

HELEN J. DOYLE, PHD



I work at the intersection of equity, environment, and education to ensure all people benefit from nature. That might mean increasing access to natural places for recreation and reflection; restoring natural habitats in urban areas; or helping people to understand, nurture, and be nurtured by the nature around them. As an independent professional and writer, I do this work through collaborative consulting projects, writing about nature, public education, and as a volunteer with organizations that share my goals and values.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENT PROFESSIONAL & WRITER

Current

San Francisco, California

Consult with educational, governmental, and non-profit organizations on:

- strategic planning, fund-raising, and grant-writing
- effective communication, imagery, and storytelling
- diversity, equity, and inclusion strategies
- educational and volunteer program development
- writing about nature for the public

OFFICE OF THE VICE PROVOST FOR GRADUATE EDUCATION

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford, California

Associate Vice Provost

2015-2022

Director of Educational Programs

2012-2015

EMMETT INTERDISCIPLINARY PROGRAM IN ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCES

2006-2012

STANFORD UNIVERSITY

Stanford, California

Associate Director

THE PUBLIC LIBRARY OF SCIENCE

2003-2006

San Francisco, California

Director of Development and Strategic Alliances

THE DAVID AND LUCILE PACKARD FOUNDATION

1999-2003

Los Altos, California

Director, Science Program

Program Officer

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

1994-1999

San Francisco, California

Academic Coordinator, Science & Health Education Partnership

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA

Cambria, California

UC California Naturalist

Certified through state-wide program led by UC, Agriculture and Natural Resources.

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, California
Spanish Language and Conversation, beginning to intermediate level

THE G.W. HOOPER FOUNDATION, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN FRANCISCO

San Francisco, California
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Supported by a competitive fellowship from the American Cancer Society.

THE MAX PLANCK INSTITUTE FOR DEVELOPMENTAL BIOLOGY

Tübingen, Germany
Postdoctoral Research Fellow
Supported by a competitive fellowship from the European Molecular Biology Organization.

COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, New York
PhD, Biology

BARNARD COLLEGE OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY

New York, New York
BA, Biology

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

As Cities Heat Up, USDA Grants \$42 Million for Urban Trees Around the Bay
Bay Nature (Dec. 2023; available online [here](#))

Enjoy Nature on the Trail and More Nature on the Trail
SF Crosstown Trail blog (Summer 2023, available online [here](#) and [here](#))

A match made in stewardship: California Naturalists and UC Natural Reserves
(with Greg Ira, UC Environmental Stewards Program)
UC Natural Reserve System Newsletter (July 5, 2023; available online [here](#))

Learning From Nature
Barnard Magazine (Summer 2023; available online [here](#))

Enjoy the Nature Around You
KQED Public Radio Perspectives (June 2023; available online [here](#))

Explore the Bay by Ferry
Bay Nature (March 2023; available online [here](#))

Falling Anchovies, Dancing Butterflies: On the wonders of exploring nature in San Francisco
Earth Island Journal (Autumn 2022; available online [here](#))

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Reimagining San Francisco: represent nonprofit Nature in the City on city-wide collective impact alliance dedicated to creating a San Francisco where people and nature thrive together (2023-current).

Amah Mutsun Land Trust, Native Lands Stewardship: volunteer with project that aims to restore traditional resource and environmental management techniques to land of cultural significance to indigenous people of the San Francisco Bay Area (2022-current).

Nature in the City: serve on Advisory Council of local nonprofit; contribute to strategic planning, communications, fundraising, and partnership building (2019-current).

Año Nuevo State Park: serve as docent interpreter leading guided walks and education for the public on northern elephant seal reserve; mentor new docents (2018-current).

Crosstown Trail Coalition: represent Nature in the City with group advocating for and improving access to San Francisco's Crosstown Trail (2021-current)

San Francisco Botanical Garden: volunteer docent and mentor offering free public tours or plant collections; serve on Enrichment and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committees for volunteer community (2012-current).

826 Valencia: volunteer as writing, reading, and homework tutor for San Francisco youth (2017-current).

SF Jazz: volunteer usher (2022-current).

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Extensive experience and training in managing diverse teams; interpersonal and public communication; and formal and informal teaching
- Strategic planning and moving projects and people from vision to reality
- Recruiting, supervising, and mentoring diverse staff members, students, and consultants
- Communication and marketing strategies, including print materials, website design, and social media and newsletter communications
- Microsoft Office Suite: Word, Excel, PowerPoint; database and web-based application systems
- Photography and photo editing, visual storytelling, data visualization, and graphic design

References available on request.