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US/ICOMOS at Work

April 2021 E-News

**WORLD HERITAGE DAY IS APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>.  
MAKE PLANS NOW TO CELEBRATE!**

Welcome to "US/ICOMOS at Work," a monthly update on US/ICOMOS actions to preserve and promote World Heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

## **US/ICOMOS Successfully Meets Ronald Lee Fleming Unprecedented \$200,000 Challenge Grant**



US/ICOMOS is delighted to announce that we successfully met the Ronald Lee Fleming \$200,000 Challenge Grant!

In June of 2020, US/ICOMOS Fellow Ron Fleming gave an unprecedented gift to US/ICOMOS: a matching challenge grant of \$200,000 which had to be met by December 31, 2020.

We at US/ICOMOS are very grateful to Ron Fleming for his great generosity of spirit. Ron exemplifies the famous statement of Daniel

Hudson Burnham, "Make no little plans; they have NO magic to stir men's blood and probably themselves will not be realized. Make BIG plans; aim HIGH in hope and work."

All his life, Ron Fleming has been concerned with the visual impact of the environment on our sensibilities. He has sought to address this issue with environmental education projects and urban design strategies in the United States and internationally through his work with the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Historic Cities, Towns and Villages.

Ron Fleming has always given very generously to US/ICOMOS of his intellect, his time and his treasure. We are grateful for his unprecedented \$200,000 Matching Challenge grant. His generosity will enable US/ICOMOS, in the spirit of Burnham, to "Make big plans; aim high in hope and work."

US/ICOMOS is extraordinarily grateful to US/ICOMOS Fellow, Ronald Lee Fleming!

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US/ICOMOS and U.S. World Heritage sites have several events planned to help celebrate World Heritage Day 2021 (also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites or "IDMS").

We hope that you will join us for one or more of the following events - please note dates, times and registration links!

**Wednesday, April 14, 1 - 2:15 pm EDT:**  
**Intergenerational Conversation on Society and Heritage: Perspectives from Africa and the U.S.**

Leveraging heritage for a better future is gaining prominence across national, continental and international discourses, as heritage is not simply a record of the past but a cultural process reflecting the social realities of today.

Join us for this free webinar organized by ICOMOS Emerging Professionals Working Group (EPWG) representatives from the U.S. and the Africa region (Zoe Leung and Olufemi Adentunji), to support intergenerational exchanges critical to safeguarding



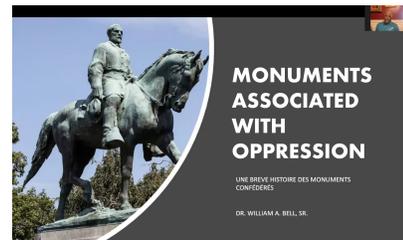
and promoting heritage. The program will feature a conversation among established and emerging professionals in heritage preservation from the United States and African countries, moderated by US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program (IEP) Alumna Natalia Sanchez. [Read more about the event here.](#)

Register For "Intergenerational Conversation" Webinar

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## **April 18 All Day: US/ICOMOS Will Share Social Justice and World Heritage Webinar Video Recordings via Social Media**

On Sunday, April 18th, US/ICOMOS will share links to video recordings of the World Heritage Webinars we have hosted to date as well as a video recording of "Monuments Associated with Oppression," an ICOMOS National Committee meeting moderated by trustee William Bell.



Please [follow our social media feeds](#) or [visit our Youtube channel any time.](#)

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## **April 18 All Day: Global Philadelphia hosts Reopen House Day**



On April 18th, Global Philadelphia is holding a “Reopen House Day” welcoming visitors back to the region’s National Historic Landmarks! Over 20 participating historic sites will offer in-person tours, virtual programs, special events, discounts, prizes, and more.

Learn more here: <http://globalphiladelphia.org/nhl-reopen-house>

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## **April 18 at 7 pm CDT:** **San Antonio Missions National Historical Park (NHP)** **Twitter Chat**

Join San Antonio Missions NHP for a Live Twitter Chat with World Heritage Sites around the world on April 18 at 7 pm CDT/8 pm EDT. The Twitter chat's theme is #ConnectedConservation.



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Cultural Organization



San Antonio Missions  
inscribed on the World  
Heritage List in 2015

Tune in to celebrate World Heritage Sites, chat live with preservationists, and meet World Heritage supporters from around the world. Learn more about World Heritage Sites near you and around the globe. During the chat, an interactive question will be posted every 5 minutes with the hashtag #ConnectedConservation for one hour beginning at 8 pm ET/7pm CT. World Heritage Sites, non-profits for preservation and conservation, and World Heritage Site visitors will tune in to engage in conversations around these questions and invite the public to get to know these sites better.

If you are a World Heritage Site or conservation organization interested in participating in this event, please fill out the organizers' Doodle Poll here: [Doodle | World Heritage Twitter Collaboration Discussion](#). Thank you!

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**Thursday, April 22, 12 - 1:30 pm EDT:**  
**US/ICOMOS World Heritage Webinar: "Diversifying Heritage in the United States"**

	 <b>Diversifying Heritage in the United States</b> <b>Free / Contribution Optional Webinar</b>
 International Day for Monuments and Sites	<b>Thursday</b> <b>April 22, 2021</b> <b>12 pm to 1:30 pm EDT</b>  <b>Participants:</b> <b>Shannon Estenoz, Dorothy FireCloud,</b> <b>Sara Bronin, Autumn Saxton-Ross,</b> <b>Anna Tamura</b>

Join us for "Diversifying Heritage in the United States" Thursday, April 22, 2021, 12 to 1:30 pm EDT. This free/contribution optional webinar in celebration of World Heritage Day 2021 will examine what U.S. heritage professionals are doing to create a more diverse and inclusive future for all and provide perspectives from four diverse voices about opportunities for positive change.

The webinar will begin with a keynote presentation by **Shannon Estenoz**, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary - Fish and Wildlife and Parks, Department of the Interior (DOI), who will speak about the agency's commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Shannon's presentation will be followed by short presentations and a panel discussion by four professionals sharing their diverse perspectives on U.S. heritage and steps we can take to make our programs and society as a whole more just and inclusive.

Our distinguished panelists are:

- **Sara C. Bronin**, Thomas F. Gallivan Chair in Real Property Law and Faculty Director, Center for Energy and Environmental Law, University of Connecticut School of Law
- **Dorothy Firecloud**, National Park Service (NPS) Assistant to the Director, Native American Liaison

- **Autumn Saxton-Ross**, Ph.D., Vice President of Education and Chief Equity Officer, National Recreation & Park Association (NRPA)
- **Anna Tamura**, Planning Portfolio Manager, Pacific West Region, NPS

We stand at an exciting moment of opportunity in the United States and globally. Please join us for this timely discussion!

Register for "Diversifying Heritage" Webinar

## 2021 International Exchange Program (IEP) Moving Forward - Slowly but Surely!

In the past month the US/ICOMOS IEP Committee has considered several options to implement the 2021 program. After some deliberations, the committee is cautiously proceeding with a 2021 program to be held August - October this year for in-person placements at a few sites across the U.S.. Other placements abroad are still being reviewed, and plans with those host organizations are still under consideration. The IEP Committee is also exploring options to hold the orientation and closing sessions (normally in Washington, D.C.) online to reduce the amount of travel for interns and the risk for all involved. Also under consideration are one or more virtual-only IEP internships to support the work of the ICOMOS Sustainability Working Group. We're very much looking forward to reinstating the IEP this year, and slowly but surely getting back to (the new) normal.



As we move forward with specific needs for 2021, we're also looking at innovating and evolving the IEP in the near-term. The IEP Committee began this month to work with US/ICOMOS's new Programs Coordinator, Victoria Vanhuss. Victoria will assume more of the IEP day-to-day activities, including intern and host communications, visa arrangements, and support planning for the orientation and closing sessions. As Victoria steps up, IEP Chair Brian Michael Leone will begin to step down. Brian will end his 7-year term on the committee when he rotates off the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees this June. We welcome Victoria to the team and look forward to working with her.

As Victoria assumes more of the programmatic aspects of the IEP, the Committee will consider its own structure for the future, starting with a new Committee Chair. Other topics on the Committee's agenda may include an alumni network, strategic plan, and new fundraising opportunities. The Committee is looking for volunteers to support these activities, and to bring new ideas to the group to expand and enhance the IEP. If you are interested in supporting the IEP, please email [iep@usicomos.org](mailto:iep@usicomos.org) to set up a time to chat with the current Chair. And as always, if you are able to financially support the IEP, please [visit this site to donate](#).

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## **Call for Volunteers to Assist US/ICOMOS President Douglas Comer Prepare for ICOMOS Advisory Committee (ADCOM) Meetings this Fall**



meetings.

The yearly ICOMOS General assembly features six meetings by the ICOMOS Advisory Committee. Two of these are focused on national committees and organized by US/ICOMOS President Douglas Comer, who is Vice-President of ADCOM and Chair of the National Committees Council. President Comer is looking for volunteers to assist him in organizing these two

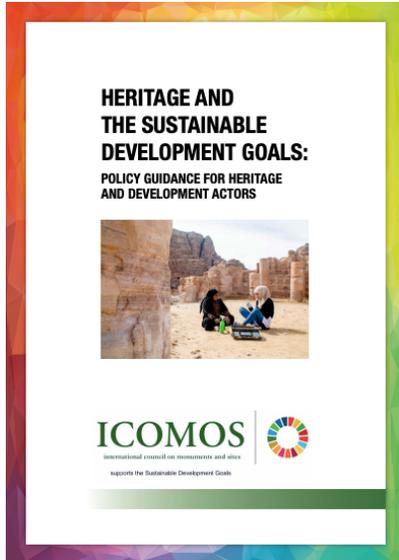
Working as an ADCOM volunteer is an excellent opportunity to become familiar with how ICOMOS works and to network with heritage professionals from all over the world. Volunteers range from professors to students and practitioners who are willing to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues.

Read more about the opportunity and how to express interest here: <https://usicomos.org/call-for-volunteers-to-help-prepare-adcom-meetings/>

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## **ICOMOS Releases Sustainable Development Goals**

# Policy Guidance for Heritage and Development



**[“Heritage and the Sustainable Development Goals: Policy Guidance for Heritage and Development Actors”](#)** — a policy document produced by the Sustainable Development Goals Working Group — was released worldwide on Wednesday, 17 March 2021. Many US/ICOMOS members were involved in this project.

The aim of this Policy Guidance document is twofold: 1) engage development actors and raise awareness of the potential contribution of heritage practices to sustainable development processes; 2) guide ICOMOS members and heritage

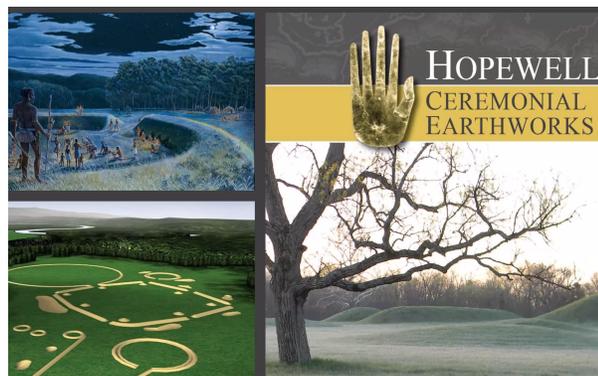
professionals at large, in adopting a sustainable development perspective in their heritage practices and aligning them to the SDGs. It represents a first attempt at providing a policy framework for all actors, including international organizations, national and local governments, businesses, civil society, and expert organizations.

[Download a copy of the report here.](#)

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## [Tribal Reconnection and Archaeological Discovery: The Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks World Heritage Nomination](#) **Webinar Recording Available Online**

In case you missed our March 25th World Heritage Webinar about the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks, you can [view it online here](#). Learn more about the webinar and our presenters on the [dedicated Webinar page](#).



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**"U.S. Must Preserve our Cultural Sites" by Kurt Riley**

Kurt Riley, former chairman of the Ten Southern Pueblos Council and former co-chair of the All Pueblo Council of Governors Natural Resources Committee, recently published an editorial in the Albuquerque Journal regarding the quarter of a million acres of public land that New Mexicans lost over the past four years. [Read Kurt's editorial about the preservation of sacred ancestral lands and landscapes in the American Southwest here.](#)



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## Join US/ICOMOS for 2021 and Receive Your V-Card in One Week

Your membership in US/ICOMOS underwrites our efforts to foster heritage conservation and historic preservation at national and international levels through education, training and international exchange. Your active participation helps grow American understanding of and appreciation for World Heritage sites in the United States and around the world.

We encourage you to join us as an Individual or Institutional member as we work together to promote intercultural understanding and heritage conservation around the globe and over the span of human history.

Learn more and join here: <https://usicomos.org/membership/>

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US/ICOMOS is a U.S. 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](https://usicomos.org).

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