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Dr. Whitney Bernstein is a scientist with experience in both science policy and exhibit design. Whitney is Executive Director of *Synergy*, a program that creates partnerships between artists and research scientists in order to produce public exhibitions that engage the public in art and science. Frequently tapped to speak on science communication and interdisciplinary collaboration, Whitney has presented at Harvard University, Boston's Museum of Science, UMass Dartmouth, the New England Ocean Science Education Collaborative Ocean Literacy Summit, and the Mass Audubon Educator's Meeting.

Whitney received her Ph.D. in Chemical Oceanography from MIT and the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (WHOI). Her doctoral research centered on the impacts of ocean acidification and climate change on coral reefs. Whitney is currently a NOAA Sea Grant Policy Fellow serving as Ocean Policy Adviser in the office of Congressman Sam Farr, Co-Chair of the House Ocean Caucus.

Whitney's work is motivated by the ever-greater role of science in developing sustainable solutions to the challenges society faces today. In her roles as scientist, policy adviser, and exhibition producer over the past six years, Whitney has been working to advance science literacy, civic engagement, and environmental sustainability across the nation.