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A dark blue graphic for a webinar. It features the ICOMOS-USA and World Heritage USA logos at the top. The main text reads "HISTORIC MORAVIAN BETHLEHEM: OUR NEWEST WORLD HERITAGE SITE". Below this is a photograph of a historic stone building with a green dome. At the bottom, it says "WORLD HERITAGE WEBINAR" and "Thursday September 26, 2024 12 pm ET". A small line of text at the very bottom reads "Photos by Craig Larimer (left) and Durston Saylor (right)".

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HISTORIC MORAVIAN BETHLEHEM:
OUR NEWEST WORLD HERITAGE SITE

WORLD HERITAGE WEBINAR

Thursday September 26, 2024
12 pm ET

Photos by Craig Larimer (left) and Durston Saylor (right)

Learn About Our Newest World Heritage Site

The USA gained its 26th World Heritage Site in July when the historic Moravian District of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania joined 3 other Moravian communities as a single World Heritage Site: the [Moravian Church Settlements](#). Join us for a free World Heritage Webinar 26 September at Noon ET to hear about the inscription process and learn more about the inscribed sites. [Register now.](#)

Symposium 2024: Register Now!

Make plans now to attend “Climate Change Impacts and Mitigation at U.S. World Heritage Sites,” our 2024 Symposium and Conference. The event will take place in Washington, DC, 21-22 November. [Learn more and register now](#). Please also join us for our [Celebration of World Heritage](#) on the evening of 22 November!



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14th Annual Gala
Celebration of World Heritage

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Friday, 22 November
Washington, DC

You Are Invited

Our [14th Annual Celebration of World Heritage](#) will take place at the historic Larz Anderson House 6-10 pm, 22 November in Washington, DC. Please join us for a festive dinner celebrating World Heritage in the United States. Mayor J. William Reynolds of Bethlehem, PA, will be our special guest and speaker. We count on our members and followers to attend our largest fundraiser of the year: [Please join us!](#)

Sponsor the Symposium and Celebration!

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Welcome New Staff!



Kelsey Tabela-Baxter
Development Coordinator

Michelle Wilson
Events Coordinator

Please Welcome Kelsey and Michelle

We have two new team members assisting us with Development and Events coordination: Kelsey Tabela-Baxter and Michelle Wilson. Register to attend our Celebration of World Heritage to see Michelle at work and/or become a Celebration Sponsor to work with Kelsey. [Learn more about Kelsey and Michelle here.](#)

Monuments Toolkit News

For September, we are revisiting a conversation from August 2023 regarding the Confederate Memorial Carving in Stone Mountain Park, Georgia. How does one tackle the artistic, historic and cultural meaning behind a public structure in the best way possible? To speak to this, we sat down with Sheffield Hale and Claire Bailey from the Atlanta History Center for a podcast entitled "The Monument in the Mountain." [Listen here.](#)

International Exchange Program 2024 Highlights



40 Years of the International Exchange Program (IEP)!

In honor of the 40th anniversary of the IEP, we will be sharing 2024 Intern



Anita Halim Lim, in Washington, DC

Anita, a conservation architect from Indonesia who spent her summer working for the National Trust for

photos and highlights in several newsletters.

Enjoy these brief testimonies to what an invaluable experience the IEP continues to be for interns worldwide. [Read more about the IEP](#), and, [support it if you wish!](#)

Historic Preservation, wrote “The best part of my internship is that I have the chance to see many hidden parts of heritage sites that are central in keeping the building functioning properly. At the same time, I also get to experience the role of architect in site stewardship and the multisectoral collaboration of historic preservation.”



Christl Høj Hansen in San Antonio, Texas

Christl interned with our friends at the San Antonio Missions NHP and World Heritage Site: “One of many highlights was assisting with remote sensing techniques for the Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment at Mission Concepcion. In the photo, I’m setting up electrical resistivity equipment to map the extent of subsurface tufa deposits, which could impact the structural stability of the mission in the future.”



Precious Mubiana in San Antonio, Texas

“My best part of my internship so far has been engaging with the local community and participating in museum workshops for educators. Integrating Community engagement in heritage education and programming enhances relevance and impact, while incorporating local perspectives fosters a sense of ownership and advocacy among residents, hence ensuring preservation and appreciation of cultural assets.”

News and Notices From Our Partners

Register Now! Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH) 109th Conference, 25-29 September

Register for the 109th Annual ASALH Conference in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Join us as we explore the topic of African Americans and the Arts. [Register and learn more.](#)

Slave Dwelling Project Conference, 3-5 October in Philadelphia

The 8th national Slave Dwelling Project Conference will take place October 3-5 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in collaboration with University of Pennsylvania's McNeil Center for Early American Studies. This year's theme is "The Illusion of Freedom: Slavery in the Northern States." [Register here.](#)

Join Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks as They Celebrate One Year as a World Heritage Site

Several Hopewell sites are planning celebrations, ceremonies, and visitor programs for this year's one year anniversary of the sites' inscription on the World Heritage List. [Learn more and make plans to join here.](#)

The National Park Service (NPS) Issues New Guidance for Historic Buildings

Preservation Brief 51 "Building Codes for Historic and Existing Buildings: Planning and Maximizing their Application" discusses how to meet the goals of building codes while preserving or minimizing alterations to the character-defining features, spaces, materials, and finishes of historic buildings. [Read and download the brief here.](#)

Miccosukee Tribe Reaches Agreement With Everglades and Biscayne National Parks

The NPS has reached agreements with the Miccosukee Tribe for co-stewardship work at Biscayne and Everglades national parks in Florida. The agreements signed this week call for joint and cooperative endeavors focused on the natural and cultural resources of mutual interest in the two parks. [Learn more.](#)

The YIMBY Movement: Historic Preservation's Response

As cities have recently sought means to provide affordable housing for residents of all incomes, the YIMBY movement has arisen to advocate for deregulation and a developer-driven approach to housing production. This paper outlines the YIMBY movement's philosophy and makes an evidence-based case in response to the YIMBY attack on historic preservation. [Download a copy of the report.](#)

Past Forward 2024: Register Now!

The National Trust for Historic Preservation's annual conference, PastForward, will take place in New Orleans from 28-30 October. [Learn more about this year's themes:](#) Climate resilience; Ensuring a representative preservation movement; and Preservation-based economic development. [Register now.](#)

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