



US/ICOMOS at Work

June 2022 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: The World Heritage Convention was adopted 50 years ago this year. [Learn more about ICOMOS events commemorating the Convention's 50th anniversary here.](#)

— LATEST NEWS & EVENTS —

Last chance to [Register](#): Monuments Toolkit Inaugural Webinar, 24 June

**WEBINAR
DETAILS**

When: Jun 24, 2022 11:00 AM Eastern
Time (US and Canada).

Topic: Monuments Toolkit:
Controversial Monuments in Spaces
of Regional Conflict.

Register in advance for this webinar:
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EDT**

**CONTROVERSIAL
MONUMENTS IN
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Our first Monuments Toolkit webinar will be moderated by William Humphrey, Program Associate for Publications, Research and Administration, and feature two guest speakers who will present their perspectives on complex sites and narratives in their communities. In the Czech Republic, the Konev Monument is surrounded by conflicting histories between Russia and Czechia during World War II. In Taiwan, the troubled history of the Chiang Kai-shek monuments erected throughout the nation are contested in the wake of its democratic transition.

William will share his own insight and lead the discussion on navigating oppressive monuments in contemporary communities. Our guest speakers are Dr. Petra Švardová, postdoctoral fellow of the Institute of Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Sciences; and Kevin Fan Hsu, lecturer at Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school).

[Register Here](#)

Our Heartfelt Thanks and Best Wishes to Nicole Ursin



Staff member Nicole Ursin said her goodbyes to US/ICOMOS on Friday, June 10.

We can't thank Nicole enough for her many contributions to US/ICOMOS over the past 3 years. Nicole started as part-time Membership coordinator in October 2019; quickly took on much of the organization's administration when the Covid epidemic hit in March 2020; was instrumental to US/ICOMOS fundraising efforts and spearheaded our successful application for the million-dollar Mellon grant to underwrite the Monuments Toolkit Project; and, finally, worked as a Program Assistant and Grant Manager for that program. Did we mention that Nicole did all of this while also a full-time student in the University of Maryland's Dual Master's Program in Applied Anthropology and Historic Preservation?

Nicole has completed her dual degree, wrapped up her US/ICOMOS work, and is on her way to Columbus, Ohio, for the next phase of her career. If Nicole is the future of historic preservation, we are very, very lucky. We wish Nicole all success in work and life and are excited to see what her future holds.

Monuments Toolkit Project: Protests, Social Justice, and Monuments



Gilbert C. Correa, Program Assistant

2020 brought issues related to social justice into focus. As the COVID-19 pandemic raged on, the world heritage community had to contend with the destruction of problematic monuments during the civil unrest that occurred after the tragic murder of George Floyd in the spring of 2020. Statues, sculptures, obelisks, and other immovable monuments were toppled, vandalized, marred, and removed from both public and private spaces throughout the United States and the globe. This blogpost shares the tremendous impact social justice protests (spring 2020 to spring 2022) have had on monuments in the United States.

[Continue reading here...](#)

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Your Perspective Needed by the Monuments Toolkit Program

Our Monuments Toolkit team invites you to share your opinions on monuments and your insights on advocacy training materials.

[Please click here to take the survey](#)



21 July World Heritage Webinar! [Register Now](#)



Our next World Heritage Webinar "[White Sands National Park: History and Habitat](#)" will take place online 21 July at 12 pm EDT / 10 am MDT. Please join us to learn about this U.S. World Heritage Tentative List site located in New Mexico. Speakers will discuss the unique habitat of the park and its archaeological evidence of human occupation 23,000 years ago. [Learn more and register here.](#)

In case you missed it, our May World Heritage Webinar about Cahokia Mounds World Heritage Site's past, present and future was a very informative one! [View it online here.](#) Our recent *World Heritage at Risk* webinar is also available online: [see "Transnistria Between War and Peace" here.](#)

Celebrate the World Heritage Convention's 50th Anniversary

With over 1100 sites inscribed to date in more than 150 countries, the success of the World Heritage List goes far beyond the initial ambition of its founders. Beyond the sites inscribed, the Convention has proven to be an extraordinarily powerful tool to serve the cause of heritage and strengthen its protection.



As the main international organization dedicated to the conservation of cultural heritage, ICOMOS was designated from the outset as an advisory organization to the World Heritage Committee. In this dual capacity, ICOMOS has put the experience, skills and commitment of our Committees and members around the world at the service of the World Heritage Convention for 50 years.

ICOMOS encourages its Committees and Working Groups to share any events planned in honor of this anniversary: please send all relevant information to [calendrier\[at\]icomos.org](mailto:calendrier[at]icomos.org)

[See the growing list of celebrations and events here.](#)

2022 International Exchange Program (IEP) Begins



Our nine IEP interns have begun their international internships. On June 15th, staff, trustees and IEP committee

members joined the interns for an IEP Orientation via Zoom conference before the interns headed off to their various summer destinations. During the orientation, we got to know the interns via short self-presentations, then staff and trustees introduced the history of the program, preservation in the United States, and internship requirements and expectations. One requirement is sharing photos of their internship activities and host locations, which is always a high point in our social media calendar. Be sure to follow along on Facebook and Twitter. Our accounts are linked at the bottom of this email if you still need to subscribe!

— OF NOTE —

What is Needed to Create a Culture Goal for Sustainable Development?



The [ICOMOS International Working Group on Sustainable Development Goals](#) is conducting a [survey](#) on how to create concrete and bold steps to put culture at the core of decision-making regarding sustainable development.

The campaign is also searching for ideas on how a stand-alone goal on culture can be created.

Please contribute to this effort by [completing this survey by 21 June 2022](#).

ICOMOS 2022 Scientific Symposium: [Call for Abstracts](#)

The ICOMOS Advisory Committee will organize its Scientific Symposium in Udon Thani, Thailand on 29 and 30 October 2022 on the theme **"Religious Heritage: Celebrating and conserving places of religious and ritual significance in a global world and in changing climates"**.

Religious heritage is a living heritage which greatly impacts the way people go about their daily life. Climate change and its effects – such as changing temperatures and seasonal climate patterns, floods, droughts, extreme precipitation events, unseasonal rain, snow and wind, melting glaciers – are having an impact on the conservation, protection and management of religious heritage – places of religion and ritual. Existing conservation and management plans, especially long term planning, needs to be revised. The recognition and response to these issues vary widely based on the traditions and customs of religious and/or ethnic groups.



Abstracts are due 30 June 2022. [Guidance for abstract submission is available here.](#)

National Trust for Historic Preservation Webinar: Summer Federal Advocacy Update, 28 June, 3 pm EDT

Join the National Trust's Government Relations team and historic preservation colleagues on June 28 for an advocacy update ahead of the fall election season. Learn what you can do now to advance federal preservation policies as the summer offers unique opportunities to engage your members of Congress.

Forum Webinars are currently free, and open to the public. [Register today.](#)



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Change Over Time: Call for Abstracts

The journal *Change Over Time: An International Journal of Conservation and the Built Environment*, published by the University of Pennsylvania Press, invites submissions for:

CIVIL RIGHTS WORK AS A GLOBAL STRATEGY OF RESISTANCE AND RESILIENCE?

Guest Editor: Dr. Kwesi Daniels

Abstracts of 200-300 words are due 2 September 2022. Authors will be notified of provisional paper acceptance by mid-October 2022. Final manuscript submissions will be due early April 2023. [Visit Change Over Time for details.](#)

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