

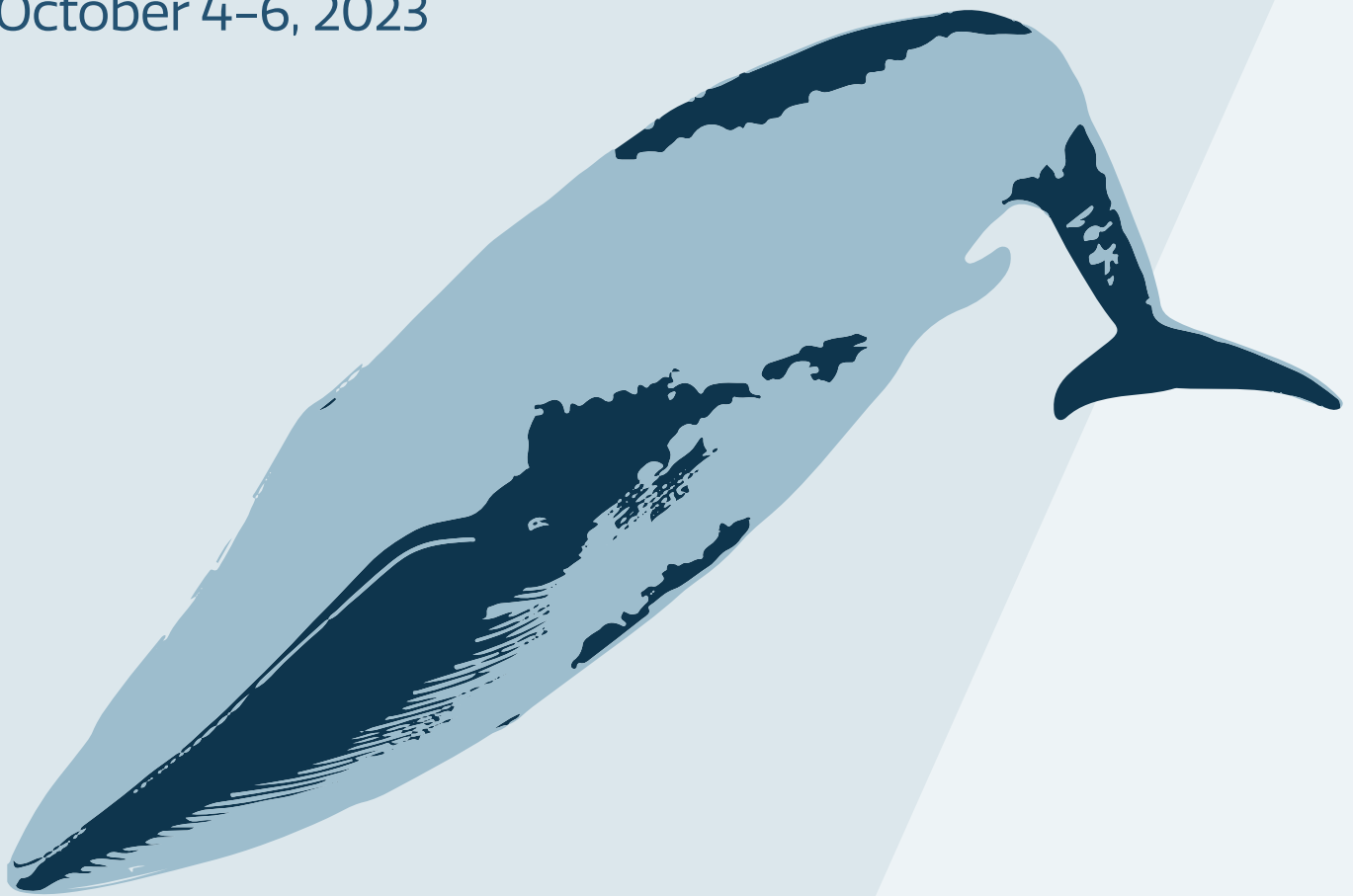
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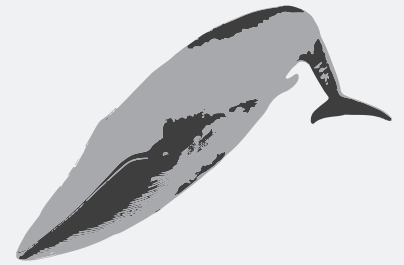
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Conference Program

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STUDENT CONFERENCE ON CONSERVATION SCIENCE – NEW YORK



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The Marshall M. Weinberg Student Conference on Conservation Science–New York 2023 (SCCS–NY) is a sister conference to the highly successful SCCS–Cambridge begun in 2000 by the University of Cambridge. Other SCCS conferences now include SCCS–Bangalore, SCCS–Australia, SCCS–Beijing, and SCCS–Hungary.

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In Memory: Eleanor J. Sterling

This year, the Center for Biodiversity and Conservation (CBC) is honored to dedicate the SCCS–NY conference to the memory of Dr. Eleanor J. Sterling, a trail-blazing conservationist and an innovative scientist of global influence. Eleanor was a visionary leader at AMNH, guiding and growing the conservation programs of the CBC for more than 20 years. Eleanor worked to advance conservation through teaching and mentoring, research, on-the-ground conservation, public outreach, and policy. Among these many accomplishments, perhaps Eleanor’s most significant contribution was her devoted mentorship of others. She changed the minds and lives of staff, interns, students, mentees, and partners around the world. SCCS–NY was launched in 2010 under Eleanor’s leadership, and her generosity, vision, influence, and brilliance will continue to shape this conference for years to come.



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- Email sccs@amnh.org
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Wednesday, October 4th

8:30am Registration / Light Breakfast and Coffee

*Kaufmann Desk
Blum Classroom*

9:00am Virtual Workshops

- Step Up Your Poster Game: Designing Research Posters with Adobe Illustrator
 - A Hands-On Introduction to Spatial Analysis
 - What Am I Doing with My Life? Career Planning for Conservation Researchers and Practitioners
 - Power Relations in Conservation: From Concepts to Practical Applications
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12:00pm Registration, Break, and Boxed Lunches

Blum Classroom

12:30pm On-site Workshops

*Meet at
Kaufmann Desk*

- Leadership Styles: Identify Your Strengths as a Conservation Leader
 - Landscape Analysis Using Google Earth Engine
 - Interactive, Reproducible, and Accessible Species Distribution Modeling for Conservation With Wallace
 - Data Graphics for Conservation: Show the Data!
 - Applications of Museum Collections and Phylogenomics to Biodiversity Conservation
 - Optimizing Urban Sustainability Co-Benefits for Biodiversity Conservation in New York City: An Interdisciplinary Charrette
-

3:30pm Break

3:45pm Collection Tours

*Meet at
Kaufmann Desk*

5:30pm Welcome Event / Meet & Greet

Coat check closes at 6:15pm

*Hall of Human
Origins*

6:30pm SciCafe: Protecting our Crowded Planet

*Hall of the Universe,
Lower Level*

Dr. Nyeema C. Harris

Knobloch Family Associate Professor of Wildlife and Land Conservation, Yale School of the Environment

Thursday, October 5th

9:00am	Registration / Light Breakfast and Coffee	<i>77th Street Lobby Futter Gallery</i>
9:30am	Plenary: Building an Impactful Career as an “ologist” Dr. Nyeema C. Harris Knobloch Family Associate Professor of Wildlife and Land Conservation, Yale School of the Environment	<i>Kaufmann Theater</i>
10:25am	Break	
10:35am	Talk Session: Conservation in Support of Coexistence Bianca Santos An intersectional analysis of fishers' social-ecological resilience in Palau Sikha Hariharan A tale of two abutting states in India: Differences in approaches to NTFP extraction Cárol Sierra Durán Bats and food security: Insectivorous bats as pest controllers in Mexican rice fields Camille Ross Incorporating prey information into North Atlantic right whale management tools	<i>Kaufmann Theater</i>
11:30am	Break	
11:50am	Talk Session: Advancing the Conservation of Vulnerable Species Pavel Enríquez-Moncayo Chloroplast phylogeny and hybridization of the Galapagos endemic genus <i>Scalesia</i> Ana Maria Saldarriaga Captive population of <i>Crocodylus intermedius</i> : A genetic reservoir to save the species Jasmine Lu Ear mite infection disrupts otic microbial networks in tumor-susceptible island foxes	<i>Kaufmann Theater</i>
12:40pm	Break: Transition to Lunch	
1:00pm	Mentor Cafés and Lunch	<i>School Lunch Rooms, Lower Level</i>

2:45pm Speed Talk Session: Filing in Knowledge Gaps in Conservation 1

Kaufmann Theater

Ariella Kornreich

Rehabilitation outcomes of avian building collision patients

Jessica Espinosa

Can nesting in boxes help endangered roseate terns adjust to sea level rise?

Hiromi Yagui Briones

Restoring invertebrate biodiversity through translocations using grasshoppers

Heather Kostick

Evaluating and understanding biodiversity of cemeteries in Philadelphia, PA, USA

Jessica Kaur

Potential commercial dye application for berries from invasive plant species

Adrianna Muniz

Is there evidence of local adaptation in common milkweed?

Kim Hughes

Diet of bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) fatally affected by fragmentation in Connecticut, USA

3:35pm Speed Talk Session: Filing in Knowledge Gaps in Conservation 2

Kaufmann Theater

Robin Singleton

Animal management and sacrificial power

Valeria Navarro

Genetic diversity & structure of *A. aculeata* using DNA microsatellites in Costa Rica

Eva Hernandez-Janer

Wild orangutans and ecological disturbances: Insights from stable isotope analysis

Aamer Khan

Measures of adrenal and gonadal hormones among captive red pandas in Indian zoos

Christopher Gemelli

Photogiraffes: Can opportunistically collected photos create a census for giraffes?

Rijamanalina Harizo GeorGINnot

First inventory of lemur community in the classified forest of Andilamena, Madagascar

Angela Larios

Asian elephant conservation reeducation in Thailand

Tabor Whitney

Non-invasive biomarkers as a conservation tool to assess habitat degradation

5:00pm Poster Session + Pizza Party

*Astor Turret &
Hall of Primitive
Mammals,
4th Floor*

Friday, October 6th

9:00am Registration / Light Breakfast and Coffee

*Kaufmann Desk
Futter Gallery*

9:30am Speed Talk Session: Understanding Species' Needs Across the Globe

Kaufmann Theater

James Herlan

Patterns of abundance, size, and dispersion of pocilloporid coral at Rapa Nui

Shilpi Sarkar

Diversity study of marine crabs from coastal region of Bangladesh

Devendra Singh

Diversity of bats from urban and non-urban regions of Uttarakhand Himalaya

Eric Osei-Kwarteng

Hippo conservation status along the Black Volta River in Northern Ghana

Annalee Anderson

Factors affecting common nighthawk distribution in Central Illinois

Iqram ul Haq

Breeding biology and conservation issues of Ibisbill in Kashmir Himalaya, India

Desamarie Antonette Fernandez

Spatiotemporal ecology of the collared mongoose in Palawan Island, Philippines

10:25am Talk Session: Monitoring and Modeling Species Across Ecosystems

Kaufmann Theater

Eric Wuesthoff

Intact and regenerating forests differ in primate communities and seed dispersal

Vallari Sheel

Interactions of urban tree and vertebrate species in New Delhi and Bengaluru, India

Kyle Oliveira

Comparison of northwest Atlantic *C. carcharias* data sources in presence-only models

Annapurna Post-Leon

Identification of functional drought refugia for bigcone Douglas-fir

11:20am Break

Friday, October 6th

11:40am **Talk Session: Interdisciplinary Conservation Practice**

Kaufmann Theater

Miaomiao Tian

Non-criminal legal responses remedy wildlife through conservation litigation in China

Isidoro Hazbun

Ancestral tides: Indigenous Knowledge and Protected Area innovation in the Caribbean

Natalie Robinson

Do informative social media captions impact perceptions of human-primate interactions?

Ann-Marie Jacoby

Historical reconstruction of common bottlenose dolphins in the Potomac River, USA

12:40pm **Break: Transition to Lunch**

1:00pm **Mentor Cafés and Lunch**

*School Lunch
Rooms, Lower
Level*

2:45pm **Speed Talk Session: Humans and Wildlife**

Kaufmann Theater

Simran Prasad

Human injury and death: a global review on understudied aspects of wildlife conflict

Brianna Cook

Landscape of fear in mammals in response to anthropogenic hunting patterns

Anish Paul

Rosettes in a matrix: comparing leopard densities in forests vs production landscapes

Shloka Janapaty

A new estimate of biocrust contribution to global carbon and nitrogen flux

Irmak Erdem

The flight capacity of birds in the Ecuadorian Andes influences the patches occupied

Zeeshan Khalid

Wildlife trafficking goes digital: scale of illegal wildlife trade in Pakistan

3:30pm **Break**

3:45pm **Careers Panel: Exploring Diverse Paths in Conservation**

Kaufmann Theater

5:00pm **Awards and Closing Reception**

*Hall of Mexico and
Central America,
2nd Floor*

Plenary Speaker

Dr. Nyeema C. Harris

Knobloch Family Associate Professor of Wildlife and Land Conservation,
Yale School of the Environment

Building an Impactful Career as an “ologist”

In an era of rapid environmental change, science plays a critical role in securing a sustainable future. What questions are asked but equally important in the science enterprise is how science is conducted and by whom. As an applied ecologist in academia, I reflect on transformative milestones during my training trajectory and how those experiences influenced building my own research program. With impact as the guiding principle, I demonstrate how I intersect my identity and value system into my professional portfolio. Ultimately, career success in science requires the scientists to operate with authenticity, passion, and commitment.

Careers Panel: Exploring Diverse Paths in Conservation

Ingrid Haeckel

Conservation and Land Use
Specialist, Hudson River
Estuary Program, NYSDEC/
Cornell University

Ingrid works with municipal and regional partners to integrate biodiversity conservation into community planning and land use policy. She began her career at Hudsonia Ltd., where she worked on a variety of biodiversity mapping and habitat assessment projects. Ingrid earned her MA degree in Geography with an emphasis in ethnobotany at the University of Texas at Austin. She was an award-winning presenter at the very first SCCS-NY in 2010!

Ashik Rahaman

Research Analyst, K.
Lisa Yang Center for
Conservation Bioacoustics,
Cornell University

Ashik focuses on large-scale data analysis and integration of technological advancements in conservation, and currently works on acoustic monitoring of right whales in Massachusetts Bay. Ashik also coordinates education and outreach efforts to communicate research findings to a wide range of stakeholder groups.

Hara Woltz

Artist and Scientist

Hara addresses the destruction and conservation of ecological systems through visual media. Field research is integral to the creation of her work, and her solo and collaborative projects investigate the relationships between humans, the environment, and other living organisms. Hara has worked on a number of global ecological and design projects, including habitat restoration for native species in New Zealand, giant tortoise and Waved Albatross habitat assessment and restoration in Galápagos, Ecuador, and collaborated with the CBC on biological and cultural resilience programs in Solomon Islands, Melanesia.

Moderator:

Mary Blair

Director, Biodiversity
Informatics Research,
American Museum of
Natural History

Mary studies the conservation biology of primates and other mammals, and has more than 15 years of field research experience in Latin America and Asia, studying the evolutionary processes that generate biodiversity to inform the spatial prioritization of conservation actions, including under climate change. Her research integrates spatial modeling and molecular genetics alongside knowledge from diverse sources and perspectives in a biocultural conservation framework, which explicitly starts with and builds upon local and Indigenous values, knowledge, and needs while recognizing the interplay between the cultural and biological parts of a system.

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Lower Level

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 Restroom


 Dining

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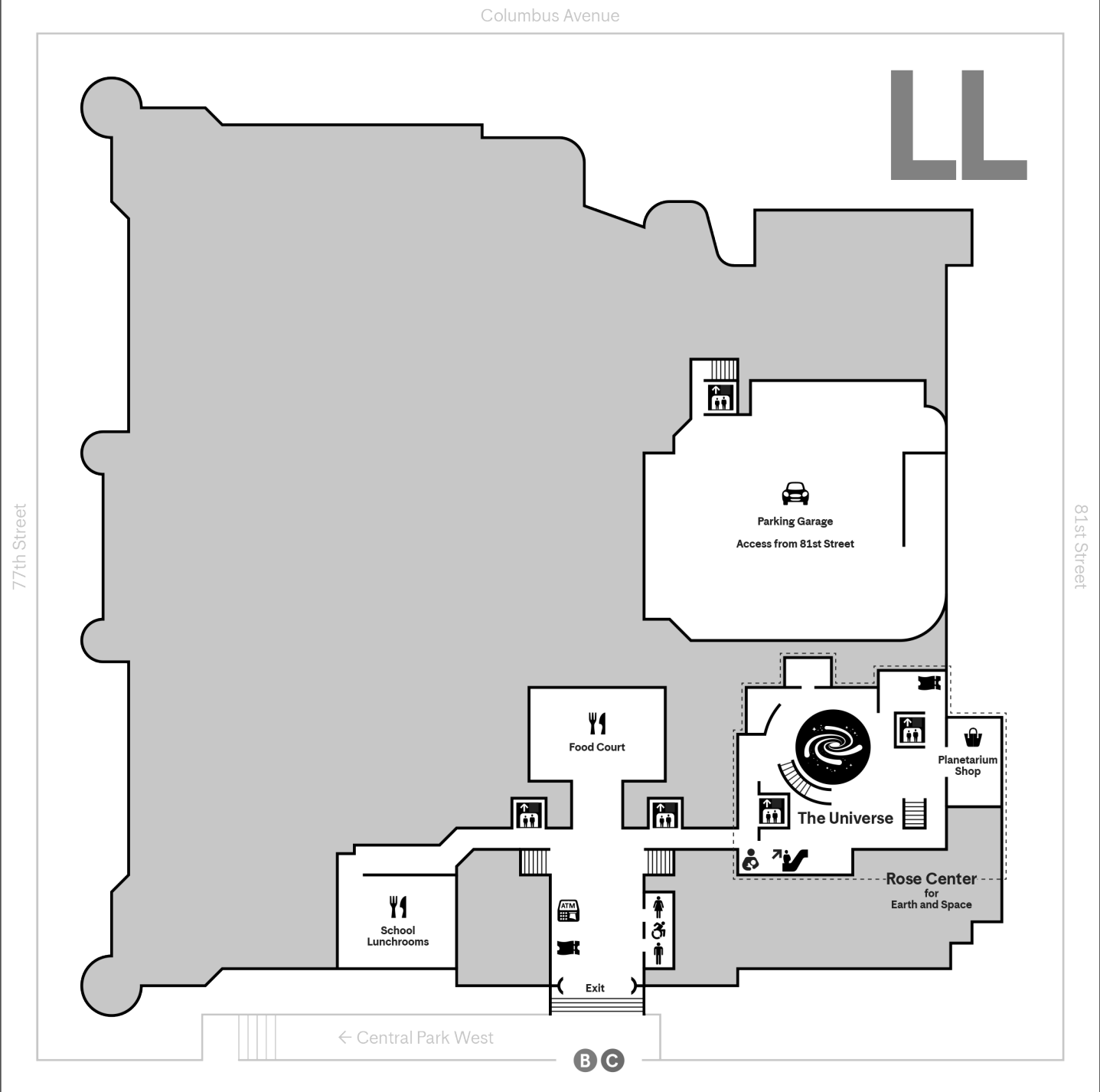
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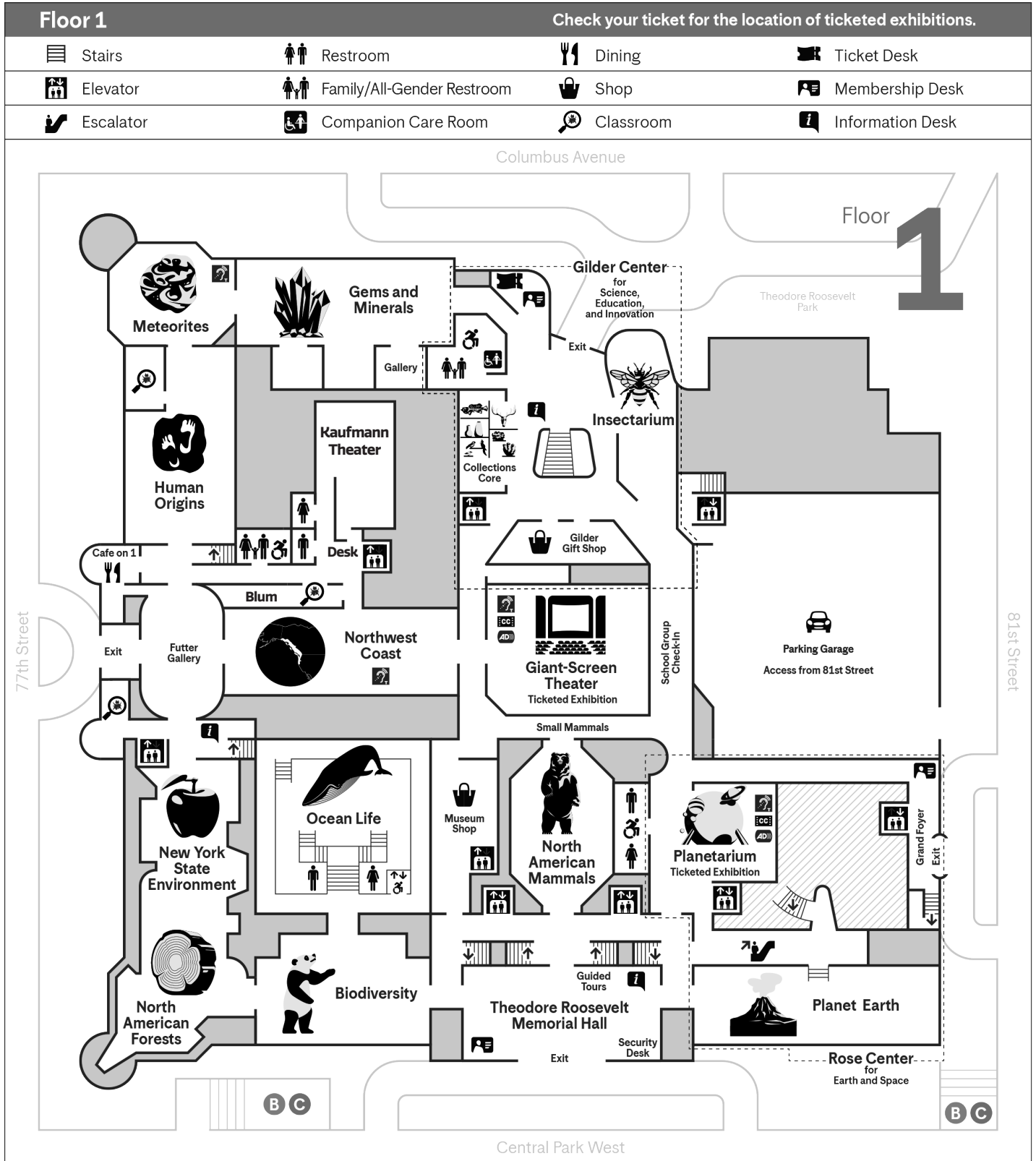
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 Shop

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Museum Map



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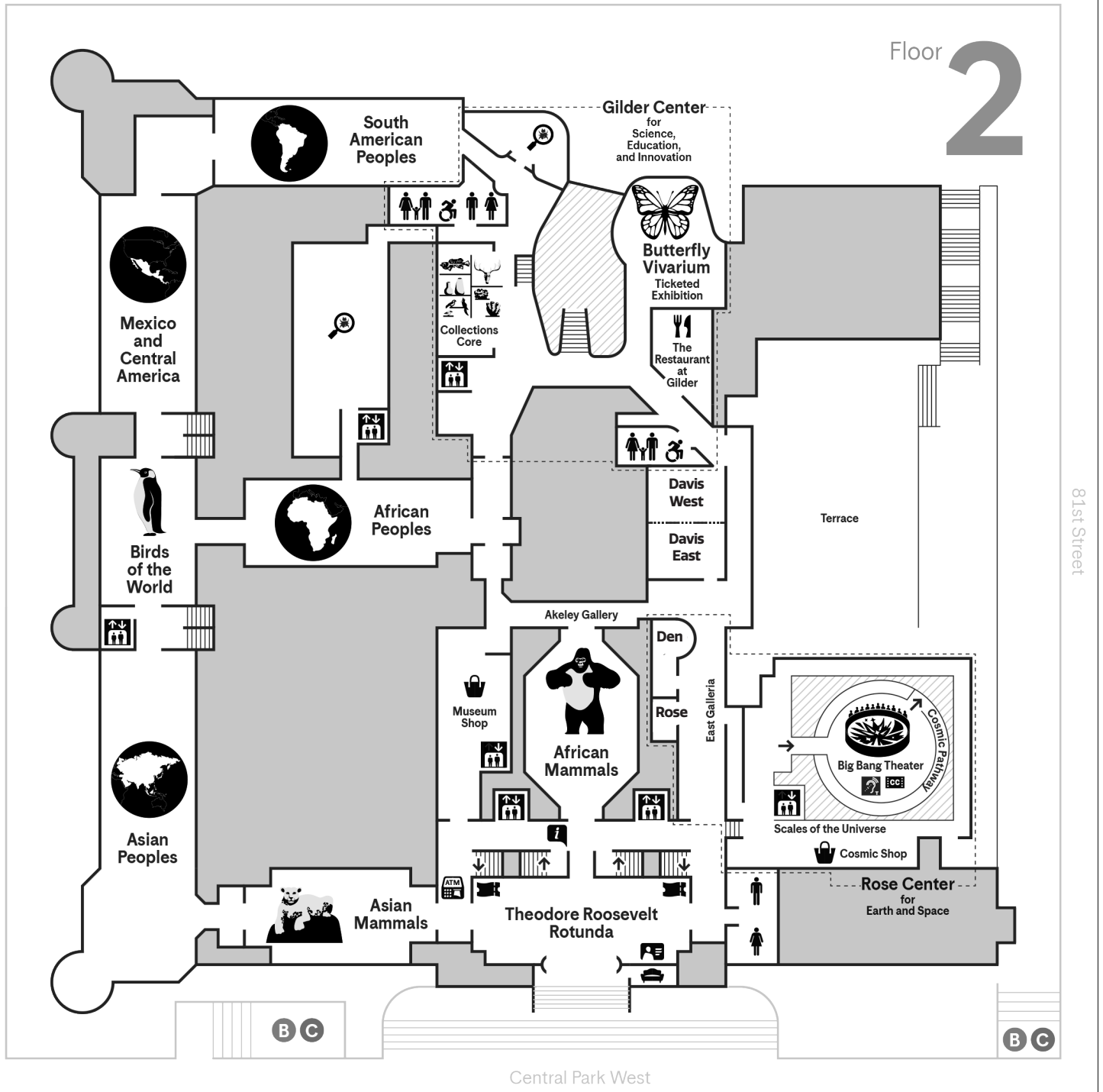
Floor 2

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Stairs	Family/All-Gender Restroom	Classroom	Member Lounge
Elevator	Shop	Ticket Desk	ATM
Restroom	Dining	Membership Desk	Information Desk

Columbus Avenue

Floor **2**



81st Street

Central Park West

Museum Map

Floor 3

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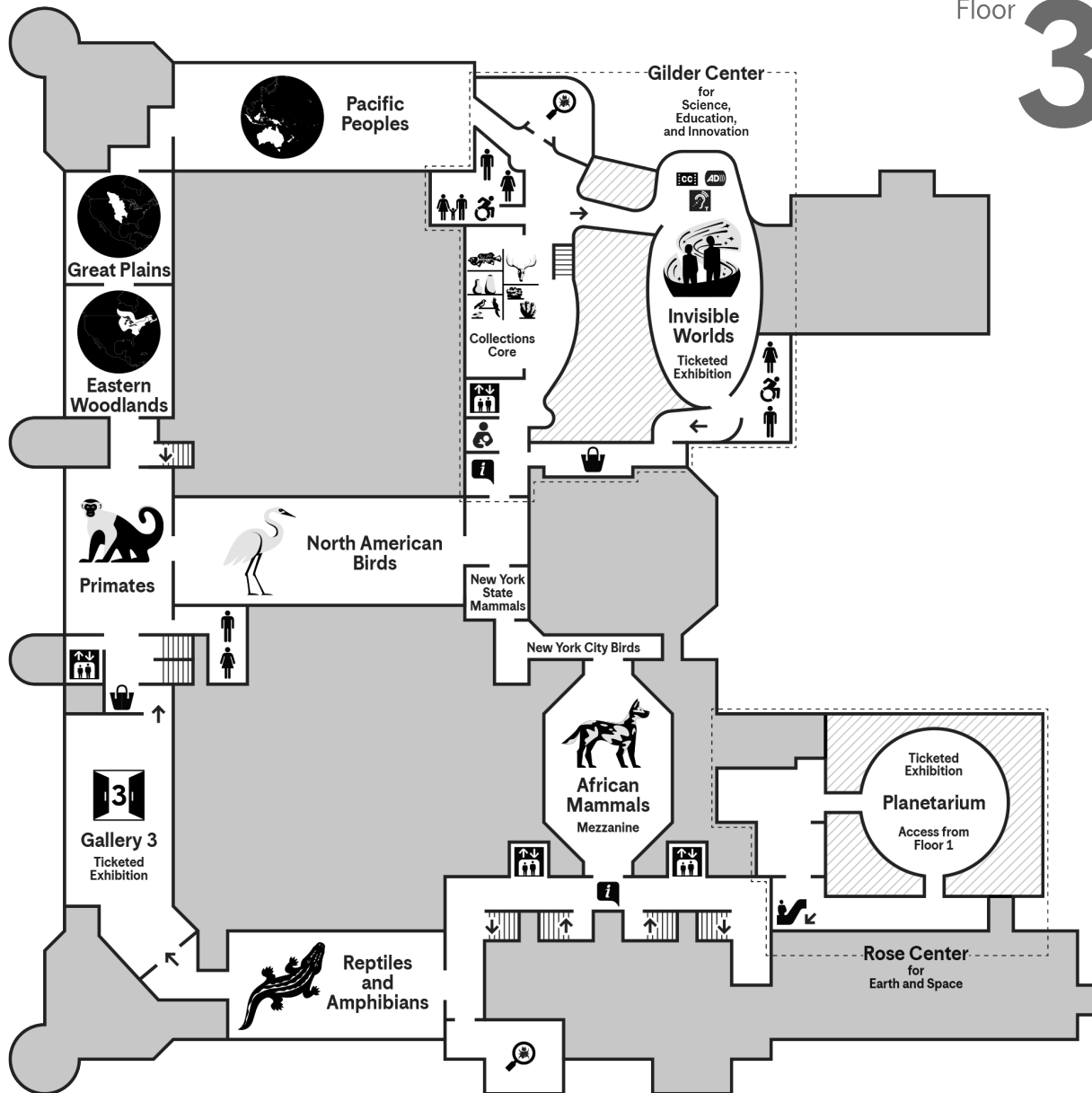
Stairs	Restroom	Shop
Elevator	Family/All-Gender Restroom	Classroom
Escalator	Lactation Room	Information Desk

Columbus Avenue

Floor **3**

77th Street

81st Street











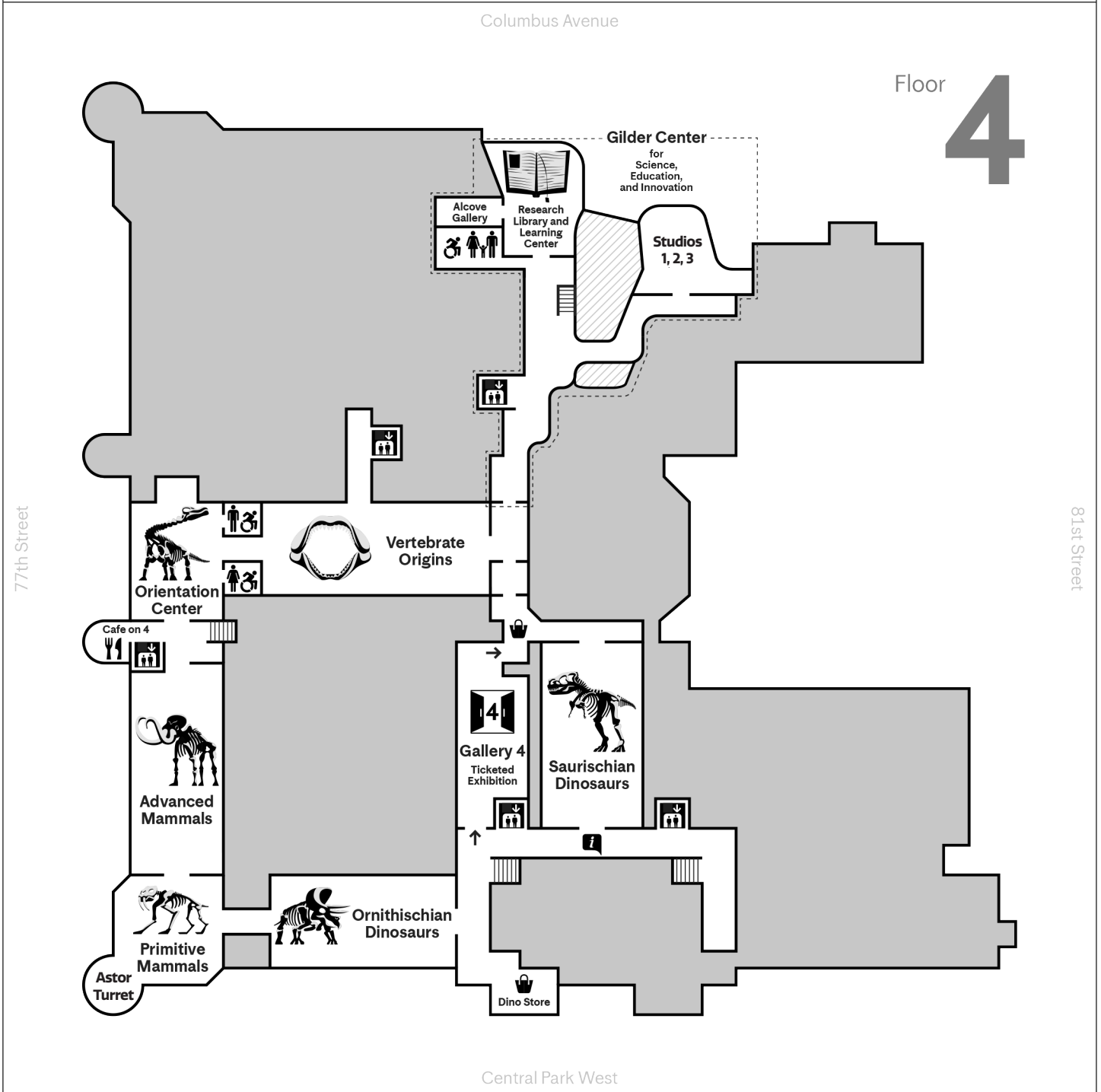
Central Park West

Museum Map

Floor 4

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 Stairs	 Family/All-Gender Restroom	 Classroom
 Elevator	 Dining	 Information Desk
 Restroom	 Shop	



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