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. Above, our three International Exchange Program interns in San Antonio visit Mission Concepción. Follow our Facebook or Instagram accounts to learn more about their activities in San Antonio.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Members: Please Join Us for the Annual Meeting on 17 December, 1 pm EST

Make plans now to join us for the US/ICOMOS 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting for a review of 2021’s organizational successes. Members will also elect three new trustees and vote on changes to the US/ICOMOS bylaws. Check your email for an invitation including biographies of our trustee candidates and a brief overview of proposed bylaws changes (or read the invitation at the link below). If you're not currently a member, please join for 2022 here.

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

- Vote (Trustee Election, Bylaw Revisions)
- Year in Review
- Current Work
- Looking to the Future

Learn More and Register
Applicants and Hosts Needed for 2022 International Exchange Program (IEP)

The US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program (IEP) is now accepting applications for the summer of 2022. We seek emerging professionals from around the world to participate as interns, and host organizations in the cultural heritage sector to provide invaluable international experiences for these young, highly qualified professionals.

The program will run for twelve weeks beginning 20 June and culminate 26 August 2022 with a closing ceremony in Washington, DC. For more information and to apply visit https://usicomos.org/internship/.

- US/ICOMOS will accept applications for interns until 7 January 2022. All information for intern applicants can be found online here.
- Host organizations have until 21 January 2022 to apply. Please read the Call for Hosts here.

Please share this notice with your organizations and emerging professionals.

Pictured above is 2021 IEP Estefania Barreto, who was hosted by ICOMOS Georgia in Tbilisi, Georgia. Here, we see Estefania and the restoration crew at the Hotel London, a historic hotel in Tbilisi that once hosted the likes of Norwegian writer Knut Hamsun and Russian composer Pyotr Tchaikovsky.

Thank You to All of Our 2021 Symposium Presenters and Participants

The US/ICOMOS Annual International Symposium and Conference was held October 28-29. This year's theme was "Preserving World Heritage in a Changing Climate."

We would like to thank all of our wonderful presenters, including Secretary of the Department of the Interior Deb Haaland, the keynote speaker on Day One. In addition to Secretary Haaland, pictured here, the virtual Symposium featured fifteen speakers on a variety of climate-related topics at World Heritage Sites.

Recordings of Symposium 2021 sessions will be shared over the course of the next six months on our YouTube channel. Learn about our topics and presenters--from "Anthropogenic Climate Change and Solutions in U.S. World Heritage Sites" by Dr. Patrick Gonzalez to "Legislatiing Sacred Relationships: Indigenous Heritage, Cultural Landscapes and Climate Change" by Cody Groat-- on the Symposium webpage.
Introducing Lydia Loopesko, IEP 2021 Alum and our new IEP Coordinator

Our new IEP Coordinator Lydia Loopesko is originally from Denver, CO, but until recently led an itinerant life, getting her undergraduate degree in Geology from Whitman College in Walla Walla, WA; a Master of Arts degree in Cultural Heritage Management from the University of York, UK; and a certificate in "Leading in International Organizations and NGOs" from the University of Geneva in Switzerland. Lydia also spent several years preserving and recording historic buildings and cultural landscapes across the north of England.

Lydia is now back in Denver where she undertook two US/ICOMOS IEP internships this summer, one for the American Center of Research in Amman, Jordan, and the other for the ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals Working Group. She recently started her new position as IEP Program Coordinator, which will complement her other part-time work developing environmental and sustainability projects in the western United States. Lydia can be reached at IEP [at] usicomos.org.

— OF NOTE —

Patricia O’Donnell Awarded Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award at National Preservation Awards

We’re happy to announce that longtime member Patricia J. O'Donnell was awarded the Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award, the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s highest recognition, at their recent National Preservation Awards ceremony.

Patricia helped to establish the field of cultural landscape preservation in the United States over the course of her forty year career. She has also been instrumental in the development of cultural landscape preservation around the world through her involvement with the joint ICOMOS International Federation of Landscape Architects (IFLA) International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes.

Patricia is the first landscape architect recognized with the Crowninshield Award in its more than 60-year history. Read more about Patricia's work and watch her acceptance speech here.

Publication Alert: Change Over Time 10.1 Conservation - Discipline & Profession.

Since its emergence in the 20th century, modern conservation has matured into a discreet field of intellectual inquiry and an interdisciplinary professional practice. After nearly a century of scholarship and academic programs, institutional representation, and professional practice, it is time for an
historical and critical evaluation of the field as discipline and profession. This issue of the journal examines the challenging questions of disciplinary and professional boundaries asking such questions as: What are the disciplinary implications for an interdisciplinary field? How can the profession fulfill its greatest civic promise? And, what are the responsibilities, ethics, and authority of the preservation professional?

Articles in this issue include two written by US/ICOMOS members:

- “Historic Preservation: An American Perspective on a Professional Discipline” by Frank Matero (a US/ICOMOS member)
- “Preservation at a Crossroads: The Need for Equity Preservation” by Caroline Cheong (a US/ICOMOS Trustee and member)

Read the Journal here.

Recent Research Adds to Knowledge about Early Chaco Canyon Residents

Researchers from the University of Cincinnati recently published an analysis of the pollen content and the chemical composition of soils at the Chaco Culture National Park and World Heritage Site. This research documents the environmental impacts of the early residents at the site. Read about the research here.

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