



US/ICOMOS at Work

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Welcome to "US/ICOMOS at Work," 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. Above: Register now for the ICOMOS 2019 meetings in Marrakesh: <https://icomosmaroc.org/>

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Announcing the US/ICOMOS 2019 Symposium, 8-9 November 2019 in Washington, DC: The Economic and Social Benefits of World Heritage in the USA

Make plans now to attend our annual symposium November 8-9, 2019, at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC. This conference, which is held in cooperation with the John Hopkins University Cultural Heritage Management Program, will examine both economic and social benefits that flow from the presence of a World Heritage Site.



The social benefits of World Heritage listing include promoting and maintaining a sense of place and identity, social cohesion and pride. While these benefits are more difficult to quantify, they are very real and can be seen when cities vie to be the home of professional sports teams or to host very visible events such as the Olympics. The conference will provide lessons learned by sites in the United States that have recently been inscribed on the World Heritage List, including the Frank Lloyd Wright sites that are located in many areas of the country, the San Antonio Missions (the 23rd World Heritage listing in the US, pictured above), and Poverty Point, located in northern Louisiana, far from New Orleans, which has long been the tourism magnet for that state.

The symposium will also examine the potential for social and economic benefit to sites on the United States Tentative List, looking at ways to begin planning now for future benefit to local communities.

Finally, the conference will address how newly added "natural" sites on the US Tentative List in the Pacific Ocean might seem remote, but must be preserved in order to ensure economic and social stability locally and nationally. Bringing these sites to the attention of the public will assist in their preservation, as will the research inspired by the recognition of their importance as sites on the Tentative List.

Please look for more details and registration information online shortly and in our September newsletter.

Apply by 9 September 2019 to Become a World Heritage Advisor to ICOMOS

On the initiative of its President, Professor Toshiyuki Kono, ICOMOS is seeking expressions of interest from cultural heritage professionals worldwide in order to expand and diversify its international team of World Heritage Advisors for the evaluation of cultural and mixed property nominations to the World Heritage List.

The role of ICOMOS as one of the Advisory Bodies to the World Heritage Committee includes the evaluation of properties nominated for inscription on the World Heritage List. The World Heritage Advisors assist the ICOMOS International Secretariat, the ICOMOS World Heritage Panel and the ICOMOS Board in formulating its recommendations to the World Heritage Committee.

This call for expressions of interest is limited to those wishing to become World Heritage Advisors working on ICOMOS' evaluation work of cultural and mixed properties nominations with the ICOMOS World Heritage Evaluation Unit.

To learn more, download the full [Call for Expressions of Interest - ICOMOS World Heritage Advisors](#) and submit your materials by 9 September 2019 via email to WHadvisers-callforinterest@icomos.org.

Please include a summary curriculum vitae outlining your professional expertise and a cover letter addressing why you wish to become a World Heritage Advisor and how you meet the necessary requirements. For more information about the role of World Heritage Advisors and the requirements needed, please consult this [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

Image above: Angkor, Siem Reap © Miel Delphine / ICOMOS



US/ICOMOS Trustee in the News: [Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, ends Tenure as US Advisory Council on Historic Preservation \(ACHP\) Chair](#)



US/ICOMOS is very fortunate to have Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, as a distinguished member of our Board of Directors. Wayne has been a guiding light in local, state, national and international historic preservation for over four decades.

On July 22, Wayne stepped down as chairman of the ACHP, an independent federal agency that promotes the preservation, enhancement, and sustainable use of the nation's diverse resources. Wayne served in the role for 9 years, advancing preservation initiatives such as building more diversity into the ACHP membership and growing support for heritage for underserved communities; building a more inclusive preservation program nationwide; cultivating an

awareness of preservation among America's youth; and encouraging a better relationship with Native Americans and the State Historic Preservation Officers. He will be missed at the ACHP but his legacy will live on through the success of his many undertakings, including his advocacy for a full-time ACHP Chairmanship created through the 2016 National Park Service Centennial Act, which contained amendments to the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) converting the current part-time chairman to a full-time position. Thank you, Wayne, for your many years of service to historic preservation in the United States and world!

Aimee Jorjani Becomes First Full-Time ACHP Chair

Aimee Jorjani, a heritage professional with almost twenty years of experience in the field, was sworn in as the first full-time ACHP Chair on July 22nd as Wayne Donaldson stepped down. Ms. Jorjani, who worked closely with the ACHP on the "Preserve America" community development grant program earlier in her career, said "I am honored to be confirmed as the first full-time chairman of the ACHP and look forward to working with Congress, the Administration, Indian tribes, preservation partners, and state and local governments to further stewardship of historic properties while encouraging economic development and heritage tourism."



Ms. Jorjani's goals as chairman include working to ensure cultural resources are considered at the earliest stages of project planning to avoid process delays; examining ways to bring the digitization of historic property information to the 21st century in order to create more efficiencies for project planning; and seeking opportunities to better communicate among government at all levels, the non-profit community, and the private sector while utilizing many existing preservation tools. Ms. Jorjani is also interested in highlighting the growing vocational and traditional trades gap that require unique hands-on skills with historic resources. You can [learn more about Ms. Jorjani here](#) and be sure to follow the ACHP on Facebook and Instagram to learn about her activities as full-time Chair. We congratulate Ms. Jorjani on her new role and look forward to working her on U.S., tribal and international heritage initiatives.

Many Thanks to US/ICOMOS Summer Intern Debbie Haein Kim



Have you noticed dramatic changes in our social media feeds this summer? We have Debbie Haein Kim, a rising Junior at Johns Hopkins University, to thank for projects both visible and invisible to our members and followers!

Debbie, an Archaeology and Art History major, helped US/ICOMOS this summer with several development projects and many social media initiatives aimed at improving our image and visibility on Instagram and Facebook. She produced introductory images for all of our International Exchange Program participants; a series of posts celebrating the new Frank Lloyd Wright World Heritage listing; and many posts about the benefits of ICOMOS membership. Two examples of Debbie's work are pictured below. To see more, scroll through the US/ICOMOS [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) feeds.

We can't stress enough how helpful Debbie was and what a wonderful addition she is to the world of cultural heritage preservation. Thank you, Debbie, for your service to US/ICOMOS and World Heritage!



OF NOTE —



Register Now: ICOMOS Annual General Assembly and Scientific Symposium in Marrakesh, 14-18 October



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The 2019 ICOMOS Advisory Committee meetings, Scientific Symposium and Annual General Assembly will take place in Marrakesh, Morocco, from 14 to 18 October 2019, on the generous invitation of ICOMOS Morocco.

Consult the site <http://icomosmaroc.org/> for all practical information - registration, hotels, etc. Late registration is available until 4 October 2019. We look forward to seeing many US/ICOMOS members there.

If you are US/ICOMOS member and plan to attend these meetings, we would like to hear from you: [please RSVP and complete this short survey](#). Once we have a list of U.S. member attendees, we will recontact you closer to the October meeting date. Thank you!

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