



US/ICOMOS at Work

November 2018 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: View from the Golden Gate Club meeting room where Forward Together Symposium will be held November 13th (see below). Credit: The Presidio.

– LATEST NEWS & EVENTS –

In Memoriam: William J. Murtagh, Ph.D., Founding Member of US/ICOMOS



It is with great sorrow that we announce the passing of Dr. William J. Murtagh on October 28, 2018.

A giant in the field of historic preservation, Dr. Murtagh served as the first Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places and was one of the founding members of US/ICOMOS in 1965. He served on the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees from 1980 to 1988, and was a member of the coordinating committee responsible for planning the 1987 ICOMOS General Assembly in Washington, DC, the first ever to be held outside of Europe. US/ICOMOS named him a Fellow in 1987. In 2014, the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly meeting in Florence, Italy voted to make Dr. Murtagh an Honorary Member of the organization at the proposal of US/ICOMOS.

In 2015, the 50th Anniversary of the founding of US/ICOMOS, [US/ICOMOS awarded Dr. Murtagh the Ann Webster Smith Award](#) because of his outstanding service to the organization from its formative years and his continuous commitment to the ideals and involvement in

heritage conservation worldwide throughout his long distinguished career. In the same year, US/ICOMOS established the Murtagh/Graham Prize for outstanding student scholarship in the area of historic preservation technologies. The Prize was established to honor the contributions and leadership of Dr. Murtagh and Roy Eugene Graham, FAIA, to preservation education and cultural heritage stewardship. Sadly, [Roy Graham](#) also passed away in 2018 on May 29th.

Dr. Murtagh will be buried in Penobscot, Maine. Plans are still being made for other services and memorials.



[Forward Together Symposium: Last Chance to Register Online!](#)

The Forward Together Symposium is just two short weeks away. We request that all US/ICOMOS members and friends [register online by November 5th if you wish to join us for lunch on the 13th](#) (included in registration) and by November 8th, if you wish to register online. There will be limited on site registration at the meeting site, the Golden Gate Club of The Presidio, on November 13th.

FORWARD TOGETHER

November 13–14, 2018
San Francisco

The symposium will kick off at 8:30 am with registration and coffee, followed by a plenary session with welcomes from our San Francisco-based partners--the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy, and the Presidio Trust--and a facilitated panel discussion addressing **The Goals, Challenges and Future Trajectory of the Culture-Nature/Nature-Culture Journey**. This discussion will feature the following distinguished

preservationists (pictured from left to right below):

- Tim Badman, Director, IUCN World Heritage Programme (moderator)
- Kristal Buckley, World Heritage Advisor, ICOMOS
- Jon Jarvis, Executive Director, Institute for Parks, People and Biodiversity, University of California, Berkeley (credit: UC Berkeley photo by Jeremy Snowden)
- Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO, National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Mechtild Rössler, Director, UNESCO World Heritage Center (video presentation)



After the Plenary Session and a break for networking, participants will choose from concurrent sessions devoted to four major themes:

- *A. Adopting a landscape approach for the conservation of cultural and natural resources*
- *B. Recognizing intangible heritage and diverse perspectives*
- *C. Building resilience, adaptation and sustainability*
- *D. Considering the past and future of the U.S. World Heritage List*

Attendees will also enjoy lunch at the Golden Gate Club and a Reception following the sessions on Tuesday, November 13.

On Wednesday, November 14th, we will convene at 9 am at the Officers Club of The Presidio for a plenary session moderated by Jessica Brown (New England Biolabs Foundation) on ***Investing in Culture-Nature Linkages: A Conversation with Foundation Leaders*** with speakers representing foundations actively supporting work linking nature and culture, including Jaune Evans (Tamalpais Trust), Kyra Busch (The Christensen Fund), Sonja Swift (Swift Foundation), and Melissa Nelson (The Cultural Conservancy). This conversation will be followed by concurrent roundtables that continue the Nature/Culture conversation. [More photos and speaker biographies can be found on the PastForward website.](#)

A [complete agenda and event information can be found on the US/ICOMOS website.](#) Please register today and join us in San Francisco!

[To register, follow this link and click on "Register Today" to begin the registration process: be sure to](#)

choose "[PastForward and Forward Together](#)" or just "[Forward Together](#)." Please contact us with any questions or to receive the \$50 member discount code at director@usicomos.org.



You Are Invited to the [US/ICOMOS Soirée to Protect United States World Heritage Sites and National Monuments](#)

Wrap up the Forward Together Symposium with good times and more good works! The Soirée will be held at the historic General's Residence at Fort Mason and includes hors d'oeuvres, wine, heritage music & dance, and live painting. Early bird tickets are only \$35 for US/ICOMOS members (early deadline is November 5th!). Your support is fully tax deductible and all proceeds will go to support US/ICOMOS's work. You won't want to miss:

- Keynote Address by [U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell](#), ranking member of the [Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources](#), which includes subcommittees on National Parks; Public Lands, Forests and Mining; Energy; and Water and Power.
- Expert panel on Protecting National Monuments & Sites, led by Jon Jarvis, Executive Director of UC Berkeley's Institute for Parks, People, and Biodiversity, and former Director of the National Park Service
- Proclamations by state governors and joint signing of a resolution in support of the World Heritage program.

Please [purchase Soiree Tickets here](#).

When: November 15, 2018, 5 - 8 pm

Where: The General's Residence, 1 Fort Mason, San Francisco, CA 94109

We hope that you will support US/ICOMOS and World Heritage by attending this event. However, [if you cannot attend but wish to contribute, please visit our website at this link](#).

— OF NOTE —

Save the Date: US/ICOMOS Benefit Gala and World Heritage Celebration will be held on January 17, 2019

The US/ICOMOS Benefit Gala and World Heritage Celebration will be held at the Cosmos Club in Washington, D.C., on January 17, 2019. Our guest of honor this year will be Henry R. Muñoz III (pictured at right), Finance Chairman of the Democratic National Committee, President and CEO of Muñoz and Company, and a committed friend of US/ICOMOS. Winners of the 2018 Murtagh-Graham Prize, the Ann Webster Smith Award, and new US/ICOMOS Fellows will be announced. This Reception, Dinner and Awards event serves as US/ICOMOS's principal fundraiser and sustains the important work of the organization. More details and instructions on how to purchase tickets will follow in the December e-newsletter, but for now, please plan to celebrate with us on January 17!



Call For Hosts: 2019 International Exchange Program (IEP)



**US/ICOMOS
INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE
PROGRAM**

Since 1984, the [US/ICOMOS IEP](#) has engaged partners across the world in hands-on training of young and emerging cultural heritage professionals. We have been able to do this thanks to the many generous organizations that have stepped forward to serve as hosts. Sponsorship of an intern

enables an organization to establish international connections and help train future professionals through preservation work experience at a modest cost to the host organization. Exchanges also build rewarding social, political, and personal relationships. We encourage your organization to participate. The [2019 Call for Hosts can be accessed here](#). **Host applications are due January 4, 2019.** Please share this notice with colleagues and organizations who might be interested in hosting a 2019 intern. Thank you!

Call for Applicants: 2019 IEP

We are seeking graduate students and young professionals specialized in historic preservation and heritage conservation to participate in the US/ICOMOS IEP during the summer of 2019. Participants will be assigned to three-month, practical working internships, under professional supervision, with a public or private nonprofit preservation organization (IEP Hosts). These positions are for interns with a bachelor's degree at minimum in a preservation or conservation-related field: architecture, conservation, landscape architecture, cultural resource management, interpretation, archaeology, industrial archaeology, history or cultural tourism.



We encourage all qualified individuals to apply. [Learn more about the IEP and the application process here](#). The 2019 application deadline for individual participants is January 11, 2019.



[US/ICOMOS Membership: Have You Renewed Yet?](#)

US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS International membership is on a calendar year basis, running from January 1 - December 31 each year. To get the full value out of your membership, please [renew now!](#) This will ensure that you receive your ICOMOS card in December if you join as an International or Young Professional member (for those under 30 years old). Don't let the year run out without renewing. Membership support underwrites everything that we do. If you encounter any difficulties renewing, email jspreitzer@usicomos.org and our membership manager

will help you sort them out. Thank you ... and thank you very much to the many members who have already renewed for 2019!



WORLD MONUMENTS FUND

Nominations are now open for the [2020 World Monuments Watch](#)—a program that uses cultural heritage conservation to empower communities and improve the sustainability of their cherished sites. Every two years, the World Monuments Fund partners with citizens, activists, and experts to recognize and take action at 25 significant sites in need around the world. Anyone can submit a nomination. The deadline for submissions is March 2, 2019. [Read more about the program and how to submit a site here](#).

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US/ICOMOS is a US historic preservation nonprofit whose mission includes both supporting the UNESCO World Heritage program and promoting international exchange in the cultural heritage field. You can learn more about us at usicomos.org.