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Symposium and Conference: 21 - 22 November

Gala Celebration: 22 November

Register for Each Event Separately

Deadline: 14 November



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2024 Symposium and Conference

Climate Change Impacts and
Mitigation at U.S. World Heritage Sites

**21-22 November 2024
in Washington, DC**

Symposium 2024: Register Today


Our annual Symposium and Conference “Climate Change Impacts and Mitigation at U.S. World Heritage Sites” will take place 21-22 November in Washington, DC. Join us to learn and network at the historic Sumner School. [A complete agenda is here.](#) Hotel blocks can be found at the bottom of the page. See you there!

Celebrate World Heritage and Support Our Programs


The ICOMOS-USA [14th Annual Celebration of World Heritage](#) will take place from 6-10 pm, 22 November at the historic Larz Anderson House in Washington, DC. Please join us for the festivities and to hear ACHP Chair Sara C. Bronin and Mayor J. William Reynolds of Bethlehem, PA speak. Black Tie attire is suggested. [Purchase your tickets now!](#)



Symposium 2024 Workshop:
Roadmap to Resilience: Disaster-Proofing Heritage



Organized by ICOMOS-USA
Emerging Professionals
Open to all Symposium Attendees



REGISTER TODAY!

Roadmap to Resilience Workshop Added to Symposium Agenda

The ICOMOS-USA Emerging Professionals Committee is sponsoring a disaster-preparedness workshop on Friday afternoon, 22 November. The interactive workshop is particularly relevant to emerging professionals but all Symposium attendees are welcome! [Learn more and Register now.](#)

International Exchange Program (IEP) 2025: Interns, Apply Now!

We are now accepting applications from emerging professionals for the Summer 2025 IEP. This is a life-changing opportunity to live, learn, and work in another country while advancing your career! The application deadline is January 1. [Start preparing your application now!](#)





Call for Hosts: IEP 2025

Could your organization benefit from the talents of an emerging heritage professional next summer? We're seeking hosts to provide work and learning experiences for talented international interns. [See some of the projects past interns have completed and learn more about the IEP here.](#) Host applications are due by January 15.

Monuments Toolkit News

Cequyna Moore, Program Director of the Monuments Toolkit Project was a featured panelist for Pratt Institute's "Preservation in a Time of Precarity: Intersecting Indigenous Intelligence & Artificial Intelligence" on October 29, 2024. The purpose of the event was to take stock of the preservation field and to assess opportunities and challenges that Artificial Intelligence can present in the face of threats like conflict, climate change, and social injustice.

Cequyna's presentation, "Technology, Community, and the Future of Historical and Contemporary Documentation," discussed the use of digital media through the lens of the Monuments Toolkit Project's podcast and webinar programs. Her presentation also focused on the possible intersections with emerging technologies, like artificial intelligence, to reshape how we document and preserve historic monuments. Cequyna discussed challenges such as maintaining quality and integrity in the digital and artificial intelligence age, misinformation and the continued need for human oversight. She highlighted the upcoming Monuments Toolkit Mobile App and how it can enhance accessibility to historical information and empower underrepresented voices to contribute to collective history.

[Learn more.](#)



Celebrate Native American Heritage

This November, make a plan to learn about [tribal historic preservation](#) and [national resources and events](#), many organized in national parks. We also have a panel at Symposium 2024 devoted to “Assuring that Indigenous Knowledge fits into the United Nations’ Strategic Development Goals (UN SDGs).” [Join us if you are able!](#)

Are You Going to Ouro Preto, Brazil?

If you are planning to attend the [ICOMOS Annual General Assembly in Brazil](#), we would like to know! Please [email our COO](#) so we can coordinate U.S. national committee activities and voting. Please also take lots of photos to share with us! [Send photos here](#) and we will share them in our social media if possible. Thank you!

Do You Plan to Attend?

ICOMOS 2024
ANNUAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY
and Scientific Symposium

Ouro Preto, Brazil

Please let us know so
we can make plans
to meet in Brazil!

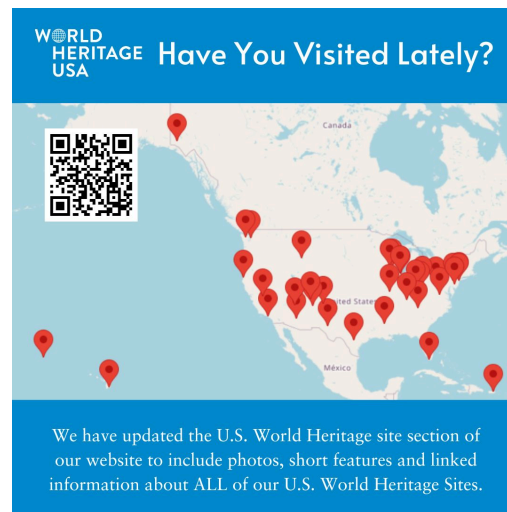


Become a 2025 Member!

Join or renew now for 2025. Take advantage of Individual or Young Professional (for those under 30 years of age) membership rates or consider joining with your Institution for the best value for four members. Members who join or renew now receive special rates to our events and will get their membership cards at the beginning of the new year. [Find all the details here.](#)

Updated U.S. World Heritage Sites Online

Did you know that we have [a wonderful resource online listing all of our U.S. World Heritage Sites \(WHSs\) with brief overviews, photos, and links](#)? We have just updated it to include our 3 most recent WHSs: [The 20th-Century Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright](#); [Hopewell Ceremonial Earthworks](#); and [Moravian Church Settlements - Bethlehem](#). Visit today.



Have You Voted Yet?

Please plan today to vote tomorrow. What's at stake? U.S. participation in UNESCO and the World Heritage Committee and payment of our current and back dues; funding and direction of the National Park Service; and how the U.S. will address climate change ... just to list a few heritage-related issues!

News and Notices From Our Partners

National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) Forum Webinar: Building an Equity-Based Preservation Plan Through Community Engagement, 14 November. [Register Now](#).

Local preservation plans are one of the strongest tools for providing a holistic view of protecting cultural heritage and promoting equity in preservation. Join Preservation Leadership Forum in conversation with preservation planners and community members in Austin, Texas and Des Moines, Iowa about the development of their preservation plans and how to implement their strategies and lessons learned in your community. 14 November 2 pm ET. [Register](#).

ACHP Announces New Approach for Federal Projects Informed by Native Hawaiian Indigenous Knowledge

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) has approved an Exemption for Indigenous Knowledge-Informed Activities by Native Hawaiian Organizations (NHOs). The exemption resulted from several rounds of

consultation and discussion with ACHP members, NHOs, state officials, preservation partner organizations, and members of the public. [Learn more.](#)

National Park Service adds 14 listings in 11 states to the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program

Courageous treks by foot, rail and sea are included in the [14 new listings added by the National Park Service to the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Program](#). "These new listings, including the first in the Pacific Northwest, illustrate coast to coast efforts of freedom seekers and their allies to secure self-determination, liberty and justice for themselves and others," said National Park Service Director Chuck Sams.

Poverty Point World Heritage Site Launches New Website

Poverty Point ancient earthworks in northern Louisiana were inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2014. [Learn more about this 3,400 year old site and make plans to visit here.](#)

Celebrating 250 Years of Democracy in the United States of America

Americans associate Philadelphia, home of [Independence Hall World Heritage Site](#), with democracy and the constitution. As the city prepares for the U.S. Semiquincentennial next year, [learn more about its sites and "Path to Democracy" here.](#)

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