



US/ICOMOS at Work

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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.

Above: Colorado River Boating, Havasu Creek, [Grand Canyon World Heritage Site](#). Credit: NPS

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

[Forward Together Symposium: Speaker Preview](#)

The Forward Together Symposium Program Committee has selected speakers from 15 countries and six continents to offer diverse perspectives on Nature-Culture approaches to heritage conservation. Here we feature just a handful of the speakers who promise to make Forward Together a compelling event for heritage professionals and enthusiasts eager to learn from the rest of the world. We hope you will join us at the Presidio in San Francisco, Nov 13-14! Look for more registration information and read about the [US/ICOMOS Soiree to Protect United States World Heritage Sites and Natural Monuments](#) below.



Plenary speaker **Tim Badman** (United Kingdom) is the Director of the [International Union for Conservation of Nature's](#) (IUCN) World Heritage Programme, and has been senior IUCN spokesperson on World Heritage since 2007. He speaks for IUCN on all matters concerning the World Heritage Convention, including IUCN's work on monitoring all listed natural sites and evaluating new proposals for World Heritage Listing, and IUCN's contribution to links in the World Heritage Convention between nature and culture. He is co-director of the joint ICCROM-IUCN programme on World Heritage Leadership, and co-manages the Connecting Practice programme of IUCN and ICOMOS. He has been involved in many World Heritage site evaluation and monitoring issues globally. Tim also speaks for IUCN on the special challenges of conserving geological sites, including those sites that protect the most exceptional fossil remains of life on Earth.

Bonnie Burnham (United States) is President Emerita of World Monuments Fund. She led its international historic preservation work from 1985, when she joined the organization as Executive Director, through her retirement in November 2015. Bonnie is an expert in the protection and preservation of cultural heritage. She has been honored as a Chevalier of the French Order of Arts and Letters and is the first recipient of its Beinecke-Reeves Distinguished Achievement Award in Historic Preservation. Bonnie is active as a heritage conservation specialist, focusing on national



and international models for financing heritage preservation. At Forward Together, Bonnie will present "A Cultural Heritage Investment Fund as a Strategy for Conserving our Cultural and Natural Legacies" in the session titled *World Heritage: Recent Developments and New Opportunities*.



Dilhan C. Fernando (Sri Lanka) is Director of the Dilmah School of Tea and Dilmah Conservation, and Chair of Biodiversity Sri Lanka. Dilhan joined his family's pioneering tea business in Sri Lanka and is committed to innovation, ethics and sustainability. He fulfills his family's ethical commitment through his role as a Trustee of the Merrill J. Fernando Foundation, one of Sri Lanka's

largest private, humanitarian organizations, established to fulfill the philosophy of making business a matter of human service. Dilhan is Director of the Dilmah School of Tea, Dilmah Conservation and currently chairs Biodiversity Sri Lanka, a pioneering environmental collaboration amongst the Ceylon Chamber of Commerce, IUCN and Dilmah Conservation. Dilhan will present "The Impact of Corporate Sector Involvement in Heritage Conservation: The Case Study of Dilmah Conservation, Sri Lanka" in the *Stewardship of biocultural landscapes in the 21st century: the Role of Traditional Knowledge and Practices* session.



Dr. Jacqueline Kariithi (Kenya) is an environmental scientist passionate about conservation, tourism and development issues. Her research interests are focused on developing strategies for reconciling livelihood patterns in protected area landscapes. Her current postdoctoral research hosted at Princeton University explores the linkages between cultural heritage, biodiversity conservation and their impact on livelihoods such as agriculture, tourism and forestry. The research objective is investigating the connectivity of livelihoods and land use practices in relation the cultural and biophysical landscape. Jacqueline will present "Landscape Approaches for Reconciling Livelihood Patterns in Protected Area Landscapes: Mount Elgon Ecosystem, Kenya & Uganda" in the *Linking resilience, sustainable heritage and*

community livelihoods session.



Gustavo Joel Requena (Belize) is the Community Outreach and Livelihoods Director, Ya'axché Conservation Trust. Gustavo is a Maya farmer, educator and conservationist with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology Education from the University of Belize. The Ya'axché Conservation Trust is a non-governmental organization working towards harmony between nature and human development for the benefit of both. His interest lies in fostering the livelihoods of indigenous communities through sustainable resource usage and protected areas access in the Maya Golden Landscape (MGL) in southern Belize. Gustavo will present "Building Resilient Communities in Belize through Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices" in the session devoted to *Harnessing traditional Knowledge to Meet the Challenge of Climate Change*.



Shuang Wu (China) is a Ph.D. student at the University of Washington, Seattle. She got her B. Engr. in Architectural Conservation from Tongji University, Shanghai and M.Sc. in Historic Preservation from the University of Pennsylvania. Her research focuses on the preservation of cultural heritage and its relationship to the environment; natural and anthropogenic drivers' impact on architectural structure, function, and pattern; and the adaptation of human society to environmental changes (e.g. climate change) in building/urban design, planning, and construction. Shuang will present "Understanding Changes of an Agricultural Landscape - Linpan in Urbanizing Rural Area of Chengdu, China" in the session devoted to *Linking Resilience, Sustainable Heritage and Community Livelihoods*.



Wesley James Furlong (United States) is a Staff Attorney with the Native American Rights Fund in Anchorage, Alaska. His practice focuses on protecting places of traditional religious and cultural significance for Native American Tribes through Section 106 consultation and the creative application and defense of the National Historic Preservation Act. Wes has also published scholarship on a wide range of federal Indian law topics, including treaty rights and salmon habitat restoration. Wes will present "Salmon, Survivance, and the Significance of Place: Recognizing Traditional Cultural Landscapes through the National Register of Historic Places" in the *Intangible Heritage as a Driver of Cultural Landscape Management and Holistic Conservation* session.



Nupur Prothi Khanna (India and Sweden) is a Physical Planner & Landscape Architect with nearly two decades of experience. She is an Expert Member, ICOMOS IFLA International Scientific Committee on Cultural Landscapes. Her diverse background in planning, design and conservation philosophy has encouraged her to seek contextual solutions to urbanisation concerns in Asia. Founder and Director of the firm Beyond Built Pvt. Ltd., Delhi, Nupur has contributed on iconic contemporary and historic projects in India. As a historic Landscape consultant she has been associated with Humayun's Tomb gardens, Pinjore gardens, and the historic sites of Sirpur, Mubarak Mandi and Fatehabad with INTACH, Sultanpur lodi and Ferozepur with Punjab Heritage & Tourism Promotion Board. Nupur will present "Temple Tanks in the

Landscape- a Culture Nature Approach in Ekamra Kshetra, Bhubhaneshwar, India" in *Taking a landscape approach to integrating nature and culture*.

These are just a very few of the many speakers that we are excited to gather in San Francisco. We encourage you to [register now](#) if you haven't yet done so. The Symposium is less than one month away! [To register, follow this link and click on "Register Today" to begin the registration process: be sure to choose "PastForward and Forward Together" or just "Forward Together."](#) Please contact us with any questions or to receive the \$50 member discount code at director@usicomos.org.

Did We Mention that We're Throwing a Party?



[*Please Join Us for the US/ICOMOS Soiree to Protect United States World Heritage Sites and National Monuments*](#)

Wrap up the Forward Together Symposium with good times and more good works! The Soiree will be

held at the historic General's Residence at Fort Mason and includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, wine, heritage music & dance, and live painting. Raffles and auctions will benefit the effort to save National Monuments and World Heritage Sites. Early bird tickets are only \$35 for US/ICOMOS members. Your support is fully tax deductible and all proceeds will go to support US/ICOMOS's work.

When: November 15, 2018, 5pm

Where: Fort Mason Center for Arts & Culture, 2 Marina Boulevard, San Francisco, CA 94123

Space is limited: please [purchase Soiree Tickets here](#).

Call For Hosts: 2019 International Exchange Program (IEP)



Since 1984, the [US/ICOMOS IEP](#) has engaged partners across the world in hands-on training of young and emerging cultural heritage professionals. We have been able to do this thanks to the the many generous organizations that have stepped forward to serve as hosts. Sponsorship of an intern

enables an organization to establish international connections and help train future professionals through preservation work experience at a modest cost to the host organization. Exchanges also build rewarding social, political, and personal relationships. We encourage your organization to participate. The [2019 Call for Hosts can be accessed here](#). **Host applications are due January 4, 2019.** Please share this notice with colleagues and organizations who might be interested in hosting a 2019 intern. Thank you!

Call for Applicants: 2019 IEP

We are seeking graduate students and young professionals specialized in historic preservation and heritage conservation to participate in the US/ICOMOS IEP during the summer of 2019. Participants will be assigned to three-month, practical working internships, under professional supervision, with a public or private nonprofit preservation organization (IEP Hosts). These positions are for interns with a bachelor's degree at minimum in a preservation or conservation-related field: architecture, conservation, landscape architecture, cultural resource management, interpretation, archaeology, industrial archaeology, history or cultural tourism.



We encourage all qualified individuals to apply. [Learn more about the IEP and the application process here](#). The 2019 application deadline for individual participants is January 11, 2019.

International Cooperation on World Heritage Nominations



In September, NPS contract historian Phyllis Ellin participated in a meeting in Geneva, Switzerland, to support transboundary World Heritage efforts. There, she spoke at a symposium on World Heritage nominations focusing on the works of architects. The symposium, which was an extension of the annual meeting of the sites that comprise the World Heritage listing for [The Architectural Work of Le Corbusier](#), included information about sites both on the World Heritage List (such as those including works by [Antoni Gaudí](#) and [Victor Horta](#)) and those, such as buildings designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, that are planning nominations. The U.S. will resubmit a

nomination for eight works by Frank Lloyd Wright next year.

— OF NOTE —



CULTURAL HERITAGE
COORDINATING
COMMITTEE

Discussion on Cultural Heritage Preservation and Foreign Policy

When: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 from 4-5:30 pm

Where: Smithsonian Institution Castle Commons, 1000 Jefferson Dr SW, Washington, DC

The U.S. Department of State, Smithsonian Institution, and member agencies of the Cultural Heritage Coordinating Committee invite the public to join them for a panel discussion led by Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Marie Royce. Current and former U.S. ambassadors to the Balkans, South Asia, and Southeast Asia will share stories of cultural heritage partnerships and projects and how they advanced U.S. foreign policy goals through heritage protection and preservation.

[RSVP by October 19th here.](#) To view via [webcast, visit this link.](#)



*Going to San Francisco? Here's Another Preservation Fundraiser
You Shouldn't Miss*

Join Preservation Action Foundation on November 14th for their Legendary Party and Live Auction in San Francisco. The annual after party and auction will take place immediately following the opening reception of the National Preservation Conference at the California Historical Society. What can top delicious foods, plentiful drinks, fantastic music, a lively auction and joining new and old friends at the California Historical Society where a unique collection of "Boomtown" San Francisco and Los Angeles photographs will be on exhibit? Conference registration is not required. [Learn more and get your tickets today!](#)

When: Wednesday, Nov. 14, from 8:00pm-10:00pm

Where: California Historical Society, 678 Mission St., San Francisco, CA 94105

Early Bird Tickets: \$75

*Conference registration not required

Unable to make it to San Francisco? Preservation Action Foundation's silent auction will be available online! www.preservationaction.org/auction

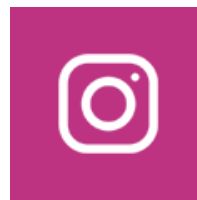


[US/ICOMOS Membership: Have You Renewed Yet?](#)

US/ICOMOS and ICOMOS International membership is on a calendar year basis, running from January 1 - December 31 each year. To get the full value out of your membership, please [renew now!](#) This will ensure that you receive your ICOMOS card in December if you join as an International or Young Professional member (for those under 30 years old). Don't let the year run out without renewing. Membership support underwrites everything that we do. If you encounter any difficulties renewing, email jspreitner@usicomos.org and our membership manager

will help you sort them out. Thank you ... and thank you very much to the many members who have already renewed for 2019!

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US/ICOMOS is a US historic preservation nonprofit whose mission includes both supporting the UNESCO World Heritage program and promoting international exchange in the cultural heritage field. You can learn more about us at usicomos.org.

