org.

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ABOUT DR. JEROME JACKSON

Dr Jackson is the Whitaker Eminent Scholar in Science at the Florida Gulf Coast University and program Director for the Whitaker Center for Science, Math, and Technology Education. He has a Ph.D in Zoology from the University of Kansas. Major research interests are (1) the behavioral ecology of birds with special emphases on endangered species, woodpeckers, birds of Barrier Island and aquatic ecosystems; (2) the history of American ornithology; (3) and bird-human interactions and problems, especially those associated with airports and aquaculture.

Dr Jackson teaches a diverse range of subjects including Natural History, Ornithology, Mammalogy, Biogeography, Field Zoology for Teachers, Ecology, Natural History of Coastal Environments, Conservation and the Endangered Species Act, Birds and Man, Photographic Techniques in Biology, and Nature Writing. His publications include 15 books and more than 220 publications in scientific journals and 120 publications in popular magazines.

ABOUT THE BUFFALO MUSEUM OF SCIENCE

The Buffalo Museum of Science is the non-profit educational institution dedicated to the study and interpretation of the natural and physical sciences. Its extensive collections of over 700,000 specimens and artifacts represent all facets of the natural world with an emphasis on Western New York as well as man-made objects spanning the globe. Based at 1020 Humboldt Parkway and anchoring Buffalo's East Side in Olmsted-designed Martin Luther King, Jr. Park since 1929, the Museum presents a wide variety of programs and services for children, teachers, families, adults, and community organizations throughout each year. The Museum also operates Tiff Nature Preserve in South Buffalo, a 264-acre urban wetland preserve on reclaimed former industrial land and seasonally sponsors archaeological exploration at the Hiscock Site in nearby Genesee County, NY, one of North America's richest Ice Age sites.

For further information on the Museum and its upcoming activities, call 716-896-5200 or visit www.sciencebuff.org.