



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.

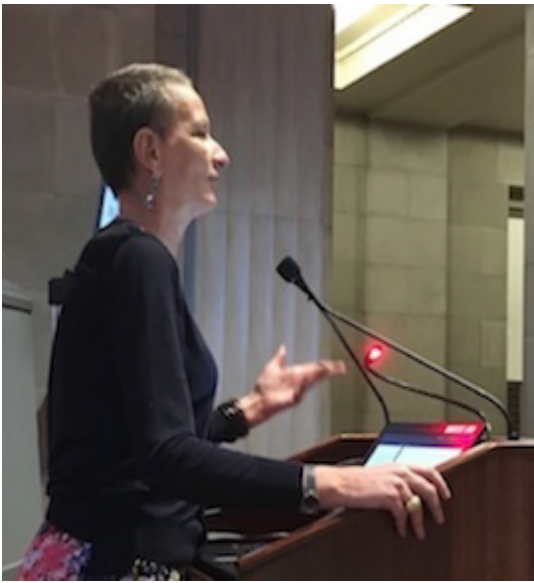
Pictured above: Leadership Forum plenary session panelists Doug Comer, Chair US/ICOMOS; Marie-Laure Lavenir, Director-General ICOMOS; Kristen Walker, International Union for the Conservation of Nature.

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Highlights of the US/ICOMOS Leadership Forum, November 29-30, 2017

National and world heritage leaders met in Washington, DC, at the Department of the Interior headquarters for US/ICOMOS's 2017 Leadership Forum and Benefit Gala. Our primary goals were to help refine the strategic path and priorities for US/ICOMOS in 2018 and beyond, and to provide a clearer picture of the US role in world heritage in this time of global transition.

With more than 120 heritage professionals attending, we participated in frank, challenging, constructive and cordial plenary and breakout sessions addressing the state of international heritage programs in the US; KnowledgeExchange thematic areas; select US/ICOMOS programs; and how to better serve our members and achieve US/ICOMOS's mission. A report of findings and next steps will be shared with the Board of Trustees in January. We will report next steps adopted by the Board soon thereafter. Photographic highlights are below.



Left: Marie-Laure Lavenir, Director-General of ICOMOS, discusses the state of ICOMOS and international heritage at the first day's plenary session.



Right: Joy Beasley, NPS Acting Associate Director, Cultural Resources, Partnerships, and Science, discusses the National Historic Preservation Act during the second day's plenary session regarding American leaders in world heritage and recommendations for directing US and US/ICOMOS efforts.



Seven panelists, including US/ICOMOS trustees Nora Mitchell, Darwina Neal and Brenda Barrett, discussed Cultural Landscapes in a KnowledgeExchange breakout session on Day 1.



Lynda Waggoner, Executive Director of Fallingwater, discussed revisions to the Frank Lloyd Wright World Heritage serial nomination. The nomination was deferred in 2016 and will be re-presented to the World Heritage Committee with significant modifications in 2018.



Left: Luis Hoyos, Cal Poly, presented in the KnowledgeExchange breakout devoted to sharing the diversity of American stories.
Right: Andrew Potts, Nixon Peabody LLP, kicks off the KnowledgeExchange breakout dedicated to heritage as a pillar of sustainable development.



Many advocates for the [Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks World Heritage site nomination](#) participated in the Leadership Forum. Pictured above are Jake Williams of World Heritage Ohio and Jennifer Aultman and Todd Kleismit of Ohio History Connection. Jennifer Aultman presented in the breakout session on achieving world heritage designation.

Glenn Eskew, Georgia State University, and John Franklin, National Museum of African American History and Culture, discussed the [US Civil Rights Sites World Heritage nomination](#). John Franklin presented in the KnowledgeExchange breakout session devoted to the diversity of American stories while Glenn Eskew discussed the Civil Rights Sites nomination in the breakout on achieving world heritage designation.





Recent graduates of historic preservation programs Michelle Prior and Jamesha Gibson attended the Forum to make connections and seek professional opportunities. Recruiting young and mid-career professionals to US/ICOMOS was a recurring theme in discussion of how to achieve our mission of fostering heritage conservation and historic preservation at the national and international levels.

Benefit Gala and Awards Ceremony

On the evening of November 30th, friends and members of US/ICOMOS gathered at the Cosmos Club in Washington, DC, to celebrate world heritage, to thank outgoing UNESCO Director-General Irina Bokova, and to grant honors and awards to newly named Fellows and prize winners.



Left: Rachel Jacobson, Vice Chair US/ICOMOS, presented Vishal Joshi with the Murtaugh-Graham Prize for outstanding student scholarship in the area of historic preservation technologies. Joshi is an emerging preservation architect who recently graduated from the Historic Preservation program at the University of Texas at Austin. He was selected as the 2017 Murtagh | Graham Prize recipient for his paper titled "Rescue, Rehabilitation and the Aftermath of the April 2015 Gorkha Earthquake on Nepalese Heritage."

Right: Santanna Cowan, graduate of the Savannah College of Art and Design, was runner-up for the Murtaugh | Graham prize for her thesis "Evaluating Special Districts as a Preservation Planning Tool."



US/ICOMOS established the Fellows honor program to recognize and honor American scholars, professionals and civic volunteers who have worked to advance international preservation standards and programs. Two new Fellows were honored this year:
Left: Jan C.K. Anderson, FAPI, past Chair of US/ICOMOS and founder of RESTORE, a not-for-profit educational corporation, left, was introduced and presented her certificate of fellowship by John Fowler, F.US/ICOMOS and Executive Director of the US Advisory Council on Historic Preservation.
Right: Patricia O'Donnell, FASLA, AICP, preservation landscape architect, urban planner and founder of Heritage Landscapes LLC was presented her certificate of fellowship by trustee Darwina Neal, FASLA, F.US/ICOMOS.



Carol Shull, F.US/ICOMOS, presented the Ann Webster Smith Award to ICOMOS President Gustavo Araoz in absentia. The Ann Webster Smith Award for International Heritage Achievement honors an American individual, group of persons or institution, in the public or private sector, for extraordinary and sustained achievement in perpetuating Ann Webster Smith's quest to make the United States a respected partner and trustworthy pillar to support the conservation of the cultural heritage in all parts of the world.

US/ICOMOS hosted a dinner in Gustavo Araoz's honor and presented him with the Ann Webster Smith Award in person at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Delhi on December 14, 2017.



Left: Irina Bokova, outgoing UNESCO Director-General and guest of honor, expressed deep appreciation for her many friends at US/ICOMOS and for all supporters of international cooperation in the United States.

Right: Doug Comer, left, and Jan Anderson, right, presented the US/ICOMOS Award for International Cultural Heritage Leadership to Director-General Bokova for her service to UNESCO, ICOMOS, and world heritage.



Attendees concluded the gala with a toast to the 20 properties and groups of properties on the US World Heritage Tentative List, updated in early 2017. US/ICOMOS made significant contributions to the updated list with the US/ICOMOS [Tentative List Expert Consultation](#) and [Gap Study Report](#) of 2016.



[Reminder: Call for Participants, Host Organizations and Sponsors: 2018 International Exchange Program](#)

US/ICOMOS announces the call for applications for participants, hosts and sponsors for the 2018 International Exchange Program (IEP). Graduate students and those new to the heritage profession (1-3 years of experience) specializing in historic preservation and heritage conservation are invited to apply. Participants will be assigned practical working internships, under professional supervision, with a public or private nonprofit preservation organization. Internships for U.S. citizens are in other countries, organized in many cases in cooperation with the local ICOMOS National Committee. Internships for non-U.S. citizens are placed throughout the United States.

US/ICOMOS is also seeking hosts and sponsors for the 2018 IEP. For more information, visit our Internship pages at <http://www.usicomos.org/internship>. The deadline for applications for participants is January 15, 2018. The deadline for applications for hosts is February 5, 2018. Should you wish to support the IEP, donations can be made at www.usicomos.org/donate: select 'Contribute directly to the International Exchange Program.

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