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. If you aren't a member or haven't yet renewed for 2022, please join now. Thank you for your support!

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Happy New Year from US/ICOMOS

We would like to take this opportunity to wish our members and friends a very happy new year. We hope that 2022 brings you professional and personal satisfaction accompanied by good health and abundant opportunities to support World Heritage and international exchange.

For US/ICOMOS, 2021 was a year of growth and opportunity: we created new initiatives and events promoting Indigenous Heritage, Social Justice, Climate Change, Advocacy, and Emerging Heritage Professionals. 2022 promises to be a year of action. We have programs to grow and new board members and staff members to introduce. Read more below!

New Trustees and Revised Bylaws

We held our 2021 Annual Meeting virtually on 12 December. The primary business of the meeting included approving revised bylaws and electing new trustees. Both of these efforts were successfully accomplished. We also reviewed our major programs and initiatives. If you missed the meeting and would like to view it, please follow this link.

We're proud of our three new trustees and are looking forward to the commitment and expertise they bring to US/ICOMOS. Longer biographies can be found on our website. We include brief
introductions here:

Robert G. Stanton
Consultant and lecturer in natural and cultural resource preservation, park management, and diversity. Former Senior Advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and former Director of the National Park Service (NPS).

Stephen J. Farneth
Founding Principal of Architectural Resources Group, whose work encompasses some of the West Coast’s most iconic buildings and sites. Stephen has previously served as a US/ICOMOS Trustee and as Vice Chairman.

Charles Musiba, Ph.D.
Associate Professor of Biological Anthropology, University of Colorado Denver. A native of Tanzania, Dr. Musiba is involved in the conservation and sustainable use of paleoanthropological resources.

Introducing New US/ICOMOS and Monuments Toolkit Program Staff

US/ICOMOS Staff

US/ICOMOS is now staffed by four part-time individuals who each work from home. Our newest staff member is Arianna Startt Zakrzewski, Administrative Manager.

In this role, Arianna will oversee all membership and administrative functions of the organization. Based in Baltimore, Arianna has several years of administrative experience, working in museum, nonprofit, and small business environments over the last decade. She has worked with Rotary International’s youth programming in New England for nearly ten years as an Executive Director, where she managed donor retention, fundraising, and event programming and logistics for an annual youth camp. Arianna holds a B.A. in Anthropology and Archaeology from Rhode Island College, and a M.A. in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. You can reach Arianna with membership or other inquiries here.

Monuments Toolkit Staff

Cequyna Moore (left), Program Director of our two-year, $1 million grant awarded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the development of a Monument Relocation, Removal, and Reinterpretation Toolkit (“Monuments Toolkit”), has successfully built out her team.
We're happy to announce that these heritage professionals have been hired to fill the following roles:

Miles Ezeilo, Program Assistant for Media and Marketing. Miles will work on the Monuments Toolkit website and media relations, including podcasts. Miles is a graduate of Howard University, where he majored in Political Science. While at Howard University, Miles hosted a radio show on WHBC 96.3. Prior to joining US/ICOMOS, Miles worked at the National Park Service.

William Humphrey, Program Assistant for Research and Publications. William will oversee the development of written case studies and public-facing programs. William is a recent graduate of the Johns Hopkins University Cultural Heritage Management Program, specializing in qualitative research and with experience in design software and public engagement. His research interests include the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) and cultural heritage management technology integration. Prior to joining US/ICOMOS, William worked at the Smithsonian American Art Museum. William has also volunteered in the past for US/ICOMOS, assisting with our 2021 Celebration of World Heritage.

Gilbert C. Correa, part-time Program Assistant. Gilbert will work with Research and Publications to implement programming and conduct case study research. Gilbert is currently pursuing his Master’s in Museology and Museum Administration at IBEROMUS Ibero-American Institute of Museology. He is also a graduate of California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, where he received a B.A. in Anthropology. Prior to joining US/ICOMOS, Gilbert worked at the Ibero-American General Secretariat Sub-Regional Office for Mexico, the Caribbean and Central America.

Destiny Heard, part-time Program Assistant. Destiny will work with Media and Marketing to implement programming and conduct case study research. Destiny is currently pursuing her Master’s in Cultural Heritage Management at Johns Hopkins University. She recently graduated from the University of Rochester where she graduated with a B.A. in Anthropology and International Relations.

Nicole Ursin, part-time Program Assistant. Nicole will implement programs and conduct case study research as a member of the Monuments Toolkit team. Nicole is currently pursuing her Master’s in Historic Preservation and Applied Anthropology at the University of Maryland. She is the former Membership and Development Coordinator for US/ICOMOS. Her professional and academic interests include heritage tourism, community engagement, and LGBTQ+ history and heritage.

Please follow our social media for updates on the Monuments Toolkit program as this important program gets underway!

It's Not Too Late to Sponsor an Intern for Summer 2022: 21 January Host Deadline

The US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program (IEP) in Cultural Heritage Preservation provides advanced training and hands-on experience for preservation professionals early in their careers. Sponsoring an intern enables your organization to establish international connections.
and help train future professionals through preservation work experience at a modest cost.

Read the Call for Hosts to learn about this long-running, life-changing program that brings so much value to both interns and hosts.

Publications from the International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) on Sustainability

IFLA has published two important guides for landscape architects and other professionals who manage large landscapes. The first is "A Landscape Architecture guide to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals." This guide will help landscape professionals align their work with the 17 world-wide Sustainable SDGs.

IFLA Europe recently published a position paper outlining how landscape design professionals can help to achieve "a healthy environment stemming from an innovative, circular economy where nothing is wasted and where natural resources are managed sustainably." A PDF of that
Development Goals (SDGs) adopted by the United Nations in 2015 and extending through 2030.

— OF NOTE —

Wright Virtual Visits 2022

The Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy (Chicago, IL) in partnership with the Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation (Scottsdale, AZ), Unity Temple Restoration Foundation (Oak Park, IL) and Graycliff (Derby, NY), announces a continuation of the popular social media video series Wright Virtual Visits in 2022, with production support from Forever Ready Productions.

Each month, two (or more) Frank Lloyd Wright-designed sites are paired up to go live on Facebook, focusing on a particular theme. The series kicks off on Thursday, January 20th at 1 p.m. Eastern/10 a.m. Pacific time, featuring World Heritage site Fallingwater (Mill Run, PA) alongside the Westcott House (Springfield, OH) on the theme of Wright-designed fireplaces. The livestream will also include interactive Q&A encouraging viewer engagement. Following the January 20th launch, the majority of 2022 Wright Virtual Visits livestreams will happen the second Thursday of each month at 1 p.m. Eastern/10 a.m. Pacific time.

To receive notifications and stream events, follow Wright Virtual Visits on Facebook at facebook.com/wrightvirtualvisits. Archives and additional information: savewright.org/WVV.

2022 National Preservation Awards: Nominations due 17 February

Is there a person, organization, or project in your city or town that deserves the national spotlight? Have you seen transformation in your community because of preservation? The National Trust for Historic Preservation wants to hear from you about how people and places are redefining preservation in your world.

Submit your nominations for the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards; The Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award; American Express Aspire Award; Trustee’s Award for Organizational Excellence; Trustees Emeritus Award for Historic Site Stewardship; and National Trust/Advisory Council on Historic Preservation Award for Federal Partnerships in Historic Preservation. Nominations due February 17 and awards will be presented at the Saving Places annual conference, PastForward 2022. https://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-awards

Join the Conversation on Social Media
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 usicomics.org.

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