

# 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.*

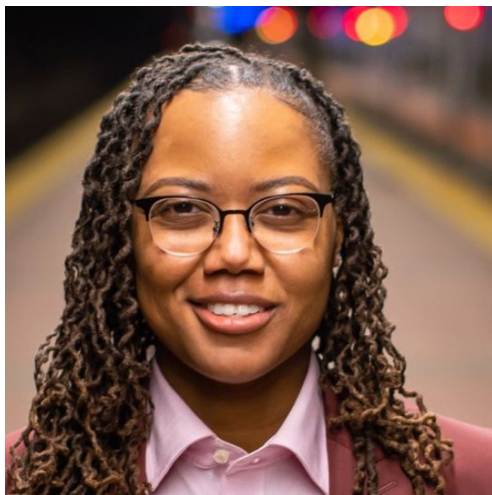


## International Exchange Program (IEP) 2023 Begins!

Nine interns are headed to Washington, DC, this week for the IEP 2023 Orientation. Their stay will feature meetings with preservation officials, tours of museums and monuments, and time to get to know each other. They will also learn about the U.S. system of historic preservation before they head to their internships around the world. [Get to know the interns here.](#)

## World Heritage USA Advocacy

On May 31, 2023, World Heritage USA submitted testimony to the U.S. Senate Committee on Appropriations in support of funding U.S. dues for the World Heritage Committee. We specifically and urgently request the Department of State to use its FY 23 appropriation to pay this year's World Heritage Committee dues, and to use its FY 24 appropriation to pay both annual dues and any arrearages that have accrued since the U.S. last paid dues in 2011. [Learn more.](#)



## Support Monica Rhodes for ICOMOS Trustee

Please encourage friends and colleagues in other national committees to vote for Ms. Monica Rhodes for ICOMOS Trustee. We are proud to have Monica as a member of our Board of Trustees, where she is helping to move us vigorously forward in many arenas including indigenous heritage; climate change; achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals; and promoting diversity in cultural heritage. [Read more.](#)

## Seeking U.S. Members for the Indigenous Heritage Working Group

The [Indigenous Heritage Working Group \(IHWG\)](#) is an ICOMOS international platform for indigenous heritage leaders together with non-indigenous practitioners to identify and develop knowledge, understanding and conservation of indigenous cultural heritage. If you are interested in joining, please forward your C.V. and statement of interest via [email to Trustee Charles Musiba, Ph.D.](#)



The Monuments Toolkit team has hired 9 graduate students to research and write case studies about controversial monuments and their local communities this summer. They're working in 4 states (NY, MS, VA (2), and IL) and 4 countries (Georgia, Ireland, Italy, and Japan) for 10 weeks this summer. We're looking forward to hearing more about their work over that time. Please follow the Monument Relocation, Removal, and Reinterpretation Toolkit on social media.

Listen to the latest Monuments Toolkit Podcast now: "Sculpted Stories: Philadelphia's Public Art and Monument History" We thank Preservation Alliance for Greater Philadelphia and Philadelphia Contemporary for a productive and thoughtful conversation.

Save the Dates! Monuments Summer events will take place in Charleston, SC, on 21 July and in San Diego, CA, on 18 August. Detailed information about speakers and registration information will be emailed later this week.



**Chaco Landscape  
Gains Temporary Protection**

## **Chaco Culture World Heritage Site Update**

On June 2, 2023, Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland announced a 20-year withdrawal of Bureau of Land Management (BLM) lands within a 10-mile radius of Chaco Culture National Historical Park and World Heritage Site from oil, gas and mineral extraction leasing. While a positive development, we advocate for permanent protection of this invaluable World Heritage Site and its surroundings. [Read more.](#)

## **Daniel has Arrived and Arianna is Back**

We're pleased to introduce Daniel Richard Startt to the World Heritage USA family and to welcome his mother Arianna Startt Zakrzewski, our Administrative Manager, back to work. Daniel was born on April 12 weighing in at 8 lbs. 12 oz. Arianna returned to work June 5 and verified that Danny enjoys spending time with her in her home office. We're so happy to have Arianna back and to celebrate Daniel's arrival!







## Help Fund Fernanda's Travel to Sydney

Last summer Fernanda Maes of Brazil worked with the City of San Antonio World Heritage Office on a project assessing opportunities for San Antonio's roadside motels with the World Heritage area. She now has the opportunity to present her work in Sydney at the 21st General Assembly. [Please help fund Fernanda's travel and that of the 2023 IEP interns.](#)

### ICOMOS 2022 Annual Report

ICOMOS has published its 2022 Annual Report. 2022 saw a focus on capacity building in Africa, a growing number of Emerging Professional members, and renewed financial health for the organization.

### Attend ICOMOS GA2023 and World Heritage Committee Session 45

Take a round-the-world trip to attend both GA2023 from 31 August – 9 September in Sydney, Australia, and the World Heritage Committee in Riyadh, the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia from 10 - 25 September. Review the full program and register now for GA2023 [here](#). Learn more about WHC45 [here](#).

Do you have upcoming publications or events you would like us to share? Please email them to us at the time of publication or least two months before the event and we'll do our best to share them.

*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://WorldHeritageUSA.org).*

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