

# WORLD HERITAGE USA

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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.*

## How Will You Celebrate Historic Preservation Month?

May is a month for commemorating our accomplishments and looking to the future. The [International Exchange Program](#) promotes the future of preservation and is more urgent (and expensive!) than ever. This May, [please help underwrite an intern's journey to the U.S. for the group orientation and then on to their internship destination](#). Thank you!

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## ICOMOS GA2023 in Sydney, Australia: Please Attend

It's important for the United States to have a good showing at this year's General Assembly (31 Aug - 9 September). Your presence will help determine the future of ICOMOS. [Early Bird discount registration closes on 31 May 2023](#). Review the full program and

register now at the [General Assembly 2023 website](#).

## Save the Date! 1-4 November

Make plans now to join us in San Antonio, Texas, for our 2023 Annual Symposium and Conference and Celebration of World Heritage. We're planning an informative and celebratory visit to this vibrant city. San Antonio displays how effective World Heritage can be as a means of advancing economic development, community building, historic preservation, and tourism. [Keep in touch for more information](#).



## Webinar: Nationalism and Monuments of Oppression

Join the Monuments Toolkit team on May 30th to hear from two professors: Dr. Shu-mei Huang, covering the national and political contention around Chiang Kai-shek statues in Taiwan; and Dr. Emily Mark-Fitzgerald, analyzing Ireland's unique cases of monument rejection and destruction. Free but please [register in advance](#).

## The Monuments Toolkit Project

The Monuments Toolkit team has recently published a blog post, “A Monument to the Departed and Detained,” and hired six interns to research and write case studies about contested monuments across the United States and in Ireland and Japan. The interns start their work in late May and early June.

Register to attend the Monuments Toolkit webinar “Nationalism and Monuments of Oppression” on May 30th; listen to the latest podcast “Reimagining Monuments and Urban Spaces: A Vision for More Inclusive City Planning;” and look for more information soon about the launch of the Monuments Toolkit App and Monuments Summer 2023 events.



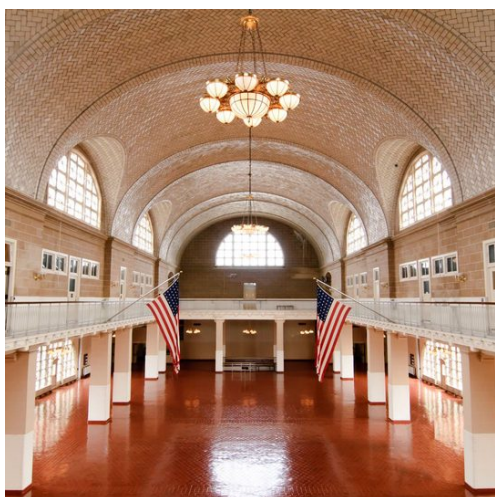
## May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Month

The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) launched an initiative in 2021 to maintain and preserve urban Chinatown neighborhoods across the United States.

[Read about this important undertaking here](#) and make plans this month to support a local business in a Chinatown near you.

## Young Professionals World Heritage Forum

We encourage Emerging Professionals to [apply by 4 June](#) to participate in "Looking Ahead: The Next 50 Years of Protecting Natural and Cultural Heritage" from 3 to 12 September 2023 in Saudi Arabia. The aim of the Forum is to deepen the knowledge and skills of young professionals in protecting, preserving, and promoting natural and cultural heritage for the next 50 years, and beyond. [Learn more here.](#)



## Tentative List Update: Ellis Island

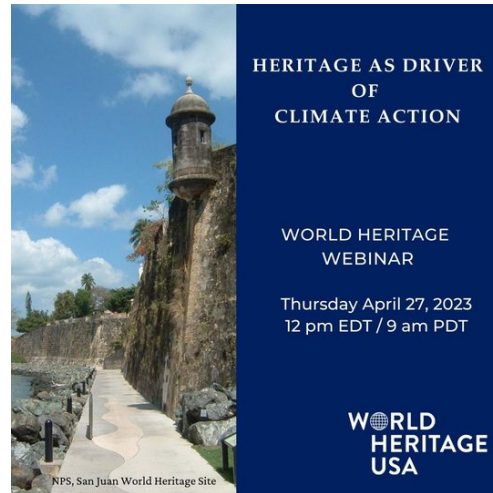
The National Park Service (NPS) [awarded a \\$17.7 million construction contract](#) to rehabilitate the Main Immigration Building at Ellis Island, part of Statue of Liberty National Monument. Funded by the Great American Outdoors Act, the project will preserve the historic structure and enhance the visitor experience throughout the building.



## In Case You Missed It: April 2023 World Heritage Webinar

Our April World Heritage Webinar, organized in celebration of World Heritage Day 2023 [is available here](#).

If you appreciate video content, our Youtube channel features all of our webinars along with recent Celebration and Symposium sessions, arranged by topic and title. [Visit now!](#)



### International Seminar on Heritage Interpretation and Presentation for Future Generations

Register now for “Understanding Wartime Narratives in the Digital Age” via ZOOM on 15 June. This international seminar will address the growing challenges to understanding narratives of war at heritage sites. See the full program and register here.

### Mammoth Cave World Heritage Site Debuts “Mammoth”

Cellist Yo-Yo Ma recently performed at Mammoth Cave National Park and World Heritage Site with the Louisville Orchestra. Musical Director Teddy Abrams wrote “Mammoth” for the park’s Artist in Residence program and directed its debut deep within the cave on 29 April. Visit Mammoth Cave on Facebook to see and learn more.

### Abstract Deadline Extended to May 31: *Change Over Time* Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Issue

*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. Learn more.

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