



US/ICOMOS at Work

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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: Forward Together Symposium organizers and several esteemed speakers.

– LATEST NEWS & EVENTS –



The Honorable William A. Bell, Sr., Mayor, Birmingham, Alabama, welcomes guests to the 2017 World Heritage Celebration and Gala.

[Please Join Us for the US/ICOMOS Gala Benefit and World Heritage Celebration, January 17th in Washington, DC](#)

Each year, we celebrate World Heritage and raise funds for US/ICOMOS at a gala reception and dinner celebration in Washington, DC. This year, we will gather on January 17th at the Cosmos Club. [We hope that you will join us for an evening of celebration and commemoration.](#)

This year's guest of honor is Henry R. Muñoz, III, Chief Executive Officer of Muñoz and Company, one of the largest and oldest minority-owned design practices in the United States. Under his leadership, Muñoz and Company developed an architecture that acknowledges the rapidly shifting demographics of the United States. Mr. Muñoz has also led the effort to create a National Latino Museum in Washington DC. We are thrilled to welcome him to our gala along with other honored attendees including Irina Bokova, former Director-General of UNESCO, and Esther Coopersmith, UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador.

We will also commemorate the 2018 passing of preservation luminaries William R. Murtagh, Ph.D., and Roy Eugene Graham, FAIA. Their legacy lives on at US/ICOMOS in so many ways, but especially in the Murtagh/Graham Prize, which will be awarded at the World Heritage Celebration to a young professional for outstanding student scholarship in the area of historic preservation technologies. We will also award the Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement. This award is granted for 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. Ann is pictured at right with Roy Eugene Graham at the 1981 ICOMOS General Assembly in Rome, Italy.



This fun and festive event provides much-needed general operating support for US/ICOMOS and our growing number of heritage-related activities. Please support us and [purchase your tickets today!](#)

Forward Together: Thank You to Everyone Who Made the 2018 Symposium and Soirée a Success

It took many US/ICOMOS members, volunteers and partners for us to organize such a large event in San Francisco: thank you to one and all! Here we present a "highlight reel" of photos to commemorate the Symposium and Soirée which took place in San Francisco, CA, November 13-15. We would like to offer a special thanks to US/ICOMOS member Brent Mitchell, who took the photographs below. For those who missed the Symposium or wish to delve into the topics covered, papers presented at the Symposium will be available online in early 2019. Please read our monthly newsletter for updates.

Below Left: Nora Mitchell and Jessica Brown, Forward Together Co-Chairs, take the podium to welcome attendees and explain logistics. This is the first but not the last time these two tireless contributors to US/ICOMOS, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), and cultural landscapes stepped up to the microphone.



Above Right: Douglas Comer, US/ICOMOS President, welcomes attendees and thanks our partners:

IUCN, ICOMOS, National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP), World Heritage Centre, Presidio Trust, and Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy.

Below: Forward Together began with a facilitated panel discussion addressing **The Goals, Challenges and Future Trajectory of the Culture-Nature/Nature-Culture Journey**, featuring left to right: Jon Jarvis, Executive Director, Institute for Parks, People and Biodiversity, University of California, Berkeley; Stephanie Meeks, President and CEO, NTHP; Kristal Buckley, World Heritage Advisor, ICOMOS; and Tim Badman, Director, IUCN World Heritage Programme.



In the afternoon, participants chose 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*

Below: Jonathan Doherty presents "Creating a Sustainable Chesapeake Region Via Conservation: Identifying Conservation Goals and Values Through Partnership and Iterative Mapping."



Below Left: Penny Langhammer discusses "Integrating Cultural Dimensions in the Conservation of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs): An Overview."

Below Right: Stephen Morris, Chief of the National Park Service Office of International Affairs, discusses "World Heritage in the USA: Is U.S. Participation Sustainable Over the Long-Term?"



Below: Jennifer Aultmann presents "Using a Regional Landscape Approach to Overcome Serial Nomination Challenges." Jennifer is currently working on the Ohio-based [Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks](#) nomination to the World Heritage list.



Below: The second day of Forward Together kicked off with a plenary session moderated by Jessica Brown, at far left, on *Investing in Culture-Nature Linkages: A Conversation with Foundation Leaders* with speakers representing foundations actively supporting work linking nature and culture, including, from left to right, Kyra Busch (The Christensen Fund), Melissa Nelson (The Cultural Conservancy), Jaune Evans (Tamalpais Trust), and, not pictured, Sonja Swift (Swift Foundation).



Below: Forward Together concluded with concurrent roundtable discussions. Participants contributed ideas about how to continue the Nature/Culture Journey. A [complete agenda for Forward Together and event information can be found on the US/ICOMOS website.](#)



Below: US/ICOMOS wrapped up its San Francisco events with a Soirée to Protect United States World Heritage Sites and National Monuments. Highlights of the Soirée included a keynote address by [U.S. Senator Maria Cantwell](#), ranking member of the [Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources](#); an Expert Panel on Protecting National Monuments & Sites, led by Jon Jarvis; and entertainment by traditional Chinese dancers, pictured preparing for their performance below. Photo: Anabelle Rodríguez ©2018



Introducing Our International Exchange Program (IEP) Hosts: The City of San Antonio Offices of Historic Preservation and World Heritage

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

Starting this month and throughout the first half of 2019, we will be introducing our friends and followers to our IEP hosts so that you can get to know more about them and about the IEP. It's also our opportunity to thank our generous hosts for their contribution to the next generation of historic preservation professionals worldwide.



First up, we feature San Antonio, Texas, an IEP host for many years and a popular destination with interns and visitors the world over. In 2015, the [San Antonio Missions](#) were inscribed on the World Heritage list. Since then, the city of San Antonio has embraced World Heritage by establishing a World Heritage Office, becoming a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in 2017 and holding a World Heritage Festival every year. It comes as no surprise, then, that San Antonio has also embraced the IEP.

In 2018, the San Antonio Offices of Historic Preservation and World Heritage hosted two interns, Ilaria Rosetti (Italy and the Netherlands) and Maria Elena Almestar (Peru), shown below respectively, who were tasked with helping develop a framework for the City of San Antonio's "Sustainable City 2030" plan; and studying and reviewing the World Heritage work plan and the City of Gastronomy plan.



When asked what was most rewarding about hosting an IEP intern, a representative from the World Heritage Office said, "The World Heritage Office staff and our partners such as the National Park Service, elected officials and others, really had a wonderful experience sharing our rich culture and

heritage, while also learning from both interns. It was really rewarding to see how enthusiastic both IEP interns were about getting engaged in our everyday work, attending community meetings and just learning about San Antonio and the surrounding area in general. We have now not only colleagues but now friends who we continue to collaborate with and see at conferences around the world. We can't wait to see what they do next in their careers."

A representative from the Office of Historic Preservation concurred, saying, "We feel committed to working with the next generation of stewards for heritage and the US/ ICOMOS internship is a perfect way to do that. We hope we are teaching the interns as much as they are teaching us, because it definitely is a two way street. It's especially rewarding for us to learn so much about their home cultures."

What do the San Antonio hosts hope that the interns will take home to their countries after their summer in San Antonio? The Office of Historic Preservation noted, "One of the most valuable comments I've consistently heard from US/ICOMOS interns is how excited they are to see all of the outreach and community engagement done in San Antonio, as well as the United States in general. These are tools that each intern we have hosted to date has commented on and which they have taken back and recommended become part of their process in their own communities as well. San Antonio has a strong history of community engagement. It's rewarding to hear our interns notice and acknowledge that."

San Antonio will again host US/ICOMOS interns in the summer of 2019. We truly appreciate their continued support!

Are you interested in hosting a US/ICOMOS intern in summer 2019? Please visit our website at usicomos.org/internship/host-organizations/ to learn more, and to download the US/ICOMOS Call for 2019 IEP Hosts' document. Online applications for host organizations are due on **4 January 2019**.

— OF NOTE —

First Call for Stone 2020: MONUMENT FUTURE: DECAY AND CONSERVATION OF STONE

The University of Göttingen and the University of Kassel are hosting the 14th International Congress on the Deterioration and Conservation of Stone (STONE 2020). STONE 2020 is entitled: MONUMENT FUTURE: DECAY AND CONSERVATION OF STONE and will take place on the 7th-12th of September 2020 in Göttingen, Germany.

The Congress is a quadrennial event. It is the main conference for disseminating the knowledge of practitioners and researchers working in the field of stone deterioration issues in cultural heritage conservation. It truly represents and captures the state-of-the-art in the field of stone conservation and cultural heritage conservation.

All the information you need to participate is available on the webpage <http://stone2020.uni-goettingen.de>. The deadline for submission of abstracts begins in July 2019. Conference registration starts in March 2019. After the conference, the organizers are offering a Summer School, which will be generously supported by the DEUTSCHE BUNDESSTIFTUNG UMWELT - DBU - (GERMAN FEDERAL ENVIRONMENTAL FOUNDATION). We highly encourage all colleagues interested in this topic and younger students, Ph.D. students and other practitioners to join the meeting.

Have you Renewed Your Membership for 2019? If not, please renew now by following this link!

Thank you to all those who have already renewed. You should receive your cards soon.

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