



World Heritage USA

Quarterly Newsletter for Members of US/ICOMOS

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Introducing Five New US/ICOMOS Trustees

A slate of trustees was presented to the membership for a vote in June and unanimously approved. We heartily welcome five new trustees to the organization, all of whom will bring new skills, connections and passion to the board. We also note that three of our new trustees reside in western states and will help US/ICOMOS expand our presence there, one of the goals identified as a priority at our 2017 Leadership Forum. Our new trustees are:



Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, LEED AP

Wayne Donaldson is President of award-winning Architect Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, Inc., specializing in historic preservation services. Over the last thirty-eight years, Mr. Donaldson has established himself as a leader in historic preservation and adaptive reuse of existing structures. His depth of knowledge unites nineteenth-century building methods with state-of-the-art twenty-first century construction technologies. Mr. Donaldson was appointed Chair of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation by President Barack Obama in 2010 and recently completed his tenure in this role. From 2004 - 2012, Mr. Donaldson served as the

California State Historic Preservation Officer.



Peyton Hall, FAIA

Peyton Hall is Managing Principal Emeritus and former majority owner of Historic Resources Group, LLC a 12-person cultural resources consulting firm in Pasadena, CA, that employs architectural historians, cultural resource planners, and architects. He is also an Adjunct Professor, School of Architecture, University of Southern California; where he was a founding lecturer in the Master's Program in Heritage Conservation; a former President of the Board of Directors of California's state-wide historic preservation organization; and former Chair of the AIA Historic Resources Committee.



T. Destry Jarvis

Destry Jarvis is President of Outdoor Recreation & Park Services. He has spent the past 46 years working professionally in the parks, recreation, historic preservation, tourism, and youth service fields, in senior positions for both non-profit associations, for-profit corporations, the US National Park Service, and as a consultant. Recently, Mr. Jarvis has worked with the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), completing biennial update condition reports on several world heritage sites and national parks in the US; and with the Paulson Institute, assisting with planning for China's national park system.



Zoe Leung

Zoe Leung is a program and policy specialist with a diverse background. She currently serves as the Senior Associate with the Asia-Pacific Program of the EastWest Institute, an international think tank focusing on conflict prevention. Ms. Leung has a BA in Historic Preservation from the Savannah College of Art and Design; served as an intern at US/ICOMOS in 2014-15; worked at ICOMOS China (Beijing) and the UNESCO World Heritage Institute of Training and Research (Shanghai); and currently sits on our International Exchange Program (IEP) Committee.



Dr. Sheree Wen

Dr. Sheree Wen is founder and president of the UNESCO Washington State Center. Sheree served in senior management at IBM and was responsible for corporate technical strategies, worldwide manufacturing, corporate quality, and university grants. In addition to currently serving as a Washington State Arts Commissioner, she sits on several boards in Seattle, including the Pacific Northwest Ballet, Seattle International Film Festival, and the University of Washington Library.

As we welcome these five new trustees, we thank trustees Amy Ballard, Jeff Eley, Rachel Jacobson, and Kathleen Kilpatrick who are leaving the Board, but whom we know will remain engaged friends of US/ICOMOS.

Please Welcome Jane I. Seiter, PhD, New US/ICOMOS Executive Director

We are thrilled to announce that Jane Seiter has accepted the position of Executive Director (ED). Jane begins work today in order to learn the finer points of leading the organization from Bill Pencek--ED since July 2016--whose last day is July 18th. We regret saying goodbye to Bill (see below), but we are excited to begin this new phase of US/ICOMOS history with Jane at the helm.

An archaeologist by training, Jane brings a diverse set of skills to US/ICOMOS. Jane's academic and professional career has focused on documenting, interpreting, and preserving cultural landscapes across the world—not only up and down the East Coast of America, but from New York City to California, from the Caribbean and Bermuda to the United Kingdom, France, and Turkey. She has extensive experience in dealing with a wide variety of preservation professionals—architects, archaeologists, cultural resource managers, planners, architectural historians, and craftsmen—and has worked closely with all manner of partner organizations, from non-profits, historical societies, and museums to universities and government agencies. Jane also has a track record of creatively and successfully seeking funding for cultural heritage projects, in particular at the Catcott Furnace Historical Society in Maryland, where she obtained more than \$380,000 in grant funding from state, federal, and private funding sources over the last four years. We look forward to Jane's proven management skills and ability to expand the reach of our fundraising and membership appeals.



Effective July 16th, Jane will manage all day-to-day operations, board relations, events, and strategic planning for US/ICOMOS. If you would like to welcome Jane, you can email her at director@usicomos.org or meet her in person by joining us at the IEP closing symposium and reception on August 15th.

A Fond Farewell to Bill Pencek, Retiring US/ICOMOS Executive Director



The Board of Trustees and everyone else who has worked with Bill Pencek over the past two years at US/ICOMOS would like to sincerely thank him for his service to the organization as Executive Director.

In thanking Bill, Doug Comer, Board Chair, commented "Bill is the type of leader that every non-profit hopes to find but rarely does: calm and gracious yet relentlessly effective at advancing the mission of the organization. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to work with him. We will truly miss Bill and wish him all good health and happiness as he passes the baton."

If you would like to thank Bill and wish him well, he can be contacted at bpencek@usicomos.org through July 18th. After that, Bill will be enjoying more time with his spouse, his extended family, and his many friends and conservation organizations in Baltimore, the Chesapeake Bay area, across the US, and around the world.

Joy Beasley Appointed Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places

Joy Beasley, pictured at left presenting at the US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum in November 2017, has been appointed Keeper of the National Register of Historic Places. She replaces Paul Loether, who has retired. As Keeper, Beasley will carry out the responsibilities of the National Park Service for maintaining the National Register of Historic Places, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, including the National Historic Landmarks Program.

Beasley began her association with the National Park Service in 1988 as a research associate leading archeological projects in national parks in the Washington, DC area. Over the course of her career, she has worked at or in a number of national parks, including Manassas National Battlefield Park, Monocacy National Battlefield, and the National Mall and Memorial Parks. Prior to coming to the Washington Headquarters, Ms. Beasley served as the Chief of Cultural Resources for the National Capital Regional office.



US/ICOMOS News

International Exchange Program Visual Diary

One of the most enjoyable parts of administering the IEP is seeing the wonderful photos that our participants post from the field. Below are a select few along with explanatory copy for you to enjoy. To see all of the interns' posts, follow US/ICOMOS on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#) (or both!).



Left: Mayrelis Perez, US intern to Trinidad and Tobago, on a site visit to the St. James Police Barracks. The Barracks were built in 1824 and are the last example of Georgian architecture in the country. Mayrelis will be documenting the site for the purpose of listing it as a National Heritage Site.



Right: Rachel Rettaliata, US intern to Lithuania, is working with Lietuvos Paminklai (Lithuanian Monuments) in Vilnius. Their offices (top right) are located in a former monastery dating to 1730. She has spent her first two weeks on a variety of site visits to current restoration projects and will spend the summer working on the city plan for Druskininkai, a resort town on the Belarusian border known for its mineral springs.



Left: Maureen McCoy, US intern to Paris, France who is working on comparative analyses for the World Heritage List nominations, visiting Notre Dame in Paris.

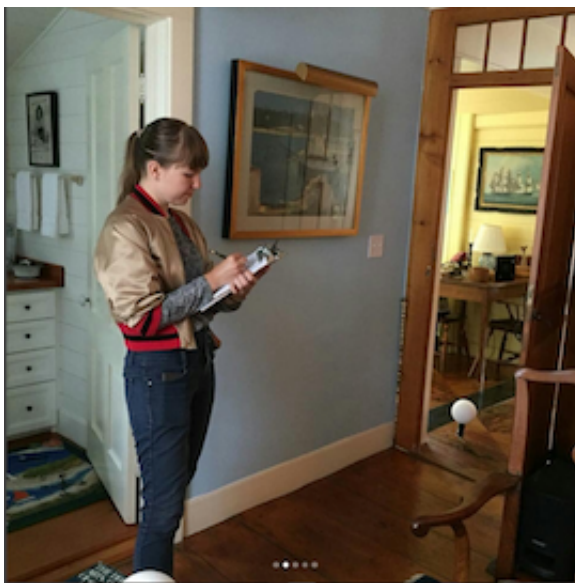


Right: Australian IEP Intern Kyra Lomas got rained out in Virginia! She will be documenting roof works at National Trust property Oatlands when the weather clears up.



Left: Aanchal Mehta, Indian intern to Louisiana, is working at the [National Center for Preservation Technology and Training](#). She will be exploring the cultural resources of Cane River National Heritage Area (NHA). She will also be doing an in-depth study on the properties of natural hydraulic limes.

Right: Ilaria Rosetti (Italy) and Malena Almestar (Perú), interns in San Antonio, at the River Walk, a landmark asset managed by the city in San Antonio's historic downtown.



Left: Inga Vilkaitytė from Lithuania, intern at the Preservation Institute of Nantucket, gathers information for a historic interior survey of one of the late colonial houses on Nantucket.

Right: Polyn Gonzáles from Chile, also at the Preservation Institute of Nantucket, presents her work on the Nantucket Historic Interiors Inventory and Documentation Project at the final presentation of the Historic Preservation Course carried out by University of Florida.

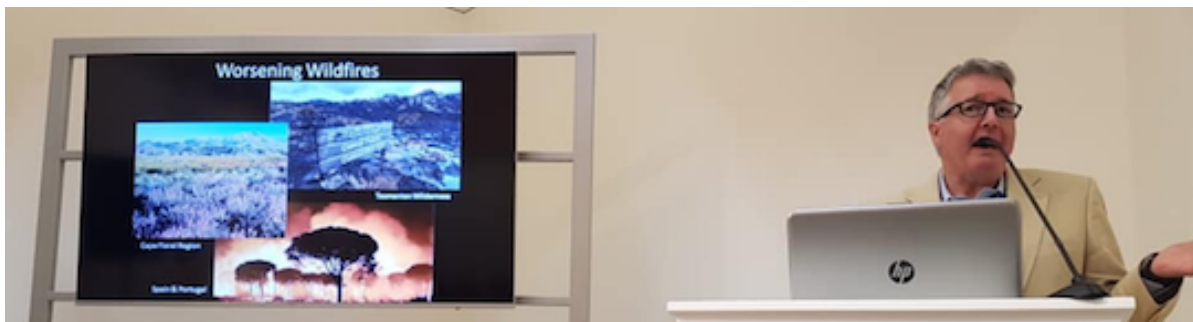
We can't wait to hear and see more from these young professionals! The IEP closing symposium and reception will take place on August 15th. Stay tuned for your invitation to attend.

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42nd Session of the World Heritage Committee Convenes in Bahrain



The World Heritage Committee is meeting June 24 - July 4 in Manama, Bahrain. During the session, the Committee will examine 29 nominations for inscription on the World Heritage List; the state of conservation of 157 sites already on the List; and the deletion of one site--the Historic Centre of Shakrisyabz (Uzbekistan)--from the List. [More information and live coverage of the meetings' proceedings can be accessed here.](#)



Although no US sites are under consideration for World Heritage inscription at this meeting, many US members are present in Dubai representing the ICOMOS Climate Change Working Group led by former US/ICOMOS Executive Director Andrew Potts.

Above: US/ICOMOS trustee Adam Markham presented on "Building Resilience at World Heritage Sites" in a session organised by the ICOMOS Climate Change Working Group.

Right: Milagros Flores Roman, President of ICOFort, with Toshiyuko Kono, President of ICOMOS.



ISC In Depth: [CIVVIH](#)

Throughout 2018, we are featuring one International Scientific Committee (ISC) per month in order to highlight the work of the ISC and provide potential members with information about how to join.



This month's ISC is CIVVIH, the International Committee on Historic Towns and Villages, described by voting Expert member Kathleen Crowther.

1. Tell us your name, occupation, employer and few words about your interest in CIVVIH.

Kathleen Crowther
President, Cleveland Restoration Society

I have been the leader of Cleveland's local preservation organization for over 30 years. It has been a very rewarding period of growth, from a one-woman operation to a staff of 14 and a healthy budget. Over the years, I have been very involved with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Even though I had been a dues-paying member of US/ICOMOS for decades, I never went to any of the programs except the breakfast at the National Trust conference periodically. Honestly, the breakfast is too early for me to think straight! But I learned there that ICOMOS speaks a very different language than that of local preservation organizations. At times I found it confounding and fascinating.

A breakthrough came for me in 2012 when I attended the US/ICOMOS International Symposium in San Antonio, Texas. The symposium celebrated the 40th anniversary of UNESCO's World Heritage Convention and featured the then Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar, approving the World Heritage Nomination of the San Antonio Missions. The symposium was intellectually stimulating and balanced with tours and networking. It was a wonderful experience. I met Gustavo Araoz at the symposium and he immediately asked me if I would join the CIVVIH committee. I gladly agreed because I was looking for new ways to deepen my expertise and to widen my view of the world. Serving on CIVVIH, first as an Associate Member, and now as a voting Expert Member, is fulfilling that expectation. I have made it a point to attend each annual meeting. Thus far we have met in Naples, Italy; Budapest, Hungary; Florence, Italy; Seoul, South Korea; and New Delhi, India. In 2018, we will meet in Nimes, France.

2. Tell us about the work of CIVVIH in a few sentences.

The purpose of CIVVIH is to provide a forum for heritage professionals from around the world to share best practices in urban heritage conservation and sustainability, to advise on world heritage matters and to issue guidance in the form of charters, principals, position papers and concept notes. CIVVIH meets each year (except in the year of the General Assembly) and considers timely topics of value and global importance. At each Annual Meeting, a concluding session presents a synthesis of the presentations. Typically, presentations are also published after the meeting.

For example, the upcoming meeting in Nimes is entitled *History, Archeology, Antiquities and the Sustainable City*. At this scientific program, the focus will be on the integration of urban *strata*, hidden and to-be-revealed. Dimensions of this topic include management tools, planning strategies, construction project guidance and land use law, without losing sight of the goal to reveal the spirit and memory of place.

Often said, is that CIVVIH encourages friendships among our profession on a global basis, that these friendships model appreciation of our world's diverse heritage. Members of the committee come from diverse backgrounds. We have architects, professors, scholars, city planners, and specialists in engineering and technical areas of heritage practice.

3. What are the qualifications for membership in your committee and how should potential members apply?

CIVVIH is open to members of ICOMOS in the field of management and conservation of historic villages, towns and cities. Generally speaking, the emphasis is on sustainable urban environments. There are two levels of membership: Associate and Expert. Individuals may self-nominate or be nominated by their National Committee. The Vice-Presidents of CIVVIH determine the qualifications of these nominees and may not withhold a nomination without adequate justification. From a practical viewpoint, I believe that the most important aspect of membership is attendance at the annual meetings. Otherwise, the candidate is not truly fulfilling the work of the International Scientific Committee.

4. How do members participate in CIVVIH (meetings, online conversations, etc.)?

Most members of CIVVIH participate by attending the Annual Meetings and the General Assemblies. The most involved members participate in subcommittees and particular endeavors. I have not done so as of yet. However, one year, I was asked to provide a desk review for nominations submitted to a global heritage awards program. I reviewed nominations from the United States. I enjoyed that work.

CIVVIH members are called upon to advise and advocate on a global level. Most recently, the UN Habitat released a sustainability plan which articulates protection of heritage as a key component of urban sustainability. This is because of a concerted effort by CIVVIH members who played meaningful roles in obtaining heritage as one of the Sustainable Development Goals. The target is found in goal 11.4: Strengthen efforts to protect and safeguard the world's cultural and natural heritage. This was a major accomplishment, led by Andrew Potts, who was appointed the Focal Point for this initiative.

5. *Once they have been accepted, how do you recommend new members get involved?*

The most important way to be involved is to attend the Annual Meeting. It is certainly an investment of time and money. However, there is no other way to have a meaningful experience.

6. *Is there anything else that you would like prospective members to know?*

Participating in CIVVIH has been one of the best things I have done professionally. I have benefitted from seeing the various cities where our meetings are held. I can better calibrate my understanding of my hometown of Cleveland. The very best part is meeting the members of CIVVIH. For me, it is meeting colleagues from around the world that makes CIVVIH meaningful. There is no better way for me to understand the world and see the inherent goodness in people than to meet ICOMOS members from across the globe. All of them want to share their heritage and yearn for appreciation of it.

Get Involved

[Registration Opens Today for US/ICOMOS](#)

[Forward Together](#) Symposium

Forward Together: A Culture-Nature Journey Toward More Effective Conservation in a Changing World, is the title of the 2018 US/ICOMOS Symposium. The symposium will explore the growing understanding that cultural and natural heritage are inextricably linked in many landscapes and waterscapes—and that effective and long-lasting conservation depends on better integration. The symposium will aim to identify actionable strategies for furthering the integration of culture and nature for more effective and sustainable conservation, focusing on four themes:

- adopting a landscape approach for the conservation of cultural and natural resources—from urban to rural places;
- recognizing intangible heritage and diverse perspectives as integral to conservation strategies;
- building resilience, adaptation, and sustainability for urban and rural landscapes; and
- considering the past and future of the UNESCO World Heritage List from the perspective of the United States.

The symposium Program Committee is co-chaired by US/ICOMOS Trustee Nora Mitchell and Jessica Brown, Executive Director, New England Biolabs. Interest in this subject is keen-- over 120 abstracts were submitted for consideration for the symposium, and were reviewed by an interdisciplinary team of reviewers in order to make final selections for the available session slots. International and US presenters from widely differing areas of heritage conservation practice—including Mechthild Rossler, director of the UNESCO World Heritage Centre (WHC), and Tim Badman, director of the IUCN World Heritage Programme—will share knowledge and lessons learned.

This symposium is convened by US/ICOMOS in partnership with ICOMOS, IUCN, the UNESCO WHC, the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Presidio Trust, the Golden Gate National Parks Conservancy,

the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and the National Park Service. It will be convened November 13-14 at the Golden Gate Club, the Presidio, San Francisco, providing US/ICOMOS members the opportunity to also engage that week in PastForward, the annual conference of the National Trust.

Please note that registration for **Forward Together** is managed via the NTHP PastForward Conference [registration site](#). Conference registration has gone live, and detailed content on the schedule and sessions at **Forward Together** will be added daily. [Visit the NTHP conference website to learn more](#) about the NTHP conference, the Culture-Nature track at the Trust's conference, and [Forward Together](#).

Members of US/ICOMOS should [Register here](#) as a **MEMBER** and use the code **FT50** at checkout to enjoy a discounted registration fee. Be sure to choose "Forward Together" along with any (or no) NTHP PastForward events that you wish to attend. We look forward to seeing you in San Francisco in November!

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Call for Papers



The journal *Change Over Time: An International Journal of Conservation and the Built Environment*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, invites submissions for the Fall 2019 issue: A HERITAGE OF WAR, CONFLICT, AND COMMEMORATION, guest edited by William Chapman.

Sites of war and conflict that symbolize collective loss or that served as pivotal moments in national or global history are sometimes elevated to the status of "heritage." Battlefields, sites of bombings, or places of terrorist attacks are all marked by human tragedy and acts of violence and their interpretation is inherently conflictual. This issue of *Change Over Time* examines heritage produced by violent acts of destruction and our efforts to commemorate the complex narratives these sites embody.

Abstracts of 200-300 words are due 1 August 2018. Authors will be notified of provisional paper acceptance by 1 September 2018. Final manuscript submissions will be due late November 2018. Learn more here: <http://cotjournal.com/call-for-papers/>

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