



## Chat Transcript for NGCP Webinar:

### Educating Outside the Exhibit

April 28, 2021

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : @ Caitlin - YAY! Let me know if I can help you in any way. @ Laahiri - awww thanks! You guys are great

Adrienne to Everyone : Creating a narrative that connects various career experiences is helpful and I'm hearing the speakers share that.

Tamara Schwarz (she/her) to Everyone : After having in-house roles in museums for 20 years, I transitioned to working as an independent consultant. I definitely share that experience of going through a sometimes-hard adjustment re: co-mingling of identity and museum affiliation! But Gerri's comments about always appreciating new learning opportunities and accepting uncertainty in my future career trajectory.

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : @Eric - because we are virtual and you know, "2020", the reg rates will be much lower than an in-person. This chat is turning into a shameless plug for ASTC 2021 HAHA

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : Apromisel--I'm excited to speak to that question--I have been serving as a reference for so many of the museum educators and there are awesome ways to make that argument

Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : I've worked in museums and other non-profit organizations for years. There are so many transferrable skills in mission-based work. Many might depend on your area of work. For me, these skills were mainly focused on project management work. It's highly needed in so many fields!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : I can relate to that, Emily from an Educational Programming perspective. I went from public school educator, to curriculum developer in a non-profit, then in a museum, and now as a consultant. Finding those transferable skills is huge in thinking creatively about where your career might take you

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : and with NGCP, I do similar work as well as learning new skills!

Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Yes, Marisa! I have a theatre/art administration/nonprofit background and have worked in theatre organizations, a science museum, film nonprofit, and visual arts all in educational programming.

Betsy Loring to Everyone : "and other duties as required"

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : ha, Betsy!

Tara Cox (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Yes Betsy!!! That dreaded phrase!

Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Exactly, Betsy!

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : This is the reason I named the company that I started Renaissance Woman Consulting!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : :) love it Sara!

Adrienne to Everyone : flexibility!

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : As educators, we have exceptional presentation skills!

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : You can also say resourceful because we're always on a budget!

Eric Raya Steinbeiss (he/him) to Everyone : Heck yeah, Laahiri! And being resourceful because you don't have enough money! :)

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : I think we also have an interdisciplinary mindset and are able to overcome artificial separation between disciplines and realms.

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : that's so true, Sara!

Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Such a great point, Sara.

Eric Raya Steinbeiss (he/him) to Everyone : I love that, Sara! That is on point.

Eric Havel (he/him) to Everyone : Agreed on opportunities! I think this will only ramp up in the coming months.

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : also, leverage your references. Let them know specific skills that would be helpful for them to highlight when they speak to the org/business you are interviewing with

Rita Deedrick (she/her/hers) to Everyone : Some for-profits are quite mission oriented. Also consider social enterprises, some of which are for-profit.

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : I know that in the past one of the hardest things was know what job title to use in search engines when you're leaving the museum world.

Adrienne to Everyone : many aerospace companies are mission focused - some with education/outreach positions

Caitlin Everhart (she/her/hers) to Everyone : Sara, do you have any suggestions for job titles to look for?

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : That's a good point, Marisa. Also use your references or contacts, as Eric mentioned, to find job opportunities. Reaching out to external connections with informal conversations to get a sense for what you're looking for.

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : Some terms I found to be useful were coordinator, communicator, education, project manager, and facilitator

Eric Havel (he/him) to Everyone : Yes on networks! All the new roles I'm engaged in now are a direct result of friends and colleagues I've known and worked with in the past.

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : Pull others up too. If you find a job that isn't right for you but you know someone else who would be a good fit, share it with them!

Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Your network is great for reviewing your resume/cover letter as well! Gerri might have given me advice for mine when I was looking for my next role... :)

Lana D. (she/her) - Schiele Museum of Natural History to Everyone : I remember reading the book "Lean In" after I graduated college and it said that women will typically apply for jobs if they meet 100% of the qualifications and men will apply if they meet as little as 30% of the qualifications. This always gives me confidence to go for it!

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : ASTC has lots of resources available for everyone! If you recently left your science center, make sure you update your myASTC profile. We also have a job

board- <https://www.astc.org/resources-and-learning/jobs-in-science-engagement/> Write to info@astc.org for help or reach out to me directly :) whancock@astc.org

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : Wow, Lana. what an amazing stat. Sad, but good to know!

Meghan Schiedel to Everyone : Purple squire! Love it. I've never heard that one

Kathy Thomas to Everyone : PREACH!

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : <3 wish list idea!!! +1 Eric

Lana D. (she/her) - Schiele Museum of Natural History to Everyone : Preach, Eric!

Meghan Schiedel to Everyone : YES!

Rita Deedrick (she/her/hers) to Everyone : If nothing else, I will remember "purple squirrel"!!

Betsy Loring to Everyone : So happy that is coming from you Eric!!!

Colleen Carter (She/Her) to Everyone : Right on Eric!

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : Yaaaas, Eric!!!

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : Have any of you asked for informational interviews or have opinions on them?

Renee Guerrero to Everyone : When I was in the museum environment, my best paid work was as a project manager on a grant.

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : I love the informational interview---do them...get to know people!

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : I learned about roles that weren't posted yet through people with whom I'd had informational interviews

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : I've also done informational interviews and found them worthwhile! They haven't led to jobs for me, but I've met some great people who I've stayed in touch with. You never know where your career may go so making those relationships is important

Tamara Schwarz (she/her) to Everyone : I agree, informational interviews are a great strategy to cultivate your network, gather info about different orgs and roles, and get recommendations about other people you could connect with.

Betsy Loring to Everyone : @Gerri - yes!! informational interviews are how I transitioned from public sector solid waste management to exhibit development in museums

Eric Raya Steinbeiss (he/him) to Everyone : I am a huge fan of informational interviews - there's less pressure, less to lose. It demonstrates that you're simply interested in that career/job.

Sara Kobilka to Everyone : Thanks everyone! So sad I have to leave early

Walter Staveloz to Everyone : If you are interested in collaborating with MuseumExpert.org in some form or fashion please send me an email at walter.staveloz@museumexpert.org

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : thanks for joining, sara

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : Exactly--I found informational interviews to be so energizing. I was particularly interested in asking leaders about their vision for the future

Renee Guerrero to Everyone : An informational interview is a good opportunity to ask that person to review your resume and suggest changes or next steps.

Caitlin Everhart (she/her/hers) to Everyone : I will definitely tune in, thank you!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : thanks, Caitlin!

Christina Leavell to Everyone : I also have to leave early, but this has been an incredible webinar. Energetic and informative, thank you so much!

Eric Havel (he/him) to Everyone : We also have an active MuseumExpert newsletter and we're glad to add you the mailing list!

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : Ooh I love the great tips around informational interviews. Thanks for answering!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : we will save the chat and share it on the event page. so thank you for sharing resources and ideas here!

Adrienne to Everyone : Thank you all! Take care everyone!

Betsy Loring to Everyone : And then we blow stuff up

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : ha! Betsy

Laahiri Chalasani (she/hers), NGCP to Everyone : You all are so great. Thank you for sharing your journeys and inspiring others to think outside the box!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : please complete a post webinar survey, too! Survey: <https://ngc2018.typeform.com/to/EFDKQcaL>

From Emily Early (she/her) - NGCP to Everyone : Thanks to the presenters! This was great.

Sarah Rolko to Everyone : Thank you so much! This has been great.

Lana D. (she/her) - Schiele Museum of Natural History to Everyone : Thank you, everyone!

Wendy Hancock @ ASTC she | her to Everyone : This was wonderful, Tara and Walter!! T

Gerri Trooskin to Everyone : If anyone has any experience (or knows anyone with it) in clinical research, we're about to list a project manager role

Tamara Schwarz (she/her) to Everyone : Great discussion — thank you to all the panelists, NGCP for hosting!

Caitlin Everhart (she/her/hers) to Everyone : Thank you so much!

Chloe Tengan Az Science Center to Everyone : Thank you everyone!

Kathleen.Stevison to Everyone : Thank you to everyone!

Betsy Loring to Everyone : thank you!!!

Alysia Korn- Maryland Science Center to Everyone : Thank you very much. This was wonderful!

Marisa Garcia (she/her) to Everyone : Thanks, everyone! what a great convo