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US/ICOMOS at Work

February 2021 E-News



Welcome to "US/ICOMOS at Work," a monthly update on US/ICOMOS actions to preserve and promote World Heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our members and supporters. Image: Buffalo at Glacier National Park, Montana. Credit: National Park Service.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Please Join Us for our first World Heritage Webinar of 2021

	<div data-bbox="943 1346 1156 1444"></div> <p data-bbox="623 1478 1182 1545"><i>Tribally-driven Bison Restoration Comes to the Glacier/Waterton World Heritage Site</i></p> <p data-bbox="675 1577 1130 1608">Free / Contribution Optional Webinar</p>
<p data-bbox="292 1677 571 1761">February 25, 2021 12 pm to 1 pm EST</p>	<p data-bbox="829 1663 1130 1793">Participants: Helen & Sheldon Carlson Cristina Mormorunni Jeff Mow</p>

[Tribally-driven Bison Restoration Comes to the Glacier/Waterton World Heritage Site](#)

Thursday, February 25, 2020, 12 to 1 pm EST

The linnii (Bison) Initiative was launched by leaders of the four tribes that make up the Blackfoot Confederacy (Blackfeet Nation, Kainai Nation, Piikani Nation, and Siksika Nation) to conserve traditional lands, protect Blackfeet culture, and create a home for the buffalo to return to. The initiative includes, but is not limited to, the entirety of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The webinar will showcase a variety of background and perspectives on the initiative and the relationships that are in place to help the effort succeed – including members of the Blackfeet Tribe, the Wildlife Conservation Society, and Glacier National Park.

Presenters include:

Helen Carlson, Blackfeet Tribal Member, Director of Native Field Studies, Blackfeet Community College and **Sheldon Carlson**, Blackfeet Tribal Member.

Cristina Mormorunni, Director, U.S. Field Conservation & Regional Director, Rocky Mountain Program, Wildlife Conservation Society

Jeff Mow, Superintendent Glacier National Park

The webinar will conclude with a Question & Answer Session. The event is free / contribution optional.

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Update: 2021 International Exchange Program (IEP)

In a typical year, the US/ICOMOS IEP Committee would spend their February working to review applications from potential hosts and prospective interns alike. By Valentine's Day, we would have a solid list of selected interns, and reach out to our members and the public in [our annual 'Valentine's Day Appeal'](#) to raise funds to support the year's cohort. This year we're going to wait a bit before we issue that appeal - as, unfortunately, the continued



challenges of the global COVID-19 pandemic mean that 2021 will be anything but typical, at least where the IEP is concerned.

For now, the IEP Committee is carefully proceeding with the 2021 program. As Chair, I recently sent a survey to the fifteen host organizations who had signed up for 2020 to determine how best to proceed. All options are on the table - some internships might be partially or fully virtual, others may be delayed weeks or months. Regardless of the approach, we on the IEP Committee are committed to only holding the program in a way that ensures the health and safety of all participants, interns and hosts alike. And if conditions do not allow for a safe IEP, we will again consider postponing, or even canceling, the program this year.

While we're putting the Valentine's Day Appeal on hold, [we still welcome your donations](#). Whether we use the funds for an IEP intern in person or virtually, we still need your support to ensure that US/ICOMOS can move forward with connecting young and emerging professionals around the world. On behalf of the IEP Committee, I thank you for your support and consideration, and I look forward to sharing good news about the program with you soon.

- Brian Michael Lione, IEP Chair and Trustee, US/ICOMOS

[Read the Complete IEP Update Here](#)

Victoria Vanhuss Joins US/ICOMOS as Program Coordinator

We are very pleased to announce that Victoria Vanhuss has joined US/ICOMOS as Program Coordinator. In this role, Victoria will help coordinate our World Heritage Webinar series and events such as our annual International Symposium and Conference.

Victoria received her Master of Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia in 2020, where she worked with US/ICOMOS Fellow James K. Reap, J.D., on her timely



thesis "What's Your Social Status? A Strategic Guide to Social Media for Historic Preservation Nonprofits." [Read more about Victoria on our website.](#)

We are thrilled to have Victoria on board and are looking forward to working with her from her home office in Georgia.

The Role of Interns and Volunteers in our [2020 Celebration of World Heritage](#)



Celebration of World Heritage 2021 Volunteers:
Anne Comer, Pohan Su, William Humphries,
Olivia Lichens and Tennessee Mills.

Our annual Celebration of World Heritage has always been a ritual of bonding, a place to exchange ideas and experiences about World Heritage Sites and the World Heritage Program and to make connections that move all of us forward toward the goals of the World Heritage Convention. In the world suddenly and inescapably gone virtual, it was a great challenge to replicate this traditionally black-tie event online.

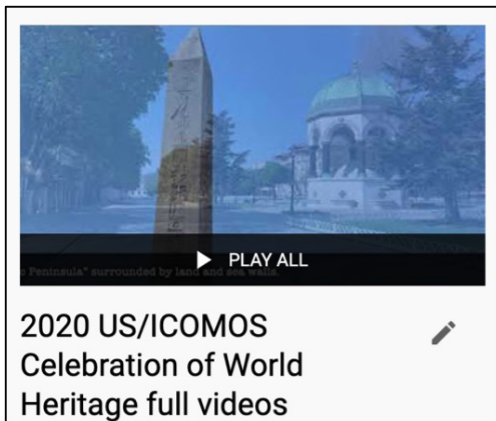
In a matter of a few months, our interns and volunteers stepped up to the task, closely coordinating their work with the Board of Trustees and administrative staff. They brainstormed an experience that combined the tangible with the digital.

We could not have organized and held the Celebration without the assistance of: Anne Comer, Pohan Su, William Humphries, Olivia Lichens and Tennessee Mills. Thank you all!

[Read more about their individual contributions here.](#)

Continue the Celebration: [World Heritage Site and National Committee Videos Available Online Now](#)

Many ICOMOS national committees and World Heritage Sites kindly submitted video greetings for use in our 2020 Celebration of World Heritage. We are very happy to make the full-length versions of these videos [available now on our Youtube channel](#)



[at this link.](#)

We will be sharing these in our social media feeds as well over the next several months in **#WorldHeritageWednesday** posts. Please follow us and look for them. The videos provide a wonderful opportunity to travel virtually and learn about sites in the U.S. and all over the world. We hope you enjoy them.

Advocacy Alerts: Carlsbad Caverns and Chaco Culture World Heritage Sites in New Mexico



Two World Heritage Sites in New Mexico are threatened by oil and mineral extraction leasing policy in the United States.

Carlsbad Caverns National Park and World Heritage Site is threatened by oil leases made during the previous administration. Better longterm protections are needed to protect World Heritage Sites such as Carlsbad Caverns and Chaco Culture National Parks from oil and mineral extraction in the Permian Basin. [Learn more about the threat to Carlsbad Caverns](#)

[here.](#)

The threat of oil and gas drilling also continues to loom over Chaco Canyon and the Chaco Culture National Historical Park, a World Heritage Site and the ancestral home to both the Pueblo & Navajo peoples. Tribal communities have fought for decades to protect the Greater Chaco Landscape and its cultural resources and safeguard the health of their families from nearby drilling.



Chaco Culture National Historical Park. Photo courtesy of Ecoflight

[Archaeology Southwest](#) released [a new video to raise awareness about the threats of oil and gas drilling in the Greater Chaco Landscape](#), calling for permanent protections for Chaco and the surrounding communities. The new administration has

the opportunity to protect Chaco and the health of New Mexico's tribal communities from oil and gas drilling. [Learn more about threats to Chaco here.](#)

Thank You to Intern Olivia Lichens



We owe a debt of gratitude to Intern Olivia "Livi" Lichens (pictured at right at the Museum of Illusions in 2019). Livi was indispensable to implementing both our Symposium and Celebration of World Heritage events in November and December of 2020 in her role as Fall Intern.

If you admired the Celebration invitation and [program](#), you were enjoying Livi's work. We appreciated her enthusiasm, skill and boundless patience in everything she assisted with. Livi is currently a Master's candidate in Art and Museum Studies at Georgetown University, with an anticipated completion date of June, 2021. We wish Livi well on her continued journey in the arts and cultural heritage!

— OF NOTE —

A Introduction to ICOMOS Jordan and the Petra National Trust



US/ICOMOS was the first of 107 national ICOMOS committees established in 1965. In the years to come, we will strengthen our ties with national committees around the world. We showcase this month ICOMOS Jordan. Platinum sponsors of the 2020 US/ICOMOS Celebration of World Heritage will be given a virtual tour of the spectacular Petra World Heritage Site in the spring. When travel again becomes possible, we will plan a special tour of Petra and other sites in Jordan. The tour will feature a visit to the Bedouin communities near Petra.

Under the leadership of HRH Dana Firas, President of ICOMOS Jordan, President of Petra National Trust, and UNESCO Goodwill Ambassador, a number of programs have been established at these Bedouin communities that extend the social and economic benefits that flow from the Petra World Heritage Site. [These exemplary programs are described on our website here.](#)

[Join or Renew for 2021 Now](#)

Have you joined or renewed US/ICOMOS for 2021? All memberships run from January 1 through December 31 annually. Your membership dues support the activities of US/ICOMOS (a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization) as well as the ICOMOS International Secretariat. If you have any questions about our membership program, please email us at Membership@usicomos.org.



For 2021 International Members, ICOMOS will provide virtual e-cards in addition to physical ICOMOS cards. To receive an e-card, please email a photo of yourself and your preferred email address to Membership@usicomos.org with the subject "Virtual ICOMOS Card." Photos should be in a JPEG or PNG format (preferred size: 200x260 pixels). You will receive an email containing access to your virtual card within a few days. Thank you!

[Learn More About Membership and Renew](#)

Results of the ICOMOS 20th General Assembly (online),

December 2020



ICOMOS held its 20th General Assembly online from 3 to 16 December 2020. Approximately 900 members registered to participate to the online sessions of the 20th General Assembly, and 65 ICOMOS National Committees were represented. [Video Recordings of the sessions](#) are available here and relevant documents are below:

- [Final communiqué](#)
- [Resolutions adopted by the 20th General Assembly](#)
- [Draft minutes of the 20th General Assembly](#)
- [Newly elected Board members \(2020-2023\)](#)
- [Amended Ethical Principles](#)

Due to the global COVID-19 pandemic, Australia ICOMOS unfortunately had to withdraw from hosting the 20th General Assembly in Sydney in October 2020. ICOMOS Australia will host the 21st General Assembly in Sydney in 2023.

Apply for the [Jeonju International Awards for Promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage \(JIAPICH\)](#)

JIAPICH invites applications from individuals, communities, and groups of Living Heritage, NGOs, and those who have made substantial contributions to promoting Intangible Cultural Heritage. The deadline for applications is March 31.

Learn more here: <https://www.jiapich.org/>



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