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Michelle Nichols-Yehling is Director of Public Observing at the Adler Planetarium in Chicago, Illinois. She earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Astronomy from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1995 and a Master of Education degree in Curriculum and Instruction from National-Louis University in 2002. Michelle has been employed by the Adler since 1995 and has served on many staff teams to develop exhibits, planetarium shows, and programs and events for Adler guests. As Director of Public Observing, Michelle leads the Adler's various telescope, observatory, and sky observing efforts, including the '*Scopes in the City*' telescope outreach program, free nighttime observing in the Doane Observatory via *Doane at Dusk*, Adler's telescope volunteer program, the Adler's *Galaxy Ride* outreach program, and more.