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### Pride in Preservation (June 5 at the Heurich House)

### Celebrating the National Park Service's LGBTQ Initiative

As part of the National Park Service's attempts to broaden the agency's commitment to telling the full and inclusive history of America, NPS has developed a number of initiatives to identify and nominate sites to the National Register of Historic Places and as National Historic Landmarks. One of these initiatives seeks to "explore how the legacy of lesbians, gays, bisexual, transgendered, and queer/questioning individuals can be recognized, preserved, and interpreted for future generations" (see the NPS website at <http://www.nps.gov/heritageinitiatives/LGBThistory/>).

As part of this effort, Department of the Interior Secretary Sally Jewell and National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis in partnership with Philanthropist and Founder of the Gill Foundation Tim Gill announced a new commitment to recognize the contributions of the LGBT community in American history. (See article at <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/may/30/us-national-park-service-marking-lgbt-historic-sites>)

US/ICOMOS, in partnership with the Heurich House, Preservation Action, and Scenic America, is hosting Pride in Preservation: Cocktails at the Castle on June 5 in the Heurich House museum and garden. The event will promote the National Park Service's efforts to include the LGBTQ history as an integral part of the "full and inclusive history" of America.

### Pride in Preservation event celebrating the NPS LGBTQ Initiative

On June 5 during Capital Pride week, US/ICOMOS co-hosted an event at the Heurich House Museum to celebrate the National Park Service's LGBTQ Initiative. The cocktail reception was also co-hosted by the Heurich House, Preservation Action and Scenic America. The event was co-sponsored by the Capital Area Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce, the Rainbow History Project, Uncloudy Studio, and Spilled Milk Catering.

More than 70 people attended the event, which included brief remarks by Kim Bender, Director of the Heurich House Museum, Don Jones, Director of US/ICOMOS, and Barbara Little, National Park Service program manager for the LGBTQ Initiative.

Photos of the event can be viewed on the US/ICOMOS Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.652408158179972.1073741838.115329128554547&type=3>

### NPS LGBT Theme Study Initiative Panel Discussion

(reprinted from Mark Meinke's announcement on the National Trust's LBG T List Serve)

Continuing its LGBTQ Heritage Initiative, announced at the end of May 2014, the National Park Service (NPS) convened a roundtable of LGBTQ scholars on Tuesday June 10th at the Department of the Interior to discuss the new initiative and lay the groundwork for a new LGBTQ Theme Study which will underpin the campaign to identify, nominate and recognize historic LGBTQ



sites for the National Register of Historic Places and for the National Historic Landmarks list. It was an exciting, exhausting and invigorating day for everyone involved. The day ended with a renewed sense of purpose and commitment to preserving LGBTQ historic sites and appreciation for NPS's commitment to the new initiative, the latest to address underrepresented groups in NPS recognition.

The scholars convening on Tuesday included Katie Batza, Drew Bourn, Nan Alamilla Boyd, Eliza Byard, Julio Capó, John D'Emilio, Petra Doan, Jen Jack Giesecking, Christina Hanhardt, Gerard Koskovich, Paula Martinac, Mark Meinke, LaShonda Mims, Stephen Morris, Stephen Pitti, Will Roscoe, Megan Springate, and Shayne Watson. Secretary of the Interior Sally Jewell opened the discussions, followed by National Park Service Director Jon Jarvis and Stephen Pitti who chaired the discussions. Participating from NPS were Stephanie Toothman, Barbara Little, Alexandra Lord, James Jacob, Julia Washburn, Paloma Bolasny, and Theodora Chang.

A video presentation of the event can be viewed at <http://new.livestream.com/usinterior/NPSLGBT/videos/53474922>

### **Nix-Hines Named US Ambassador to UNESCO**

(reprinted from the press release from the US National Commission to UNESCO - June 2014 Commission Update)

Crystal Nix-Hines has been confirmed by the United States Senate as United States Permanent Representative to UNESCO, with the rank of Ambassador.

Crystal Nix-Hines most recently was Of Counsel at Quinn Emanuel Urquhart Oliver & Hedges in Los Angeles. Previously, she served as Of Counsel at Fairbank & Vincent from 2006 to 2007, Special Counsel in the Litigation Department of O'Melveny & Myers, LLP from 1997 to 2000, and Assistant to the General Counsel/Senior Vice President of Capital Cities/ABC, Inc. from 1992 to 1993. From 1993 to 1997, she held several positions at the State Department, including Counselor to the Assistant Secretary for Democracy, Human Rights and Labor, Member of the Department's Policy Planning Staff, and Special Assistant to the Legal Adviser. From 1991 to 1992, she clerked on the U.S. Supreme Court for Justice Thurgood Marshall and Justice Sandra Day O'Connor. She also clerked for Justice William Norris on the U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit from 1990 to 1991. During her career, Ms. Nix-Hines has also been a writer and producer on several network television shows such as Commander-in-Chief, Alias, and The Practice. She began her career as a reporter for The New York Times. She received an A.B. from Princeton University and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.



### **Poverty Point, Louisiana Named to the World Heritage List**

(Reprinted from the press release from the US National Commission to UNESCO - June 2014 Commission Update)

On Sunday, June 22, the Monumental Earthworks of Poverty Point, Louisiana, became the 22nd U.S. site to be inscribed on UNESCO's World Heritage List. Inscription is a reflection of the "outstanding universal value" of Poverty Point, which "bears a unique or at least exceptional testimony to a cultural tradition or to a civilization which is living or which has disappeared."

Poverty Point is an extraordinary prehistoric earthwork complex located in Louisiana's Lower Mississippi Valley. It was part of a trading network 3,000 years ago that stretched hundreds of miles across the North American continent. Poverty Point is a remarkable system of monumental mounds and ridges that were built into the landscape for residential and ceremonial use by a sophisticated society of hunter-fisher-gatherers. It is a masterpiece of engineering from its time as the major political, trading, and ceremonial center of North America.

The 38th session of the World Heritage Committee was held in Doha, Qatar, June 15-25. In addition to Poverty Point, the committee evaluated 36 nominations to the World Heritage List submitted by States Parties to determine which cultural and natural properties of "Outstanding and Universal Value" should be inscribed on the list. Sites on the World Heritage List are protected under the 1972 Convention Concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage.

For a full list of the 20 natural and cultural sites added to the World Heritage List in 2014, please visit <http://whc.unesco.org/en/newproperties>





## US National Trust Names 11 Most Endangered American Heritage Places

(Reprinted from the National Trust for Historic Preservation}

The 2014 “11 Most” list highlights threats to some of our nation’s most important places, including Shockoe Bottom in Richmond, Virginia, a major slave trading center that includes remnants of the jail in which Solomon Northup – from 12 Years a Slave – was held; the serene vistas of the Palisades in New Jersey, threatened by a proposed office tower; and Tallahassee’s Spring House, the only private home designed by Frank Lloyd Wright in Florida, which is now badly deteriorating.

Visit our website to see the complete list at

<http://www.preservationnation.org/issues/11-most-endangered/index.html>

## US/ICOMOS Intern Eduard Krakhmalnikov Receives the 2014 Damaris Horan Prize Fellowship

The Royal Oak Foundation is pleased to announce Eduard Krakhmalnikov of Minneapolis, Minnesota as the recipient of the 2014 Damaris Horan Prize fellowship for study with the National Trust. Supported by the Mudge Foundation and named for Royal Oak’s Executive Director from 1987 to 2003, this program provides training and educational opportunities for individuals with a professional interest in the history, management and conservation of historic landscapes and gardens.

Eduard’s award will allow him to work at the National Trust’s historic Charlecote Park. He’ll be under the supervision of the Park and Gardens Manager, compiling a detailed written report assessing the development of the parkland and gardens at Charlecote giving particular focus on the influence of Lancelot Brown and Mary Elizabeth Lucy.

In 2013, Eduard conducted his US/ICOMOS Internship with the Galway County Council in Ireland. For the full announcement of the Damaris Horan Prize, please visit

<http://www.royal-oak.org/support/scholarships/horan-prize-fellowship/>

## Arches Initiative to Hold Information Session at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Florence

You may have heard that GCI and WMF’s joint initiative Arches has continued to gain momentum. GCI and WMF have organized an information session at the 2014 ICOMOS General Assembly. Here is the link describing the event: <http://archesproject.org/save-the-date-arches-information-session-at-2014-icomos-general-assembly>. I’ve also pasted the info below. We were wondering if it would be possible for US ICOMOS to circulate an announcement about the information session or provide the link if you are sending out any announcements about the General Assembly. Lisa

We would like to invite you to attend an information session during the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium (November 9-14, 2014) about the Arches heritage inventory and management system, including the new functionality that will be available in version 3.0. The information session is organized under the auspices of CIPA, the ICOMOS International Scientific Committee on Heritage Documentation. It will take place at the Auditorium al Duomo, in the historic center of Florence, Italy, during 2:30-5:00 pm on Sunday, November 9, 2014.

For more information and to reserve your space, please visit

<http://archesproject.org/icomos-2014>.

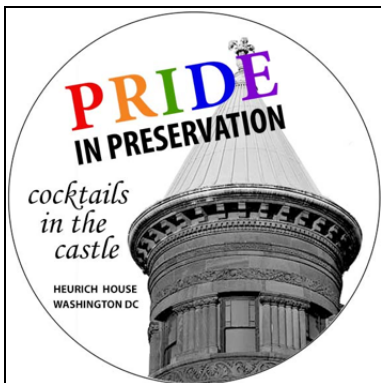
There is no fee to attend this information session, although participants must be registered for the 18th ICOMOS General Assembly and Scientific Symposium. Registration information is available at <http://florence2014.icomos.org/en/registrations>.

You can find more information about Arches at <http://archesproject.org>.

The Arches Project was initiated through a collaboration of the Getty Conservation Institute and World Monuments Fund.

## Culture Under Attack Exhibit

(Photo exhibition on cultural heritage and armed conflict presented by the Netherlands Commission for UNESCO)



Poverty Point, Louisiana





**Eduard Krakhmalnikov  
(2nd from right, back row) with  
the 2013 class of the  
US/ICOMOS International  
Exchange Program**



**18th ICOMOS General  
Assembly to be held in  
Florence, Italy**



In times of armed conflict the loss of cultural heritage cannot compare with the loss of human lives and the incalculable human suffering. However, as culture is part of human identity, the destruction of cultural heritage is a loss for human kind.

UNESCO encourages the protection of cultural and natural heritage worldwide, in time of peace and war. This exhibition shows the impact of armed conflict on societies and their cultural heritage. The photos displayed are only a small selection of the photographic material submitted for this exhibition. The photographs portray scenes of destruction of heritage, but also emphasize the resilience of the affected societies and their efforts for reconstruction.

For the online exhibit, please visit <http://www.cultureunderattack.org/>

### **18th ICOMOS General Assembly Program and Hotel Information Available**

The preliminary program schedule and information on hotel accommodations is now available on the ICOMOS website at <http://icomos.org/en/about-icomos/governance/general-information-about-the-general-assembly/18th-general-assembly-florence-2014>

