



US/ICOMOS at Work

June 2019 E-News



Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work” e-news blast, a monthly update on what US/ICOMOS is doing to preserve and promote world heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters. Above: The Ballroom, Cosmos Club, Washington, DC, location of the 2019 US/ICOMOS Gala Celebration of World Heritage.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Advocacy Successes: World Heritage Program Funding Recommendation and Greater Chaco Landscape Protection

US/ICOMOS's recent advocacy efforts in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) and other preservation organizations have garnered results:

National Park Service: International Park Affairs, Office of International Affairs. We recommended a modest increase for the Office of International Affairs within the NPS International Park Affairs account to ensure engagement in the World Heritage Program. The Administration's budget proposed shifting a border protection program into the Office of International Affairs while also drastically reducing overall program funding. The House Appropriations Committee provides \$1.903 million—an increase of \$255,000—for International Park Affairs and rejects the Administration's proposed changes. We will continue advocating for this funding in the final Budget.

Department of the Interior: Greater Chaco Landscape. On May 29, 2019, [the US Department of the Interior announced a one year moratorium](#) on leasing land for mineral and oil extraction near [World Heritage Site Chaco Culture National Historical Park](#). US/ICOMOS and fellow conservation advocates will use this time to plan for a longer-term solution to preserving Chaco's invaluable culture and landscape.

Highlights of the 2019 Gala Celebration of World Heritage

US/ICOMOS celebrated heritage and honored preservation leaders, advocates and emerging professionals at the 2019 Gala World Heritage Celebration at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, on May 2nd. For a more thorough description of the festivities, please look for our Members' Newsletter in early July. ([If you haven't renewed for 2019, renew now!](#)). Below are highlights from this wonderful evening.



Above Left: Former US/ICOMOS President Jan C.K. Anderson names Ronald Lee Fleming a Fellow of US/ICOMOS. Ron is recognized as a pioneer in the Main Street Revitalization Movement in historic preservation. A former Secretary of US/ICOMOS and the founder of The Townscape Institute, a public interest advocacy think tank, Ron has worked on scores of townscape revitalization plans and innovative environmental education projects. US/ICOMOS is proud to distinguish his service with the title of Fellow. Since its inception, US/ICOMOS has conferred the honor of Fellow on over 40 individuals whose singular contributions to international cultural heritage and historic preservation span over one hundred years.

Above Right: James K. Reap, J.D., was granted the Ann Webster Smith Award for his “extraordinary and sustained achievement in perpetuating Ann Webster Smith’s quest to make the United States a respected partner and trustworthy pillar to support the conservation of the cultural heritage in all parts of the world.” James, a Fellow, legal advisor and Executive Committee member of US/ICOMOS, has long been active in World Heritage, currently serving as the Secretary General of the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Legal, Administrative and Financial Issues. James is also a board member of the U.S. Committee of the Blue Shield and previously served on the Lawyer’s Committee for Cultural Heritage Preservation.



Above center: Henry R. Muñoz, III, Chief Executive of Muñoz and Associates and a key figure in securing the inscription of the San Antonio Missions on the World Heritage List, was awarded the US/ICOMOS 2019 World Heritage Award. At left is Douglas Comer, President of US/ICOMOS, and at right is Congressman Julian Castro of Texas’s 20th District, who introduced Henry to the audience. In his remarks, Henry noted that “heritage is what we give to each other and what we leave to our children and our children’s children,” invoking his memories of attending the Shepherd’s Play, a folk performance at the San Antonio Missions where his ancestors worshipped and practiced the same rituals. Henry applauded the Gala for bringing together people on behalf of World Heritage noting

that “it is more important to build places where people come together than to build walls that separate them.”

Right: the Honorable Irina Bokova, former Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and Honorary Chair of the 2019 Gala World Heritage Celebration spoke eloquently about the power of World Heritage to unite people across boundaries and achieve a “sustainable and peaceful future.” Like an “open book,” World Heritage offers a “precious link” for all and enables everyone to “cherish, respect and celebrate our common heritage.”



The 2018 Murtagh|Graham Award winner and runner up both attended the Gala Celebration of World Heritage to receive their awards from US/ICOMOS Vice Chair Brenda Barrett. Pictured at left below, winner Nicole Mariel Delet Díaz, who won for her paper titled *Testing and Evaluation of Soil Based Grouts for the Adhesion of Consolidated and Un-consolidated Painted Lime Plaster at the Mission of San Jose de Tumacacori*.

At right below is second place winner Jessica Betz, honored for her essay “*The Influence of Glass Transition Temperatures on the Performance of Acrylic Thermoplastic Adhesives*.” The Murtagh|Graham Prize was named to honor William R. Murtagh, Ph.D., and Roy Eugene Graham for their many contributions to preservation education and cultural heritage stewardship. It is awarded annually by US/ICOMOS with generous support from the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training (NCPTT) of the National Park Service.



In our July Members' Newsletter, we will post more photos, including remarks made by speakers at the Celebration. We appreciate all who attended this significant annual fundraiser for US/ICOMOS. If you did not attend, we hope that you will be able to join us next year!

International Exchange Program (IEP) 2019 Underway

US/ICOMOS staff, trustees and heritage professionals welcomed the 15 interns participating in US/ICOMOS's 35th year of the IEP to Washington, DC, on May 29th. The IEP Orientation brings interns from the US and around the world to Washington for two days of informational meetings, educational tours, informal meals and an opening reception. The Class of 2019 is larger than any that we've had in recent years and proved a lively group.

During their orientation meetings at the Department of the Interior, the IEPs were honored with a visit by David Vela, National Park Service (NPS) Acting Deputy Director for Operations, shown speaking to the interns below.



Below left, IEP Emily Choi, smells the roses on the IEP tour of Dumbarton Oaks Garden. Below right, the IEPs pose in front of the US Capitol before their tour with the Architect of the Capitol.



The IEP Orientation Reception was held at the apartment of [Paul Dolinsky, recently retired Chief, NPS Heritage Documentation Programs](#), in the historic Presidential condominium building. We thank Paul for very generously opening his home to the IEPs, US/ICOMOS and our guests. Below, 13 of the 15 interns pose for their final group photo of the Orientation before dispersing across the globe.



We highly encourage our subscribers to follow US/ICOMOS on Facebook and Instagram to learn about and share in the interns' experiences in the field. Their wonderful posts are already populating our social media feeds and we're enjoying the tangible and intangible culture that they're sharing with us from afar. You can click on the icons at the bottom of this newsletter to follow us.

Discounted Registration until July 31: ICOMOS Annual General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Marrakesh, 14-18 October



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The 2019 ICOMOS Advisory Committee meetings, Scientific Symposium and Annual General Assembly will take place in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 14 to 18 October 2019, on the generous invitation of ICOMOS Morocco.

Consult the site <http://icomosmaroc.org/> for all practical information - registration, hotels, etc. Registration will be open until 15 August 2019 (early registration discounted fee until 31 July). We look forward to seeing many US/ICOMOS members there.

Deadline for Submission of Abstracts Extended to 24 June 2019 for 22nd IWC International Symposium

Wooden Heritage Conservation: Beyond Disciplines: 30 September - 3 October 2019, Bilbao, Spain

The ICOMOS International Wood Committee (IWC), is organizing the 22nd International Scientific Symposium in Bilbao (30 September- 2 October 2019) and the 1st Course on Wooden Heritage Conservation in San Sebastian (3-5 October), Spain.

The International Scientific Symposium will consist of two days of presentations in Bilbao and one day of visits to some of the outstanding wooden heritage sites on the region. The IWC is inviting papers on all aspects related to wooden heritage conservation, both in its material and intangible sides, and applied to built, temporary, evolving, maritime or any other existing wooden heritage.

Abstracts or inquiries should be emailed to: iwc.bilbao@gmail.com

1st IWC Course on Wooden Heritage Conservation: 3-5 October 2019, San Sebastian, Spain

The Course will consist of two days of lectures given by an international selection of experts, and one day of visits to another selection of outstanding wooden heritage sites in the region.

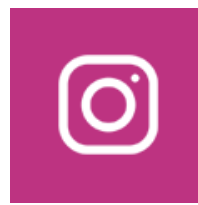
Registration for both the Symposium and the Course is open at:

<https://www.uik.eus/en/22nd-iwc-international-symposium-wooden-heritage-conservation-beyond-disciplines-1st-iwc-course>

IWC website: <https://www.icomoswood.org/>

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