

# Teaching Big History

Dr. Lucy Laffitte



Saturday, June 18, 2022; 8 am EDT (GMT-4)  
All are invited over Zoom at no cost.

Middle School is an awkward time for everyone, teachers, and students alike. The math curriculum is a drop into the deep end of the algebra pool where those who know their math facts can swim to safety but those that don't thrash around painfully. There are no content standards for language arts or social studies—just deepening reading and writing skills and the Next Generation Science Curriculum is an incoherent jumble of physics, earth science, and biology. First-year college students stand on the shore of their small islands of knowledge with no maps for their voyage ahead. Why not take this unorganized cornucopia of content and replace it with the grand narrative of the unfolding universe? This presentation describes such a curriculum and shares anecdotal results of a pilot project.

Dr. Laffitte earned her Ph.D. in forestry and natural resources and has been teaching big history to middle school and first year college students since 2012. She has served the IBHA as an active member, conference program committee chair, founding editor of *Emergence* (IBHA newsletter), board member, vice-president, and president.

International-Big History-Association is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting with Lucy Laffitte as she discusses “Teaching Big History” on Saturday, June 18, 2022, at 8 am EDT (GMT-4:00).

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