



## US/ICOMOS at Work

February 2019 E-News

### Help Support the International Exchange Program!

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.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

### [US/ICOMOS Signs on to the African American Burial Grounds Network Act](#)

In honor of Black History Month, Representatives A. Donald McEachin and Alma S. Adams introduced the "[African American Burial Grounds Network Act](#)." This legislation would create a voluntary national network of historic African-American burial grounds, and would provide information, technical support, and grants to aid in the research, identification, preservation, and restoration of burial sites within the network.

US/ICOMOS has signed on to support this legislation and we encourage our members to contact their representatives and urge them to co-sponsor the legislation. Above right: burial marker for Sarah Pryor, d. 1920, in the [Mt. Zion Cemetery in Georgetown, Washington, DC](#).



### [Please Help Support the 2019 International Exchange Program \(IEP\)](#)

Every February we ask our members and friends to support the IEP, a program that for more than three decades has built bridges between nations by promoting mutual understanding and trust among heritage professionals. This program brings young professionals from around the world to the US and sends young professionals from the US abroad. In addition to administering the program, we bring the interns to Washington, DC, for an Orientation at the beginning of their internships and for a Symposium and Closing Reception at the end. We always aim to underwrite all help underwrite the considerable costs of this program, including international transportation, insurance, lodging and stipends, but we can't do this without the generosity of supporters like you.

Please [help support](#) experiences such as these:

"I've always looked at the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program as a "must do" experience for emerging professional in the cultural heritage field.... It gave me the opportunity to meet and work with passionate and professional bright young women from different countries, who carried out great projects in only ten weeks. It represented an incredibly valuable learning experience on a personal and professional level that I would recommend to anyone in the heritage field."



Ilaria Rosetti  
IEP '18 Alum, Italy to USA



"Of all my incredible experiences during the International Exchange Program, connecting with Lithuania's community of IEP alumni are my most treasured moments. Lithuania has participated in the US/ICOMOS IEP program for 19 years and meeting IEP alumni and hearing stories about their internships in and impressions of the United States and how those experiences shaped their careers speaks to the power of

international exchange and the role of preservation in diplomacy."

Rachel Rettaliata  
IEP '18 Alum, USA to Lithuania



"This experience was so important to me. There are so many opportunities to do great things with Cultural Heritage, and for young professionals.

I will be forever grateful for this opportunity and I am deeply committed to help, in whatever way I can, to maintain this Internship for other people like me, especially in South America."

Polyn Gonzalez  
IEP '18 Alum, Chile to USA

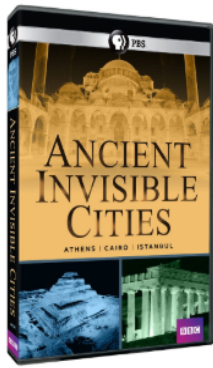
Your generosity will help determine how many talented young professionals participate in 2019. [Our past and future IEP interns appreciate your generous support!](#)

## Darius A. Arya, Ph.D.: US/ICOMOS Member and New Media Advocate for Cultural Heritage

All of US/ICOMOS's members and friends recognize the importance of educating a broad international audience about the significance of cultural heritage and its preservation. Meet one of our members who has devoted his life and career to this: Darius A. Arya, Ph.D., an American archaeologist based in Rome who is pioneering new ways of presenting cultural heritage to the world.

A Fellow at the American Academy in Rome, Darius transitioned from excavation to preservation while living and working in the ancient city. Since 2002, Darius has served as Executive Director of the [American Institute for Roman Culture](#), where he has led programs and projects including collaborating with the Italian Ministry of Culture, [Rome Museums](#), Roma Tourism, and [ICCROM](#). Darius has spent years exploring new ways to present the history and archaeology of the ancient world to new audiences in new ways. One of these educational tools is [Ancient Rome Live](#), a multi-platform learning experience that presents original content in video and live-streaming formats to anyone interested in ancient Rome and its empire. Darius also currently hosts "Under Italy" in Italian on Rai5, Italy's national culture channel, exploring the archaeology of Bologna, Orvieto, Catania, Palermo and other Italian cities.





Americans are most likely to recognize Darius as the archaeological expert and host of numerous documentaries for the Discovery, History, National Geographic and PBS channels. Most recently, Darius guided viewers through three “[Ancient Invisible Cities](#)” (Athens, Istanbul and Cairo) on PBS channels in Fall 2018. These entertaining and informative programs introduce a mass audience to current developments in archaeology, including 3D imaging techniques that expose important historical features that lie hidden underground.

In late 2018, Darius was a Guest Scholar at the [Getty Conservation Institute](#), working on “The Role of New Media for Heritage Preservation and Promotion: Successful Storytelling, Best Practices, and Tools for Tangible Results.” Related to this study, Darius has recently begun projects addressing heritage travel, sustainability and the roles that indigenous and local peoples play in preserving sites and presenting them to the wider world. To get an idea of Darius’s work, watch “Ancient Invisible Cities,” tune in to his podcast “[Travel: In Situ,](#)” and follow him on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter @DariusAryaDigs.

## *[Introducing Our International Exchange Program \(IEP\) Hosts: The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago](#)*

Each year, organizations in the United States and all over the world host interns participating in the US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program. This commitment to historic preservation, international cooperation and the future brings big rewards to both intern and host. This month, we feature the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago (NTTT), a longtime friend of US/ICOMOS and the IEP. NTTT was established in 1991 to protect and promote the preservation of significant examples of Trinidad and Tobago’s built and natural heritage, as well as to educate and provide access to these heritage and natural sites.



NTTT not only employs a former IEP intern, Kara Roopsingh (IEP Alum, Nantucket '14), it has hosted interns for many summers, creating compelling projects for the interns to work on. Above left, Kara (at left) and Natalia Sanchez (IEP, Trinidad & Tobago '17) visit the LOOP online news platform to talk about the 200th Anniversary of the Queen's Park Savannah and the Woodford Square Heritage District, Natalia's summer project in 2017.

Above right, 2018 intern Mayrelis Perez at the Red House, Trinidad and Tobago's seat of Parliament, which has been undergoing restoration for several years. Mayrelis spent her internship documenting the St. James Police Barracks in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago's capital city, to aid in their listing as a National Heritage Site. She wrote, "I was able to go into archives, reach out to other professionals, and interview individuals whose voices are usually not heard and they all had a lot of unknown information to give me about the project and informed the final nomination. Being able to inform high ranking officials on their history and in a way influencing how they view the work that the National Trust does for Trinidad and Tobago makes me feel like I contributed to the future work they do."



NTTT staff concur: "The US/ICOMOS IEP has been immensely rewarding for the National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago because we have been able to successfully get dossiers from the interns, which now enables us to list (legally protect) properties of interest. Seeing our heritage through the eyes of another professional has also opened up new dialogues and opportunities."

NTT staff understand the professional and personal growth that an international internship offers: "From this experience we hope the interns returned to the United States confident that they can use their skill to contribute to a country very different from their own. We loved the fact that they pitched in and got involved with all our other projects, tours and activities. The staff introduced them to our local culture, cuisine, and island way of life, so we are confident they returned home with an idea of how to be a 'Trini' and a positive exchange experience overall."

The National Trust of Trinidad and Tobago will again host a US/ICOMOS intern in the summer of 2019. We truly appreciate their many years of support!

Are you interested in hosting a US/ICOMOS intern in the future? Please visit our website at [usicomos.org/internship/host-organizations/](http://usicomos.org/internship/host-organizations/) to learn more. Summer 2020 host applications will be due in January 2020. [Please also support the 2019 IEP if you are able to do so!](#)

## Purchase Your Tickets Today

### [US/ICOMOS Gala Benefit and World Heritage Celebration, May 2nd 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 May 2nd at the Cosmos Club. [We hope that you will join us for an evening of celebration.](#)

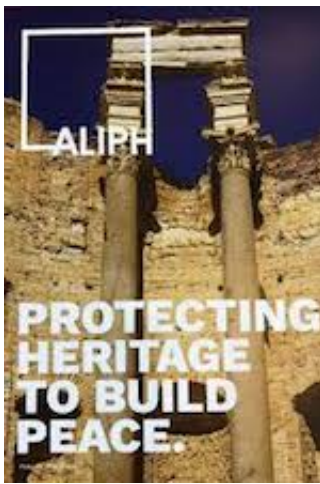
This year's guest of honor is Henry R. Muñoz, III, Chief Executive Officer of Muñoz and Company, one of the largest and oldest minority-owned design practices in the United States. Under his leadership, Muñoz and Company developed an architecture that acknowledges the rapidly shifting demographics of 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. Mr. Muñoz is pictured above with ICOMOS Director General Marie-Laure Lavenir at our 2017 World Heritage Celebration.



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!](#)

— OF NOTE —

### [International Alliance for the Protection of Heritage in Conflict Areas \(ALIPH\) Announces Grant Opportunities](#)



ALIPH, a new international foundation headquartered in Switzerland, has announced two categories of grants to support initiatives that address the prevention, protection and rehabilitation of cultural heritage threatened or damaged by conflict. One category, which can be submitted at any time, is for grant requests of up to \$75,000 for immediate emergency relief actions. The second category has no minimum or maximum amount but would respond to periodic calls for proposals—with the first call issued on January 15 and **due March 15, 2019**. ALIPH prioritizes concrete projects with direct on-the-ground impact.

All organizations and communities worldwide are eligible, and the range of cultural heritage projects is expected to be broad and flexible. For online applications and information about ALIPH, see <https://www.aliph-foundation.org/>



### *National Council for Preservation Education (NCPE) Summer 2019 Internships*

NCPE, in cooperation with the National Park Service (NPS) and other partnering government agencies, is pleased to offer internships during the summer of 2019. NCPE has partnered with the NPS since 1992 to connect higher education students and recent graduates in historic preservation, cultural resource management, and related fields to projects at a wide variety of sites and divisions within the NPS system and other agencies annually. Approximately 70 internships are available this summer, with another 65 offered in the winter of 2019-2020.

U.S. citizenship is required. **Deadline for most applications is March 15, 2019.** To learn more about NCPE internships: <http://preservenet.cornell.edu/employ/ncpe.php>.

### *Call for Symposium Workshop Proposals “Rural Heritage - Landscapes and Beyond”*

This year, the ICOMOS Advisory Committee, Annual General Assembly and Scientific Symposium will take place in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 14 to 18 October 2019.



The one-day Scientific Symposium on the theme of “Rural Heritage - Landscapes and Beyond” will take place on 17 October. ICOMOS is currently soliciting workshop proposals on the Symposium theme. You can [download the Call for Workshop proposals here](#). The deadline for submissions is 1 April 2019.



## ***Calling Engineers, Architects and Building Conservation Specialists***

The 12th edition of the International Conference on Structural Analysis of Historical Constructions (SAHC 2020) will take place on **16-18 September 2020** in Barcelona, Spain. The SAHC conference series offers a forum for engineers, architects and all experts to share and disseminate state-of-art knowledge and novel contributions on principles, methods and technologies for the study and conservation of heritage structures.

Submission of abstracts for SAHC 2020 is open. Authors are invited to submit a one page abstract before June 30, 2019. Registration and submission of abstracts should be performed online. Detailed information is available [here](#).

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

Deadline for abstract submission	-	June 30, 2019
Announcement of accepted abstracts	-	September 30, 2019
Deadline for submitting the full paper	-	January 15, 2020
Announcement of accepted papers	-	March 31, 2020

Follow SAHC on Facebook ([SAHC 2020](#)) and the SAHC [website](#) for all the latest updates.

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