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ScienceWorks Hires New Director of Education

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ScienceWorks is pleased to announce the new Director of Education, Liese Murphree. Murphree was the Interim Director of Education from August 2016 to December 2016, and previously worked in the capacity of a field trip educator for the Museum starting in January 2015. During her interim period, Murphree began to offer single day camps at the museum. "It's a way to provide educational care options during those days that students have off and parents still need to be at work."

Murphree's credentials include a BA in Chemistry and Environmental Studies from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio and a PhD in Soil Science (Soil Chemistry) from UC Davis. With 18 years of experience in the classroom and an additional three years working in the teacher education program at Monterey Bay Aquarium in California, Murphree brings insight into the educational needs of teachers, students, and communities.

"ScienceWorks has a great opportunity to make a big impact on students across Southern Oregon and Northern California through science programs at the museum and through outreach programs into their communities," says Murphree. "To solve the complex technological, environmental and medical problems in our future, it requires a diverse set of scientists, engineers, and educated citizens. ScienceWorks is committed to helping students become those scientists, engineers, and educated citizens."

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Photo: Liese Murphree, Director of Education (Photo by: Erin L. Scott, ScienceWorks)



ScienceWorks Hands-On Museum is a non-profit educational science center that has been serving the Rogue Valley region since 2002. Located at 1500 East Main Street in Ashland, the museum is home to more than 100 exhibits, and hosts themed weekends, and ongoing fun, educational, science programs for all ages year-round. For more information, call (541) 482-6767 or visit www.scienceworksmuseum.org.