



**Virginia
Master
Naturalist**

ADVANCED TRAINING WEBINAR SERIES

Date: Tuesday, January 7, 2014

Time: 12-1pm

Location: http://connect.ag.vt.edu/vmn_at1/

An Evening at the Virginia Museum of Natural History

Presented by: Denny Casey, Ph.D.

When we visit natural history museums, most of us only see what's on display for the general public. Through live, two-way video, participants will explore less-traveled recesses of Virginia's one and only natural history museum. VMNH is staffed by research scientists in the fields of vertebrate paleontology, invertebrate archaeology, marine zoology, mammalogy, and geology. We will explore the laboratories and vast collections areas to unveil this invaluable state resource and how Virginia Master Naturalists are and can be involved.

Dr. Casey is the Director of Education and Public Programs at Virginia Museum of Natural History. He is also an adjunct with state and private universities as instructor of science methods and education courses. His degrees are in natural science education and science curriculum and instruction, all from Virginia Tech. His research interests include: education for social justice, social constructivism, history and nature of science and technology, and earth systems science education. His professional service includes administering web-based resources for the Virginia Association of Science Teachers and the Virginia Junior Academy of Science. He has been involved in the VMN program since its inception and serves on the executive committee and as advisor for the Southwestern Piedmont Chapter and teaches the Weather and Climate session for basic training.