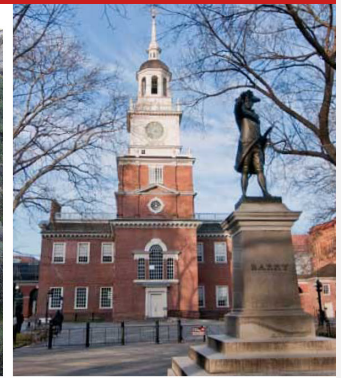


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## SEEKING FREEDOM IN MEXICO: THE STORY OF NACIMIENTO



### WORLD HERITAGE WEBINAR

Monday September 25, 2023  
1 pm ET

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Register at  
[worldheritageusa.org](https://worldheritageusa.org/webinars)  
/webinars

## September is Underground Railroad Month

We're celebrating with a webinar featuring the research of emerging professional Emilia Sánchez González on the legacy of the Underground Railroad in Nacimiento de los Negros Mascogos, Mexico, a community founded by freedom-seekers who escaped along the Underground Railroad's lesser known route to Mexico.

[Register to join us online Monday 25 September at 1 pm ET.](#)

## Symposium 2023:

### Register Now!

Join World Heritage USA and partners in San Antonio, Texas, 1-3 November 2023, as we explore and celebrate the cultural identities that make up our shared heritage. [Find the preliminary agenda, hotel recommendations and registration information here](#). Members receive a discounted rate!



## Monica Rhodes Elected to ICOMOS Board

We are proud to announce that trustee Monica Rhodes has been elected to serve as a member of the ICOMOS Board of Directors from 2023-2026. We're thrilled that Monica will bring her dynamism to advance programs that matter to heritage professionals and supporters around the world and to further the mission of ICOMOS. [Read about Monica and her platform](#).

## ICOMOS General Assembly in Images

The ICOMOS 21st General Assembly just ended in Sydney. The U.S. was represented by a large delegation of board members, International Scientific Committee leaders and members, emerging professionals, and other heritage professionals. Several shared photos from their time in Australia presenting, learning about Sydney and the the country, planning for the future, and meeting with other professionals from around the world. [See some photos here](#).

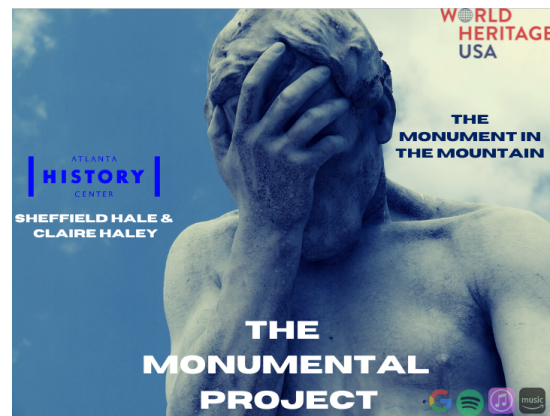


# The Monuments Toolkit Project

In addition to Cequyna Moore's two presentations about the Monuments Toolkit at the ICOMOS General Assembly in Sydney, the Monuments Toolkit team recently released a new episode of The Monumental Project Podcast about Stone Mountain, Georgia: read more below. We're also planning a webinar entitled "The Conservation of Oppressive Monuments" in collaboration with ICOMOS Brazil. Save the date for Friday, 20 October at 3 pm E.T. Registration information will be shared soon.

## Monuments Toolkit Podcast: The Monument in the Mountain

Many scholars, historians, and political organizations have advocated for change at Stone Mountain, Georgia. However, changing Stone Mountain and its accompanying engraving is not an easy task. To speak to this, host and producer Miles Ezeilo sat down with Sheffield Hale and Claire Bailey from the Atlanta History Center. [Listen here](#) or on your preferred podcast app.



## Thank You to our 2023 IEP Interns and Hosts

Our 2023 International Exchange Program (IEP) interns concluded their summer work with online presentations on 7 September. We will share their presentations on [our Youtube channel](#) soon. Meanwhile, hosts and interns, please accept our heartfelt congratulations for your generosity and hard work. These experiences are truly priceless and we're very proud of the impact the IEP has in international heritage conservation. [Support the IEP program.](#)





## National Heritage Responders Assistance for Hawaii Collections

As residents and cultural institutions begin to turn their attention to recovering cherished items and spaces, help is standing by. The American Institute for Conservation National Heritage Responders are available 24/7 by phone at 202.661.8068 to provide support to institutions whose collections have been impacted by the fires.

For questions about your personal items, email [NHRpublichelpline\[at\]culturalheritage.org](mailto:NHRpublichelpline[at]culturalheritage.org).

The National Heritage Responders have a public helpline email address, [NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org](mailto:NHRpublichelpline@culturalheritage.org), for anyone seeking advice on damaged items within their homes and in their communities.

We also wish to remind collections care professionals that the National Heritage Responders are available 24/7 by phone at 202.661.8068 to provide support to institutions whose collections have been impacted by disasters.



## LAST CHANCE FOR 2023

If you still wish to join for 2023, make sure to join or renew by 30 September

2024 Membership renewal begins 1 October

## Last Chance to Join ICOMOS for 2023

ICOMOS 2023 memberships are available through 30 September. If you would like free access to museums and sites worldwide or to participate in ICOMOS programs through the end of the year, now is the time to renew or join. We can send an ecard quickly if you [request one and send us a headshot via email](#). We appreciate your support! [Join ICOMOS now](#). After 1 October, 2024 memberships will be available.

## National Preservation Law Conference

Join your colleagues online or in Washington, D.C. Tuesday, October 10 for a highly focused look into preservation law, highlighting the most recent and influential developments. [Register now](#).

## Association for Preservation Technology (APT) 2023 Conference

Register now to attend the 2023 APT Annual Conference in Seattle, WA, 9-14 October. This year's theme is "The Future of Tech." [Learn more and register](#).

## Getty Graduate Internships: Deadline 1 November



Apply now for graduate Internships in the four programs of the J. Paul Getty Trust—the Getty Museum, the Getty Conservation Institute, the Getty Research Institute, and the Getty Foundation—and in Getty Publications and Getty Digital. [Information about applying can be found here.](#)

### **ICOMOS Our Common Dignity / Rights-Based Approaches Working Group: History and Milestones Publication**

In celebration of more than 10 years of contribution to the promotion of Rights-Based Approaches and to building awareness of rights issues in World Heritage and heritage management, the ICOMOS Our Common Dignity - Rights Based Approaches (OCD-RBA) Working Group has assembled an e-publication with the goal of documenting the group's experiences and providing resources and tools for caretakers of cultural heritage. [Access the publication.](#)

### **Bipartisan Infrastructure Act Funds Ecosystem Restoration**

Many World Heritage Sites and Tentative List Sites have received funding to restore ecosystems in national parks and preserves across the United States. World Heritage Sites include Glacier and Yellowstone National Parks. Tentative list sites include Hopewell Culture and Big Bend parks. [Learn more.](#)

*World Heritage USA provides a gateway for U.S. citizens to experience and participate in international heritage conservation programs and activities and for the international community to learn about the rich and diverse heritage of our nation. In doing so, we uphold and advance the broad goals of ICOMOS, the World Heritage Convention, and the preservation of cultural heritage globally. [Learn more about us at WorldHeritageUSA.org.](#)*

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