Welcome to “US/ICOMOS at Work,” 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 Climate Heritage Network is launching this month in Scotland. Learn more here and below.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —


Hear from local, national and international heritage experts from World Heritage sites about the impact of World Heritage designation in the U.S. The symposium will also examine the potential for social and economic benefit to sites on the United States Tentative List, looking at ways to begin planning now for future benefit to local communities.

Friday 8 November, 6:30 pm - 7:45 pm EST: “Benefitting from World Heritage Designation in the United States” Panel Discussion and Reception

Join national experts for a discussion of the economic and social benefits of World Heritage designation in the U.S. Learn how World Heritage inscription for sites in the United States can enhance the conservation impact of protected areas, the economic vitality of adjacent communities, and the quality of the visitor experience.

This panel and reception are organized in partnership with the Johns Hopkins University Cultural Heritage Management Program and will take place at the Johns Hopkins Krieger School of Arts & Sciences (1717 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington DC). This event is free and requires separate registration. Please note that it will fill up quickly. We advise our members to sign up soon at this link: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-economic-and-social-benefits-of-world-heritage-in-the-united-states-registration-72576493245.

If you are unable to attend the panel in person, you can tune in via this Facebook page Direct LINK: https://www.facebook.com/JHU.Cultural.Heritage.Management/ on November 8 at 6:30 PM EST.

Saturday 9 November, 8:30 am - 4 pm EST: “Learning from Current U.S. World Heritage Sites and Planning for the Future”

Administrators, experts and local leaders will share the benefits and challenges of World Heritage inscription in the United States; compare and discuss strategies for how to maximize the benefits of inscription; and share planning for future inscription and benefit.
Speakers will include:

- Stuart Graff - Frank Lloyd Wright Sites / Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation
- Justin Gunther - Frank Lloyd Wright Sites / Fallingwater
- Jeffrey Herr - Frank Lloyd Wright Sites / Hollyhock House
- Jennifer Aultman/Todd Kleismit - Hopewell Earthworks / Ohio History Connection
- Charlene Donchez Mowers - Moravian Church Settlements / Historic Bethlehem
- Dr. Glenn Eskew - Civil Rights Movement Sites/Georgia State University
- Phyllis Ellin - Early Chicago Skyscrapers / Contract Historian, National Park Service
- Paul F. Reed - Chaco Canyon / Archaeology Southwest
- Ray Berthelot - Poverty Point / Louisiana State Parks
- Zabeth Teelucksingh - Philadelphia World Heritage City / Global Philadelphia Association
- Claudia Guerra - San Antonio Missions / City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation

This daylong symposium will take place at the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (1740 Massachusetts Ave NW, Washington, DC). US/ICOMOS members receive a significant membership discount. We encourage you to register now:

**US/ICOMOS Joins Global Climate Heritage Network and Participates in Social Media Campaign**

You might have noticed that our Facebook and Twitter feeds have recently featured appeals regarding #ClimateHeritage and the Climate Heritage Network Launch. The Climate Heritage Network is a voluntary, mutual support network of local and city, state/provincial and regional, indigenous and tribal, and national arts, culture and heritage governmental and quasi-governmental boards, offices, ministries and site management agencies as well as NGOs, universities, businesses and other organizations committed to aiding their communities in tackling climate change and achieving the ambitions of the Paris Agreement. The focus of the network is providing support to organizations from jurisdictions that have made concrete climate action pledges such as those in the Under 2 Coalition and the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate & Energy. If you belong to a relevant organization, please [join the Network](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-symposium-the-benefits-of-world-heritage-listing-in-the-united-states-tickets-72081763495).

You can learn more about cultural heritage and climate action by reading the [*Future of Our Pasts: Engaging Cultural Heritage in Climate Action*](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2019-symposium-the-benefits-of-world-heritage-listing-in-the-united-states-tickets-72081763495) report, which was released by ICOMOS in July 2019 at an event held during the 43rd session of the World Heritage Committee. Putting forward a multidisciplinary approach to cultural heritage, the report is intended for site managers, scientists, and researchers as well as climate activists and policy-makers.
National Park Service Recognizes 22 Sites and Programs on the African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN)

The struggle for racial equality is told through powerful places, people, and moments in history. The National Park Service recently announced 22 sites and programs that commemorate, honor, and interpret the significant time period between 1939-1968 as parts of the African American Civil Rights Network (AACRN).

“The National Park Service preserves and interprets all Americans’ stories, from the complex transformation efforts of the Reconstruction era to the milestone events in social justice and civil rights,” said National Park Service Deputy Director David Vela. “Through the African American Civil Rights Network, we will share a more inclusive history of the trials and victories that shaped the modern civil rights movement.”

The AACRN, sponsored by Congressman William Lacy Clay and signed into law by President Donald J. Trump in January 2018, was established to recognize the importance of the African American civil rights movement and the sacrifices made by the people who fought against discrimination and segregation.

Twenty-eight sites currently exist on the AACRN, 18 of which are owned or administered by the National Park Service. For a full list of sites on the AACRN, visit https://www.nps.gov/subjects/civilrights/discover-the-network.htm.

Join the Network

The inclusion of properties, facilities, and programs (collectively called resources) in the Network is an opportunity to ensure that the history of the civil rights movement and the sacrifices made by those who fought for its cause are told and commemorated. Eligible resources are encouraged to apply to be part of the network. To learn about AACRN eligibility, review model applications, and submit nominations, visit go.nps.gov/AACRN.

Introducing Nicole Ursin, US/ICOMOS Membership Administrator

We’re pleased to introduce Nicole Ursin, a graduate student in Historic Preservation and Applied Anthropology at the University of Maryland, as our new part-time membership administrator.

Nicole hails from Arkansas, where she recently graduated from the University of Arkansas with a Bachelor of Arts in History with Honors and a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology with a minor in Nonprofit Leadership Studies. She has experience working in museums and history organizations conducting membership, database, fundraising and curatorial work. We’re thrilled to have Nicole on board. You can contact Nicole at Membership@usicomos.org with any membership questions.

Workshop on the Application of the Salalah Guidelines for Management of Public Archaeological Sites Held in Oman
The International Workshop on the Practical Application of the Salalah Guidelines for the Management of Public Archaeological Sites was opened by the authorities of the Sultanate of Oman (Office of the Advisor to His Majesty the Sultan for Cultural Affairs), with the Director of the World Heritage Centre, ICOMOS and the Director General of ICCROM.

The September 17th workshop focused on the application of the Salalah Guidelines by examining different case studies in all regions of the world and holding panel sessions on tourism, community participation, new technologies and challenges encountered. Participants included international and national experts, universities, representatives from governments, World Heritage Committee members, Advisory Bodies as well as NGOs. The conclusions will be disseminated on the ICOMOS website. US/ICOMOS President Doug Comer (center, above) and Trustee Adam Markham (far right rear, above, and below) both presented at the Workshop.

— OF NOTE —

Travel Grants to Attend the ICOMOS 20th Triennial General Assembly in Sydney, Australia, 1-10 October 2020

The International Secretariat is now accepting applications for travel grants to attend the 20th triennial General Assembly of ICOMOS in Sydney, Australia from 1-10 October 2020.
For ICOMOS members in some regions of the world, the cost of traveling to Sydney in 2020 may be an expense that neither the National Committee nor any of its members can afford. Financial assistance to attend GA2020 will be provided thanks to the ICOMOS Victoria Falls - Mosi-oa-Tunya Solidarity Fund and a generous grant from the Getty Foundation.

Please click here to read the Criteria to verify your eligibility before applying. Click here to download the Application form. Please submit it to the ICOMOS International Secretariat at GA2020-TravelGrants@icomos.org by 5 February 2020.

International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) to Liaise with World Heritage Organizations on Climate Action

IFLA President James Hayter concluded the 2019 World Congress with closing remarks encouraging members to “advocate for climate action, food security and agriculture, health and well-being, community participation in design, the involvement of indigenous cultures and heritage.” Hayter promised, "IFLA can do nothing more important than to connect people and ideas. We will liaise on your behalf with the UN, UNESCO, ICOMOS UN Habitat, WFO, WHO and the many other representative and professional bodies having an influence at the global level. We will be advocates on your behalf."


Call for Abstracts by 20 November 2019: 8th National Forum on Historic Preservation Policy, 9-10 October 2020 in New Orleans

The 8th National Forum on Historic Preservation Policy will explore strategies to develop new or revise local historic preservation policies or practices to integrate better historic preservation into the challenges of the 21st century American city. Specifically, what priority issues will cities face in the next 50 years, what role can historic preservation best play in meeting them, how do current policies help - or hinder - that goal?

The Forum is designed to stimulate discussion and debate among presenters and the audience. The program will consist of 15 papers with approximately half the Forum devoted to audience and presenter discussion.

Abstracts should be submitted no later than November 20, 2019. The decision of the Papers Review Committee will be announced to all submitters no later than January 5, 2020.

Abstracts selected will be required to submit a draft of the complete paper no later than March 1,
2020. They will be reviewed by the Papers Review Committee and may be returned to the authors for additional work no later than May 15, 2020. Read more about the Call for Papers here.

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