



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: Climate March, Washington, DC, 2017.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Climate Emergency: Many Ways to Help Mitigate the Impacts of Global Warming

In December 2020, the 20th ICOMOS General Assembly voted to declare a *Climate and Ecological Emergency* and called for urgent collective action to safeguard heritage from climate change. The declaration also recognizes the immense potential of cultural heritage to enable inclusive, transformative and just climate action. ICOMOS pledged to actively promote the theme of climate change and cultural heritage as the core topic of its Triennial Scientific Programme and to work to reduce its own carbon footprint.

Many members of US/ICOMOS participate in the [ICOMOS Climate Heritage Working Group](#) and the [Climate Heritage Network](#), a mutual support network of arts, culture and heritage organizations aiding their communities in tackling climate change. We hope that if you haven't been involved to date, 2021 will change that. Please read below about the many opportunities for heritage professionals to join in these crucial efforts.

Save the Date: US/ICOMOS International Symposium and Conference 28-29 October 2021

The US/ICOMOS 2021 Annual International Symposium and Conference will take place online 28-29 October from 1 to 5 pm EST each day. Our theme will be resilience in the face of climate change, with a particular focus on [La Fortaleza and San Juan National Historic and World Heritage Site](#) in San Juan,

Puerto Rico. Please mark your calendar now and look for information soon!

Climate Heritage Network and COP26



The [Climate Heritage Network \(CHN\)](#) met on June 6th to plan for and discuss [COP26, the next UN Climate Conference](#). A COP26 pre-meeting will be held 30 September – 2 October in Milan. COP26 will be held 1 - 12 November in Glasgow, Scotland. Each venue will present many

opportunities for involvement. CHN is coordinating projects for COP26 via working groups. Here is a brief summary of these groups and how you might get involved:

Group 1: Communicating the role of cultural heritage in climate action

Working Group One (WG1) promotes positive climate action through communicating the potential for cultural heritage to help address the global challenges of climate change. WG1 will launch an advocacy tool kit in advance of COP26. To learn more about WG1 and how you might help, contact [WG1Coordinator\[at\]climateheritage.org](mailto:WG1Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org).

Group 2: Valuing Traditional Knowledge

WG2 develops materials that make the case for valuing traditional knowledge as climate change technology and gathers examples of sustainable traditional practices that support climate action, including traditional building materials, construction, and design. For COP26, WG2 is producing a white paper titled “Valuing Traditional Knowledge in Climate Action” The group will share examples, benefits, and ways and techniques for transferring traditional knowledge to a new generation. To get involved, contact [WG2Coordinator\[at\]climateheritage.org](mailto:WG2Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org).

Group 3: Making the Case for Building Reuse as Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Pathway

WG3 works to make the case for building reuse through better metrics for avoided, operational, and embodied carbon. WG3 is creating a toolkit for COP26 to show how heritage buildings contribute to carbon reduction and will include a “To Build or Not to Build” Carbon Calculator. If you have case studies for how to communicate this message, please send them to [WG3Coordinator\[at\]climateheritage.org](mailto:WG3Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org).

Group 4: Mainstreaming Culture and Heritage into Climate Planning

WG4 works to mainstream arts, culture, and heritage into climate action plans, adaptation frameworks, and other planning instruments at the local, regional, and national levels. If you are aware of climate change policies and plans that include cultural heritage in your community, region or state, please [fill out this questionnaire](#). To participate in WG4, contact [WG4Coordinator\[at\]climateheritage.org](mailto:WG4Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org).

Group 5: Using Culture to Promote Climate Resilient Sustainable Development

WG5 will deliver a report on the role of cultural heritage in climate resilience efforts for COP26. WG5's larger goal is to include culture in UNESCO's #SDG2030 initiatives. Learn more at [#culture2030goal](#). To get involved, contact [WG5Coordinator\[at\]climateheritage.org](mailto:WG5Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org).

Group 7: Supporting Climate Action by Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples

WG7 promotes ways for cultural institutions and the arts, culture, and heritage fields to champion climate action by local communities and Indigenous Peoples. You can help by sharing your case studies and examples of how museums, libraries, heritage organizations, and other cultural institutions are supporting climate action by Indigenous Peoples and local communities. Contact

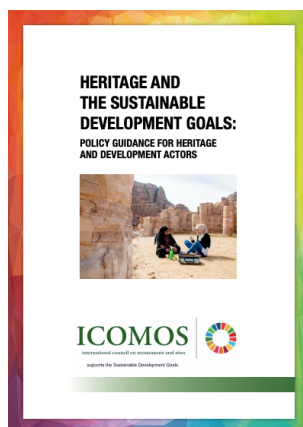


WG7Coordinator[at]climateheritage.org with your examples.

Emerging Professional Network / Youth Event at Pre-Cop26 in Milan

CHN is planning an event with the working title "Climate Heritage Futures: New Pathways to Climate Action" for the Pre-COP meeting in Milan. Sessions will be organized around the themes of Skills, Tourism and Transition. Planning is still in the early stages: now would be a great time to get involved if you're an emerging professional interested in Climate Heritage. Contact Louise.Kelly[at]hes.scot to learn more.

Policy Guidance for Heritage and Development Actors



A policy document produced by the ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Working Group was released worldwide in March. Building on doctrinal texts created by ICOMOS global membership, the document illustrates the many ways in which heritage can address the SDGs and demonstrates the potential of harnessing heritage in achieving sustainable development.

The aim of this Policy Guidance document is twofold: 1) engage development actors and raise awareness of the potential contribution of heritage practices to sustainable development processes; 2) guide ICOMOS members and heritage professionals at large, in adopting a sustainable development perspective in their heritage practices and aligning them to the SDGs.

Please put it to use in your community if you play a role in heritage policy: [The full report is available here.](#)

ICOMOS Scientific Symposium 2021: Living Heritage and Climate Change

The ICOMOS 2021 Advisory Committee has announced that its 2021 Scientific Symposium will be held online 10-12 November 2021 with the theme of "Living Heritage and Climate Change." Please mark your calendar and make plans to attend. [For more information, refer to the Call for Proposals](#) (please note: the deadline for proposal submissions has passed).

International Exchange Program 2021 Update

The US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program (IEP) Committee is pleased to announce eight internships for 2021! Due to COVID-19, the IEP Committee decided to put the program on hiatus in 2020. After careful consideration, we have determined that we can safely and effectively proceed this year with a few key changes. We will in 2021 offer our first-ever virtual internships to complement our in-person activities. We will start our in-person internships later in the year to allow for the vaccine to reach as many people as possible. And we will move our orientation session and closing symposium and ceremony online to avoid the need for in-person events in Washington, DC. We are thankful to our IEP Host organizations for their continued patience and flexibility as we worked on these alternatives. After many months working on the program, we are happy to share with you the list of hosts for this year:

In-person placements, starting August and September 2021:

- Art & History Museums, Maitland, Florida (USA)
- ICOMOS Georgia, Tbilisi (Georgia)
- Office of Historic Preservation, City of San Antonio, Texas (USA)



- San Antonio Missions National Historical Park / Mission Heritage Partners, San Antonio, Texas (USA)
- World Heritage Office, City of San Antonio, Texas (USA)

Virtual placements, starting June and August 2021:

- American Center of Research, Amman, Jordan
- ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Working Group #1 (Philippines)
- ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Working Group #2 (Scotland)

We are very busy now finalizing contracts with the selected interns and hosts for these placements. Watch out for next month's newsletter (and keep an eye on our social media) for an official welcome to the 2021 IEP Interns! And the IEP Committee is already busy making plans to return the IEP to its normal schedule in 2022.

A Thanks and Farewell from the International Exchange Program Chair, Brian Michael Lione



In this, my last communication to the members and friends of US/ICOMOS, I'd like to take the opportunity to briefly reflect on my time as Chair of the International Exchange Program (IEP) Committee. I am an alumnus of the IEP – I spent a fantastic summer in 1999 working in Petra, Jordan. I know first hand how important that opportunity was in shaping my future as a heritage professional. I learned so much that summer, not only about the amazing carved facades of Petra, but also about the importance of the proactive, collaborative involvement of people in the management of their own unique, irreplaceable resources. I made lifelong friends and colleagues that summer and more than a few favorite memories.

Two decades later, I directly credit that experience with opening doors to the opportunities I've had, including the last twelve years helping to build heritage management capacities in Iraq. I am one of over 700 IEP alumni who have participated in the program since 1984. Like hundreds of others, my IEP experience was life-changing. In fact, it was so singularly important to me that I petitioned to join the US/ICOMOS Board of Trustees in 2014 just to be more active with the IEP. Soon after my election to the board, I assumed the role of Co-Chair, then Chair of the IEP Committee. **And in seven years we have realized the exchange of over 75 emerging professionals from the US and 21 other nations.** I have met so many intelligent, thoughtful, caring, and dedicated interns and host organization staff. And just like in Petra in 1999, the IEP has again helped me to make new friends whom I know will last a lifetime. I am humbled to have had the opportunity to be so involved in the lives of so many people who are at the forefront of using heritage to change the world for the better.

I want to thank so many people for making the IEP possible – too many to list here. There are hundreds of you around the globe who donated your time, effort, expertise, and financial support to ensure that the IEP could continue to make a difference in the lives of so many. As I rotate off the US/ICOMOS Board and step down as Chair of the IEP Committee I know that the program will continue to be important to me, and I hope to help as I can. And I hope you, too, will stay involved as a member of US/ICOMOS, a board or committee member, a host, a mentor, a speaker, a [financial supporter](#), and most importantly, as a lifelong friend to all future IEP interns in this year and beyond. Thank you.

Brian Michael Lione

Former Chair, US/ICOMOS International Exchange Program Committee
US/ICOMOS IEP Alumnus, US to Jordan 1999

Image: Brian is pictured above front row center surrounded by the IEP Class of 2019.

In Case You Missed It: Past World Heritage Webinars Available [Online](#)

We realize that not everyone can attend every World Heritage Webinar. Luckily, all of our past webinars can be viewed on the US/ICOMOS Youtube channel. Click on the images below to view our last four webinars. While at [our Youtube channel](#), become a subscriber so you never miss a video post.



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**Cultural Continuity and Crossroads:
The Living Landscape of the San
Antonio Missions**

Free/Contribution Optional Webinar
Featuring World Heritage Site Leaders
and Partners

Thursday
June 17, 2021
12 – 1 pm EDT



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**Showcasing Tribal Cultural Heritage
at Grand Canyon National Park
and World Heritage Site**

Free/Contribution Optional Webinar
featuring Park and Tribal Leaders

Thursday
May 27, 2021
12 – 1 pm EDT



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**Diversifying Heritage
in the United States**

Free / Contribution Optional Webinar

Participants:
Shannon Estenoz, Dorothy FireCloud,
Sara Bronin, Autumn Saxton-Ross,
Anna Tamura

Thursday
April 22, 2021
12 pm to 1:30 pm EDT



US/ICOMOS

**Tribal Reconnection and Archaeological
Discovery: The Hopewell Ceremonial
Earthworks World Heritage Nomination**

Free / Contribution Optional Webinar

Participants:
Chief Glenna Wallace,
Burt Logan, Bret Ruby,
Brad Lepper

Thursday
March 25, 2021
3 pm to 4 pm EDT

— OF NOTE —

In Celebration of Juneteenth 2021

US/ICOMOS celebrates our newest national holiday, Juneteenth, with [a conversation between Lonnie G. Bunch III, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, and Robert G. Stanton, former NPS Director and former ACHP Expert Member \(2014-2020\)](#). Director Stanton grew up in Texas and has vivid memories of celebrating Juneteenth there.



This conversation kicked off our 2020 “World Heritage and Social Justice” Symposium and Conference. We hope you enjoy and share widely! [Watch Recorded Session](#).

Call for Papers: International Symposium on Modern Heritage of Africa

[Modern Heritage of Africa](#) launched a Call for papers for the International Symposium on the Modern Heritage of Africa, 22 – 24 September 2021, University of Cape Town, South Africa.



The 20th anniversary of the [Modern Heritage Programme](#), jointly initiated by ICOMOS, UNESCO and DOCOMOMO, in 2021 presents an opportunity to reflect on the transformative cultural experiences and global consequences of the recent past.

Click [here](#) for more information about the Call for papers. **Abstracts are due 23 July 2021.**

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Our Common Dignity
rights based approaches



Our Common Dignity Heritage Thursdays Webinars: [Attend on 24 June](#)

Our ICOMOS Our Common Dignity Rights-Based Approaches Working Group invites you to join its second Heritage Thursdays webinar on Thursday 24 June 2021, 12:00pm - 13:45pm (CET).

The webinar will explore Gender and Cultural Heritage by sharing news, events, and media from around the world and will include a roundtable of esteemed speakers who will lead discussions on the empowerment of women, architecture, art, museums and LGBTQI+ and cultural heritage. The webinar will be in Spanish, with English and French translations.

[Register for the 24 June seminar here.](#) You can also access the second Heritage Thursdays webinar via [Facebook](#).

A note from the organizers:

For the webinar on June 24th, we are looking for small interventions on various issues related to gender and human rights in relation to cultural heritage, whether they are lines of research, experiences, projects or organizations whose work focuses on this issue. We are also interested to receive any recent news on gender and cultural heritage. You can send your intervention to [ocdi.rba\[at\]gmail.com](mailto:ocdi.rba[at]gmail.com) in the following formats before June 22nd:

- A video with a maximum length of 1 minute.
- One or two slides and a short script to be read by the organization.
- A link to a piece of news related to the subject that will be shortly reviewed.

The webinar will be held in Spanish but we can provide help with translations. We are really looking forward to your participation.

Publication Alert: “Heritage Under Water at Risk: Threats, Challenges and Solutions”

Discover the newest publication of the ICOMOS International Committee on the Underwater Cultural



Heritage (ICUCH) entitled [*“Heritage Under Water at Risk: Threats, Challenges and Solutions”*](#) edited by Albert Hafner, Hakan Öñiz, Lucy Semaan and Christopher J. Underwood in November 2020.

Since its inception in 1991, the ICUCH has advocated for the better legal protection, preservation and professional standards relating to underwater cultural heritage. In *Heritage Under Water at Risk: Threats, Challenges and Solutions*, ICUCH's second contribution to ICOMOS' *Heritage at Risk* series, there are 30 articles representing 23 countries spanning Asia and the Pacific, Arab States, Europe and North America, and Latin America and the Caribbean.

[Download this publication from the ICOMOS Open Archive.](#)

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