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15 for 35: Help us Welcome 15 Interns for the International Exchange Program’s 35th Year

We’re celebrating National Historic Preservation Month and the International Exchange Program’s 35th year with 15 young professional participants. On May 29th, the 15 interns of 2019 will arrive in Washington, DC, for an orientation that will introduce them to each other, to US/ICOMOS and to the US historic preservation program.

US/ICOMOS thanks you--our members, host organizations, donors and engaged board members--for helping this invaluable program thrive. We are hosting a reception for the 2019 group on Thursday, May 30th from 6:30 - 8 pm, in the Penthouse at the Presidential Cooperative, 1026 16th Street NW, Washington, DC. To attend, please RSVP by clicking here. Come enjoy the company of fellow world heritage professionals and meet the participants, learn about their interests, and share your knowledge. Please join us!

The 2019 IEP class includes twelve women and three men representing nine nations. The interns will spend their summers at eleven Host Organizations in the US, France, the Netherlands, Trinidad and Tobago, and Turkey. Here is a list of our 2019 interns and their hosts:
US/ICOMOS and Partners Advocate for Continued US Engagement in the World Heritage Program

On May 14, US/ICOMOS Advocacy Chair T. Destry Jarvis enlisted partners in a joint letter addressed to Chairman Lisa Murkowski and Ranking Member Tom Udall of the Subcommittee on Interior, Environment and Related Agencies of the Senate Committee on Appropriations.

The letter begins:

As organizations dedicated to the protection and preservation of the historic and cultural resources of our nation including but not limited to World Heritage Sites, we write in support of the United States’ engagement in the World Heritage Program. We urge you to appropriate $1.926 million for the National Park Service’s International Park Affairs including at least $1.25 million for the Office of International Affairs (OIA) to ensure our robust involvement with the program and to support many United States communities...
and sites seeking nomination to the World Heritage List. We also urge Congress to reject the Administration’s proposal to drastically reduce overall program funding for International Park Affairs while also shifting the Southwest Border Resource Protection Program into OIA. For the past three fiscal years, Congress has consistently appropriated $1.648 million for International Park Affairs, including $942,000 for the OIA. We believe that a modest increase to $1.926 million for International Park Affairs including at least $1.25 million for the Office of International Affairs is appropriate and merited.

To read the rest of the letter, please visit our website: https://www.usicomos.org/us-icomos-and-partners-advocate-for-us-world-heritage-program/. We encourage you to share the letter widely and urge your representatives to support World Heritage in the United States.

**Introducing Our International Exchange Program (IEP) Hosts: the National Trust for Historic Preservation**

Each year, organizations in the United States and all over the world host interns participating in the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program. This commitment to historic preservation, international cooperation and the future brings big rewards to both intern and host.

In honor of National Historic Preservation Month, this month we feature the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), an organization that our members and friends will be very familiar with and a longtime IEP host. In fact, the Historic Sites Department of the NTHP has hosted an IEP intern every summer since 2013, putting a string of talented historic architects to work on NTHP projects. Ashley R. Wilson, AIA, ASID and Graham Gund Architect for the Historic Sites at the NTHP, oversees the work of IEP interns at the Trust among her many other responsibilities. She writes of the interns, “Our list of amazing architects includes Maria Martinez (Spain), Florence Declavelleve (France), Renee Muratore (Australia), Desiree Valadares (Canada), Vilte Janusauskaite (Lithuania), Kyra Lomas (Western Australia) and we are looking forward to Raffaella Corrieri’s (Malta) arrival in June. We enjoy learning from their global experiences of heritage conservation and we always are impressed with the talent, personalities and promise of these young professionals.” Below, 2018 intern Kyra Lomas is pictured presenting her work to staff and fellow interns at the Trust.

The NTHP is a wonderful place for interns to gain an understanding of US preservation policies, attitudes and places. They also gain a deeper picture of preservation in the US today, since, as Ashley writes, “At the National Trust we explore creative ways and alternative uses for endangered places and historic site sustainability. Besides stewarding our landmark buildings, we showcase hidden heritages, devalued places, highlight racial justice, smart growth, equitable redevelopment and strive to connect the past with current events.”

This summer’s NTHP intern Raffaella Corrieri will visit many NTHP properties for her work. Raffaela will be working on the final stages of construction drawings for the Brick House at Philip Johnson’s Glass House in New Canaan, CT, and the replacement copper roof at Oatlands, in Leesburg, VA. She
will also work at Chesterwood, Daniel Chester French’s summer home and studio in the Berkshires, which will be undergoing a generational rehabilitation: the Trust will be adding accessibility and all new mechanical systems. Rafaella will also participate in the National Trust’s robust intern education program, learning about preservation initiatives, communities and entities in Washington, DC.

US/ICOMOS truly appreciates the opportunities that the National Trust for Historic Preservation offers to our IEP participants. Thank you, NTHP, for being such a wonderful host year after year!

Are you interested in hosting a US/ICOMOS intern in the future? Please visit our website at usicomos.org/internship/host-organizations/ to learn more. Summer 2020 host applications will be due in January 2020.

Please support the 2019 IEP if you are able to do so! We have 15 interns this summer - the most that we have had in many years. Please contribute to this important program if you are able.

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Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) Celebrates National Historic Preservation Month with Photo Contest

In recognition of National Historic Preservation Month in May, the ACHP is holding a photo contest asking people to share pictures of themselves, family, or friends at their favorite or most personally meaningful historic sites. The contest can be entered by posting the photo on the ACHP Facebook page with the hashtag #MyHistoricPlace or on the individual’s own Twitter or Instagram feeds using the same hashtag and tagging @USACHP. A brief caption should accompany the photo that includes the name and location of the historic place.

People may cast one vote per week to select that week’s winner. The weekly winner will be announced each Thursday in May on the ACHP’s social media sites. The winners will receive a historic preservation prize package. To vote, go to https://woobox.com/7f3nie. Pictured above is Week 2 winner Diane Markham and her favorite historic place, the 1920s-era Norconian Resort in Norco, CA. To learn more, visit https://www.achp.gov/2019photocontest.

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Call for proposals ICCROM-ICOMOS: “Analysis of Case Studies in Recovery and Reconstruction”

ICCROM and ICOMOS invite authors for expressions of interest in preparing a case study within the joint project “Analysis of Case Studies in Recovery and Reconstruction.” After review of proposals, a selection will be made by a Working Group for the development of selected case studies. The selected authors will receive an honorarium in recognition of their work.

To learn more about the project, the criteria of selection, deadlines and terms of submission please follow this link: Call for proposals ICCROM-ICOMOS. The deadline for submissions is 3 June 2019.
Announcing the 2019 ICOFORT Symposium on the Conservation of Historic War and Fortification Monuments and Sites

ICOFORT, ICOMOS China and Shenyang Jianzhu University will hold the ICOFORT Symposium on the Conservation of Historic War & Fortification Monuments and Sites in Shenyang, China, from September 27 to 28, 2019. The symposium will focus on such topics as the ancient city defense system, the historical landscape of ancient walled cities (villages, forts), regional architectural technology and cultural heritage, and the diversity of cultural heritage, as well as historical protection and cultural construction in urban and rural areas.

Visit the conference website to learn more (scroll down for English text):  http://jz.sjzu.edu.cn/info/1069/2106.htm

In Case You Missed It... World Heritage Day 2019 Presentation Available Online

The National Building Museum provides links to video and audio recordings of talks by notable architects, landscape architects, designers, engineers, planners, critics, writers, and other industry professionals that took place at the museum. The audio recordings on offer include the World Heritage Day 2019 presentation "UVA and Monticello World Heritage Site & Evolving Historic Interpretation" that Trustee Darwina Neal sponsored for World Heritage Day. The link to all the recordings is https://www.nbm.org/learn/speaker-highlights/. The Monticello program is here: http://www.nationalbuildingmuseum.net/mp3/041819_Monticello_program.mp3.

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