DR. KATIE BOYCE-JACINO
Curator and Director of Collections

Katie Boyce-Jacino received her PhD in 2018 from The Johns Hopkins University. Prior to joining the Adler, she was a Teaching Assistant Professor at Arizona State University’s Barrett, the Honors College. Her scholarship centered on astronomy in popular culture in the 20th century, with a particular focus on institutions like planetariums. She has been a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for the History of Science in Berlin, the Freie Universität, the National Air and Space Museum, and the American Institute of Physics. Dr. Boyce-Jacino joined the Adler Planetarium in January 2023 as curator and director of collections.

“I’ve loved the Adler for a long, long time. My work is on the history of planetariums in the twentieth century, so I’ve come to the Adler many times over the years to do archival research, and each time I visited, I just fell more in love with the collection and the work that the Adler does,” said Dr. Boyce-Jacino. “I really believe in the importance of making history feel present and alive for visitors, and I love having the opportunity to do that with the Adler’s collection.”