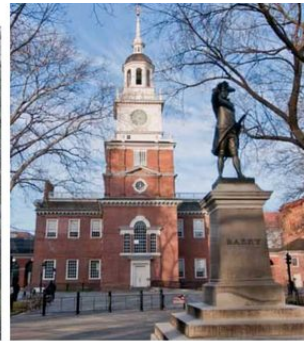


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# WORLD HERITAGE USA

U.S. National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites

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*Welcome to the World Heritage USA Newsletter, a monthly update on our actions to preserve and promote World Heritage and international knowledge exchange on preservation topics. We share these brief communications monthly with our supporters.*

## Heritage Changes: Celebrate World Heritage Day Tomorrow 18 April

The International Day for Monuments and Sites (aka "World Heritage Day") is tomorrow! Commemorate the day by visiting a World Heritage, tentative list, or other historic site. You can also join us for a webinar tomorrow or next week. Find details about our webinars below.



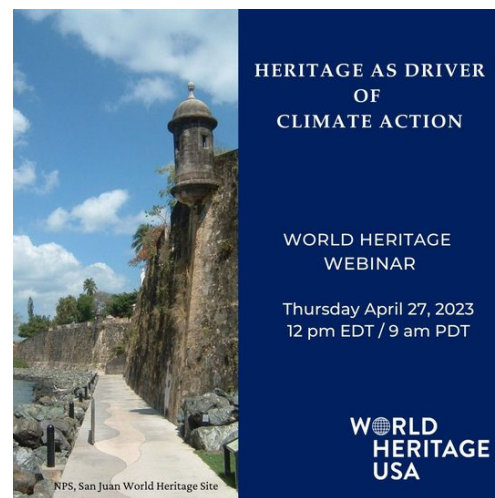


## Monuments Toolkit Webinar April 18th!

Learn about new ways to recontextualize monuments of oppression in public spaces around the world. Tune in to the [Monuments Toolkit Facebook live stream](#) tomorrow, 18 April, at 3 pm ET for a free webinar in collaboration with The Alliance for the Restoration of Cultural Heritage (ARCH International), and the staff of Memento Park in Budapest, Hungary.

## “Heritage as Driver of Climate Action” Webinar

The IDMS theme of “Heritage Changes,” is dedicated to showcasing heritage practices that contribute to climate resilience. Join us 27 April to learn how the preservation of indigenous knowledge safeguards cultural landscapes, and how the preservation of historic sites increasingly requires the implementation of climate mitigation strategies. [Register here.](#)



## Trustee Monica Rhodes Becomes ACHP Expert Member

On April 14, Chair Sara C. Bronin swore preservationist and World Heritage USA trustee Monica Rhodes in as an Expert Member to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). President Joe Biden also appointed Carmen A. Jordan-Cox as a General Public Member and Birmingham, AL, Randall L. Woodfin as a Mayor Member. [Read more.](#)

## New ICOMOS Officers

A by-election held 10-11 April 2023 resulted in the followings new ICOMOS Advisory Committee officers:

- Kerime Denis (Australia ICOMOS): new National Committee Officer
- Nancy Pollock-Ellwand (U.S. National Committee) new Scientific Council Officer

We congratulate both officers who will serve through 2024.



## The Monuments Toolkit Project

Our Monuments Toolkit staff are busy planning events in July for Monuments Summer 2023, putting the final touches on a Monuments Toolkit app, and hiring interns to assist with summer research in the United States and abroad.

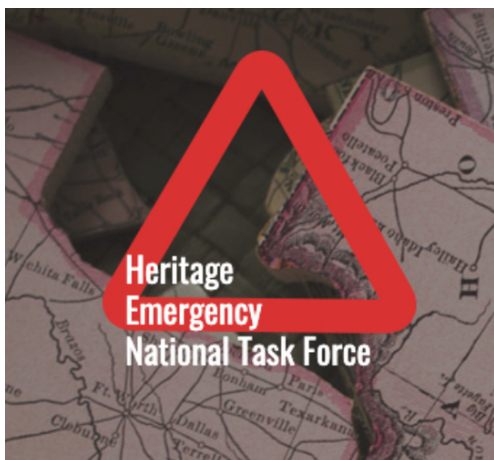
In addition to attending the Monuments Toolkit webinar tomorrow on Facebook Live, we encourage you to listen to the March podcast "Women in Public Art" and read the latest blog post "Controversial Monuments Around the World."

## Tentative List Update: U.S. Civil Rights Sites

[Georgia State University World Heritage Initiative](#) leaders recently organized and hosted the U.S. Civil Rights Movement Sites 2023 Symposium. [Robert G. Stanton \(right\) presented "Preserving Sites of Our Heritage: A Noble Journey toward Gratitude, Justice and Dignity for All."](#) Attendees discussed the 13 sites recommended by the Georgia State team for World Heritage designation. The final decision about which sites to include will be made by the Interagency Panel on World Heritage. [Click here to request a link to the recording of Bob's presentation.](#)







## Heritage Emergency National Task Force

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Smithsonian Institution co-sponsor the Heritage Emergency National Task Force (HENTF). If your cultural institution or arts organization was impacted by the recent severe storms in California or Arkansas, you can call (202) 661-8068 for assistance. [More information about HENTF and its programs is available here.](#)

## Are You a Member?

It's not too late to rejoin (or join) for 2023! International members receive ICOMOS membership and privileges, including the ICOMOS card providing free or discounted admission to heritage sites and museums around the world. Your membership also supports our programs, international heritage exchange, and advocacy efforts. [Please join us!](#)



## New Routledge book series: "Restorative Justice in Heritage and Archaeology"

Restorative justice in heritage and archaeology embraces initiatives for reconciliation of past societal transgressions using processes that are multivocal, dialogic, historically informed, community based, negotiated, and transformative. This series will present works that promote the active and often unconventional ways that archaeologists, historians, and heritage scholars are contributing to a process of remaking. [Learn more.](#)

## Release of the Global Research and Action Agenda on Culture, Heritage and Climate Change

The "Global Research and Action Agenda on Culture, Heritage and Climate Change," a scientific outcome from a collaboration between ICOMOS, UNESCO and the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has been released in both English and French. Its goal is to strengthen synergies between culture, heritage and climate change science. [Download the Agenda and other meeting documents here.](#)

## ICOMOS GA2023 in Sydney, Australia: Early Bird Registration Open

The ICOMOS 21st General Assembly and Scientific Symposium will take place Thursday 31 August through Saturday 9 September 2023. ICOMOS Australia promises the best of what Sydney has to offer! Early bird registration closes May 31. Register now!

## Call for Abstracts: Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage

*Change Over Time* invites insights from scholarship, professional practice, advocacy, and lived experience to stimulate a more robust public conversation about the future of conserving AAPI heritage in the built environment. The deadline for abstract submission is 31 May 2023. Learn more.

*World Heritage USA is a U.S. historic preservation nonprofit whose mission includes both supporting the UNESCO World Heritage program and promoting international exchange in the cultural heritage field. You can learn more about us at [WorldHeritageUSA.org](https://www.worldheritageusa.org).*

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