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US/ICOMOS at Work

December 2021 E-News

It's not too late to make a year-end contribution to US/ICOMOS today



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. To make a tax-deductible year-end contribution to US/ICOMOS, [click here](#). Learn more about the potential tax benefits of contributing in 2021 below.

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Curious about the New US/ICOMOS?

Make plans now to attend the US/ICOMOS 2021 Virtual Annual Meeting to learn about the work we are doing to promote World Heritage in the United States and around the world. We will feature recent and future US/ICOMOS initiatives that support and promote Indigenous Heritage, Social Justice, Advocacy, and Emerging Heritage Professionals.

You must [register in advance for this free event](#). Members, be sure to attend the first 10 minutes of the meeting, when we will elect three new trustees and vote on changes to the US/ICOMOS bylaws. Non-members are invited to attend, but please refrain from voting. Thank you!



[Learn More and Register](#)

Emerging and Established Professionals Wanted



Emerging Professionals Network



Emerging Professionals

US/ICOMOS is creating a community of emerging like-minded professionals who care about heritage and want to grow their careers. If this describes you, we invite you to join and share your input. The EPN is a forum for young and emerging professionals to gather, learn, and network. We hope to create programs to help EPs gain exposure to salient issues in cultural preservation and advance their careers in various ways including:

- Conferences and events aimed specifically for Emerging Professionals (as an example of past US/ICOMOS events, see the recent Symposium)
- Mentorship opportunities (as a mentor or mentee)
- Volunteering opportunities within US/ICOMOS

If you are interested in connecting with other EPs, we would like to know a bit more about what interests you about the EPN: [Please fill out this survey](#), and we will be in touch about future opportunities.

Established Professionals

We are interested in building mentoring opportunities for emerging professionals to learn from professionals who have a more developed career. [If you are interested in helping young professionals, please complete this survey.](#)

Introducing Ceqyyna Moore, Monuments Toolkit Program Director

In late September, we proudly announced that [US/ICOMOS was awarded a two-year, \\$1 million grant by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the development of a Monument Relocation, Removal, and Reinterpretation Toolkit \(“Monuments Toolkit”\)](#).

Now, we are pleased to introduce you to Ceqyyna Moore, Monuments Toolkit Program Director. In this role, Ceqyyna will work with the monuments team to provide a framework for stakeholders and policy makers to use when considering how to treat monuments of oppression.

Ceqyyna has extensive government experience, having worked with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, the Historic House Trust, and the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission. At the Landmarks Preservation Commission she reviewed proposals for the Empire State Building and the Trinity Building. Ceqyyna is also an adjunct Professor at Hostos Community College, where she teaches a class that explores the intersection between health, ethnicity, and illness; and recently worked as a part of a team that reimagined Monument Avenue in Richmond, Virginia. [Ceqyyna can be reached via email here.](#)



2022 International Exchange Program (IEP) Call for Interns and Host Organizations



The US/ICOMOS IEP seeks emerging professionals and host organizations from around the world to participate in our Summer 2022 program. Please consider joining us! Deadlines are approaching in January.

INTERNS: US/ICOMOS will accept applications for interns until 7 January 2022. Emerging professionals in their last year of graduate school or first three years of professional work are invited to apply. To apply, visit <https://usicomos.org/internship/apply/>.

HOST ORGANIZATIONS: Host organizations in the cultural heritage sector provide invaluable international experiences for young, highly qualified professionals. The host application deadline is 21 January 2022. Please read the [Call for Hosts](#) here for detailed information and application instructions.

We hope to be fully "in person" in 2022 but will also consider remote internships, several of which were successfully undertaken in 2021. Pictured above at her desk is 2021 IEP Ameneh from Tehran, Iran, who participated in a remote internship with the ICOMOS Sustainable Development Goals Working Group.

— OF NOTE —

2021 Year-End Planning: Tax Benefits from Charitable Gifts

Your philanthropy can save you money in taxes, especially this year. Here are some time-sensitive giving opportunities that you may want to consider in your year-end plans.

Special Tax Savings for Cash Gifts are Set to Expire. In 2021, cash gifts made to qualified charities can be used to offset up to 100% of your adjusted gross income. In 2022, the deductibility of cash gifts will be limited to only 60% of your adjusted gross income. That means you can save more in taxes if you make a cash gift to US/ICOMOS before December 31, 2021.

IRA Required Minimum Distributions are Back. After being waived for 2020, required minimum withdrawals (or RMDs) from your IRA are again in force for 2021 for individuals age 72 and older. If you wish to support US/ICOMOS with this RMD income, you can donate it as a qualified charitable distribution. This way, your IRA will not generate taxable income for 2021.

Timing Your Gifts. If you mail a check, it must be dated and postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service on or before December 31, 2021, to qualify for a tax deduction this year. Our mailing address is: US/ICOMOS, 1701 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 200, Washington, DC 20006. If you use a credit card, the gift is considered to be made on the date of the charge, regardless of when you pay your credit card bill.

Questions? Please email US/ICOMOS Trustee Peyton Hall, at (213) 445-5557, or [email him here](#).

Advocacy Success: Chaco Culture National Historical Park and World Heritage Site (NHP/WHS)

We are very pleased to announce that the current administration has undertaken steps to better protect Chaco Culture NHP/WPS and its surrounding landscape. US/ICOMOS has advocated for this for the past several years in partnership with Pueblos, Tribes, concerned citizens and many other heritage organizations. [Learn more about the historic and sacred Chaco landscape and the threats to it in our 2020 World Heritage Webinar devoted to the topic.](#)



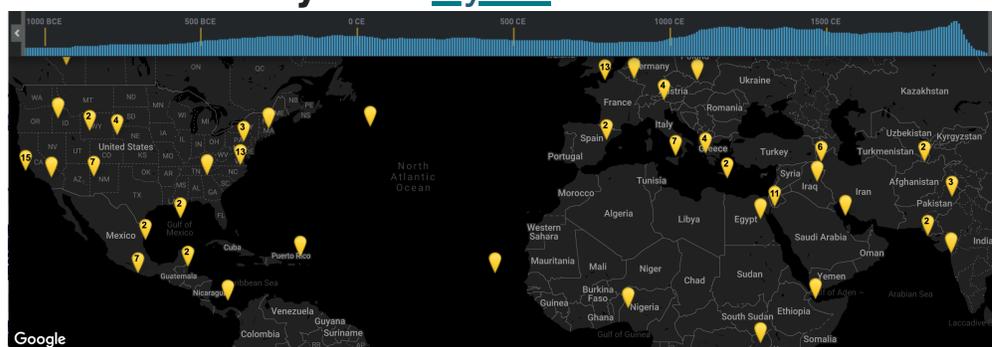
Chaco Culture National Historical Park. Photo courtesy of Ecoflight

"Chaco Canyon is a sacred place that holds deep meaning for the Indigenous peoples whose ancestors lived, worked, and thrived in that high desert community," said Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland. "Now is the time to consider more enduring protections for the living landscape that is Chaco, so that we can pass on this rich cultural legacy to future generations. I value and appreciate the many Tribal leaders, elected officials, and stakeholders who have persisted in their work to conserve this special area."

Secretary Haaland announced that the administration will initiate consideration of a 20-year withdrawal of federal lands within a 10-mile radius around Chaco Culture NHP/WHS, which would bar new federal oil and gas leasing on those lands. Secretary Haaland also directed the Interior Department to undertake a broader assessment of the Greater Chaco cultural landscape to ensure that public land management better reflects the sacred sites, stories, and cultural resources in the region. Beginning in early 2022, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) will co-lead discussions with Tribes, communities, elected officials, and interested parties to explore ways the Interior Department can manage existing energy development, honor sensitive areas important to Tribes, and build collaborative management frameworks toward a sustainable economic future for the region.

[Read Secretary Haaland's press release here.](#)

Travel Virtually with [CyArk](#)



Almost two years into the global Covid 19 pandemic, World Heritage lovers miss the excitement and discovery of travel. Luckily, there are many resources online that educate and provide rich content about some of the places we wish to see someday in person. One of these resources is the [CyArk website](#). Cyark, a longtime institutional member of US/ICOMOS, is a non profit founded in 2003 to digitally record, archive and share the world's most significant cultural heritage. [Visit Cyark's website to learn about and experience diverse sites across the globe](#): a map of site locations is above. Most featured sites include an exhibit, a 3D tour, and an "In Depth" section to learn more. Enjoy!

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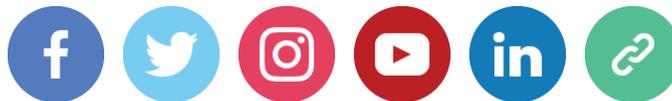
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- Support our many programs

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