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US/ICOMOS at Work

February 2022 E-News



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. Image: In honor of Black History Month and the U.S. Civil Rights Sites World Heritage tentative list nomination, we feature a detail of "Alabama civil rights movement Selma to Montgomery march, Central Baptist church (Monday, March 15, 1965)." [Jack Rabin collection on Alabama civil rights and southern activists, 1941-2004 \(bulk 1956-1974\)](#), Historical Collections and Labor Archives, Eberly Family Special Collections Library, University Libraries, Pennsylvania State University.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Save the Date: 9 April 2022, 6:00 - 7:30 pm ET



Join us for an exclusive live stream program as we come together to celebrate and toast the 50th

Anniversary of the World Heritage Convention and the U.S. Tentative List Sites.

Support U.S. World Heritage and our many programs by becoming an event sponsor, which includes mailed copies of *The Official U.S. Civil Rights Trail: What Happened Here Changed the World* and admission to virtual tours. Donations of \$50 or more will be entered in a raffle to win two US/ICOMOS tumblers, but you can contribute at any level to join us on April 9th!

Reserve Now

Monuments Toolkit Program Update

We are excited to announce that the first Advisory Panel Committee meeting took place in early February. The Advisory Panel is composed of policy experts, professors, and thought leaders from around the country. The advisory panel will ensure that the Monuments Toolkit will facilitate and add to the discourse regarding best practices in dealing with monuments of oppression. Stay tuned to updates at www.usicomos.org.



Image: Richmond, VA, Counter protests, 16 September 2017, by Mobilus In Mobili at <https://flickr.com/photos/52257493@N00/37109128732>.

International Underground Railroad Mapping Continues

In honor of Black History Month, please help our Emerging Professionals Network collect, connect, and share information and stories about Freedom Seekers who self-liberated. We're seeking information about the places where they settled and the stories of their self liberation. If you know of sites and/or stories of self liberation outside the United States, please contribute! Please also share with your connections to spread the word about this effort.

Learn more here: <https://usicomos.org/help-document-the-international-underground-railroad/>



**INTERNATIONAL
UNDERGROUND RAILROAD
STORIES**

“Sometimes someone would come long and try to get us to run up North and be free. We used to laugh at that. There wasn’t no reason to run up North. All we had to do was to walk, but walk South. And we’d be free as soon as we crossed the Rio Grande.”

Felix Haywood, WPA Interview, 1937

SHARE YOUR STORY!
CLICK THE QR CODE OR THE LINK: <https://arcg.is/1XviPb1>





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Emerging Professional Mentors Wanted

US/ICOMOS is looking for experienced heritage professionals to help emerging professionals build their careers.

Mentors will be expected to meet their mentees once a month for a year.

Questions? email epwg@usicomos.org



Fill Out this Form to Express Your Interest in Mentoring

National Park Service Office of International Affairs (NPS OIA) Celebrates 60 Years

Happy 60th anniversary to NPS OIA! Among its other international duties, OIA tracks and reports on the

status of current U.S. World Heritage sites; oversees nominations for new U.S. proposals to the World Heritage List; maintains and updates the Tentative List for future nominations; represents the Department of the Interior at meetings of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee; and shares knowledge and best practices in World Heritage management with colleagues around the world.

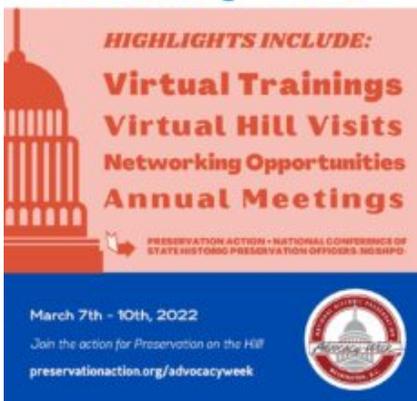
In addition to stewarding the [nomination for the Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks](#) in north central Ohio, OIA recently announced that the U.S. for the first time will participate in a [multi-country serial World Heritage nomination including the Historic Moravian Bethlehem District](#) (pictured below), in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, a mid- and late-18th century planned community created in conjunction with the larger Moravian congregation in Germany. A [U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites serial nomination](#) is also under preparation.



— OF NOTE —

[Register Now](#) for Virtual Historic Preservation Advocacy Week: 7-10 March, 2022

National Historic Preservation Advocacy Week



[Preservation Action](#) and the [National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers](#) are excited to host Historic Preservation Advocacy Week virtually, **March 7th – 10th** with the primary day of programming on March 8th. Advocacy Week will feature in-depth virtual trainings, policy briefings, networking opportunities, virtual meetings with elected officials, and of course virtual hill visits, providing the opportunity to meet with your members of Congress and their staff directly.

While the organizers will miss being together in Washington, D.C., they are excited to have an even bigger impact with the potential of reaching more members of Congress and

allowing more advocates to bring our message of preservation-positive legislation directly to lawmakers. This year will be a critical year for advocates, as Preservation Action and NCSHPO are closer than ever

before to bringing long over-due enhancements to the Historic Tax Credit, and are on the verge of fully funding the Historic Preservation Fund for first time in history, but they need your help! [Register today!](#)

Shanon Miller is New North America Co-Chair of the Climate Heritage Network

The Climate Heritage Network (CHN) announced recently that Shanon Miller, Historic Preservation Officer and Director of the City of San Antonio Office of Historic Preservation is the new CHN



North America Co-Chair. Shanon and her team's climate leadership in San Antonio has included growing traditional trades education through the Living Heritage Trades Academy, securing the adoption of a Deconstruction Ordinance that would require deconstruction as an alternative to mechanical demolition for buildings of a certain age, and developing a Material Innovation Center to promote reuse and circular economy.

Shanon is looking forward to engaging with North American members more through a soon-to-be launched members only section of the Climate Heritage Network website. She invites your ideas and suggestions for how North America as a region might better collaborate and grow our network. [Learn more about the Climate Heritage Network here.](#)

Yellowstone National Park and World Heritage Site Turns 150 in 2022



President Ulysses S. Grant established the world's first national park on March 1, 1872, when he signed the Yellowstone National Park Protection Act into law.

As [Yellowstone celebrates 150 this year](#), the park and many partners will focus on conservation and historic preservation, visitor experience, infrastructure, and Tribal Nations and partner engagement.

[Tribal engagement with Yellowstone's 27 associated Tribes will play a key role in the anniversary.](#) "Our goal is to substantially engage every Tribe connected to Yellowstone," said Superintendent Cam Sholly. "It's very important that the 150th anniversary is not just about Yellowstone as a national park but also a pivotal opportunity for us to listen to and work more closely with all associated Tribes. Our intent is to partner with associated Tribes to better honor their significantly important cultures and heritage in this area. The engagement we're doing now will help set a stronger foundation for collaboration well into the future."

ICOMOS Spain / U.S. National Park Service 2022 Webinar

Series

ICOMOS Spain and the U.S. NPS are partnering to produce a series of webinars in Spanish called "Descubriendo el National Park Service (Discovering the National Park Service)" throughout 2022. The first webinar will take place 23 February 2022.

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Register for each session via the ICOMOS-Spain website: [Register and learn about the entire series here.](#)

"Material Matters" Abstracts Due 11 March 2022



[Change Over Time](#) is pleased to announce the call for abstracts for its forthcoming issue on "Material Matters."

This issue of *Change Over Time* examines the rise of material studies and its enduring influence on how we perceive, understand, interpret, and ultimately conserve

our historic built environments. The topic is of particular relevance today as we debate the embodied values of our built heritage and justify the retention of existing buildings and places in the context of social equity, environmental justice, and climate change.

[Please click here for the complete call for abstracts.](#) Abstracts of 200-300 words are due 11 March 2022.

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