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Office of History and Archaeology news

Office of History and Archaeology (OHA) will host an education series through 2021 to provide a continuing education opportunity to Tribes, cultural resource management professionals, and our local, state, and federal agency partners to strengthen partnerships with the goal to preserve, protect, educate, and advocate for Alaska's cultural resources. Each one to two hour long session will focus on a topic relevant to history, archaeology, historic preservation, and/or cultural resource management.

OHA's online Education Series launches April 22, 2021 with a presentation on *State Permitting and Survey Strategies* by State Archaeologist Richard Vanderhoek. This pilot session will be

offered through Webex to accommodate social distancing. If you are interested in attending, please contact katie.ringsmuth@alaska.gov to receive a meeting invite.

OHA Education Series		
Date	Time	Topic
April 22, 2021	1:30 pm AKST	State Archaeologist – State Permitting and Survey Strategies
July 22, 2021	1:30 pm AKST	AHRS – Introduction and Site Records
October 28, 2021	1:30 pm AKST	Review and Compliance – Section 106 Consultation Panel

Our office is interested in your feedback and requests your input on future topics. For more information go to: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>. Send suggestions and recommendations to dnr.oha@alaska.gov.

We are pleased to welcome a new staff member to the Office of History and Archaeology. Maria Lewis has accepted the position of Architectural Historian and will start March 15th. She has a Master’s degree in historic preservation from Goucher College and an engineering degree from University of California - Davis.

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees continue to work remotely. This means that correspondence, phone calls, and the processing of invoices/payments may be delayed.

While the Office of History and Archaeology staff are working remotely, we recommend people contact staff by email. **If you have a general inquiry, a project for review, or state cultural resources investigation permit application please use one of the following email addresses:**

General inquiry, geographic names, Alaska Historical Commission, etc.: dnr.oha@alaska.gov
Review/compliance, Section 106, project review: oha.revcomp@alaska.gov
State Cultural Resource Investigation Permits: oha.permits@alaska.gov

Section 106 COVID 19 guidance from the Alaska State Historic Preservation Officer is available at the following link: <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/shpo/shpocovid19.pdf>
The Alaska SHPO has invoked tolling effective March 19, 2020 regarding the timelines outlined in 36 CFR 800. With tolling, the 30-day regulatory clock that would allow agencies to proceed with their undertaking following non-response after 30 days does not apply. SHPO will be allowed to comment beyond the 30 days.

Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums news

The Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums is recruiting participants for a new training program. *Preparing Alaska’s Cultural Organizations for Emergencies* (PACO) is open to staff or volunteers from institutions with original humanities materials. Participants will enroll in an online course geared at developing institutional emergency preparedness and disaster plans, receive coaching support, and take part in a hands-on workshop once we are safe to travel. The application is now open. Learn more here: <https://lam.alaska.gov/pacoinfo>.

National Park Service news

NPS grant opportunities. Apply via [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).

Underrepresented Community Grant Program – applications due March 31, 2021

The URC grant projects include surveys and inventories of historic properties associated with communities underrepresented in the National Register, as well as the development of nominations to the National Register for specific sites. For more information on the URC grant program go to: www.nps.gov/preservation-grants/community-grants.html

The National Park Service's proposed rule changes to the National Register process submitted by the Trump Administration to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs (OIRA), has been halted. The Biden Administration is expected to promulgate a new rule that is consistent with the intended purpose of the 2016 amendment which requires SHPOs to weigh in on National Register nominations on federal land.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The ACHP Chair Aimee Jorjani resigned following a request from President Biden. A 2016 amendment to the National Historic Preservation Act made the chair a full-time Senate confirmed position. The selection of a new executive director was also canceled. Former ACHP executive director John Fowler is serving part time as executive director until his replacement is hired. ACHP Vice Chairman Rick Gonzales will carry out the functions of the chairman while the position of chairman is vacant.

The ACHP submitted their triennial report on the status of federal preservation, *In a Spirit of Stewardship: A Report on Federal Historic Property Management*, to President Biden. The report is required under Preserve America every three years for agencies that manage federally owned historic properties. The report summarizes the state of the federal government's inventory on historic properties, examines issues surrounding to their management, how they relate to important issues facing the country like jobs, infrastructure, and resiliency, and recommendations to address current concerns in federal preservation practice. For a copy of the book go to: <https://www.achp.gov>

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) are seeking nominations for the ACHP/HUD Secretary's Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation. The award was created to encourage agencies, developers, and organizations to nominate projects or activities that advance the goals of historic preservation while providing affordable housing and/or expanded economic opportunities for low- and moderate-income families and individuals. The deadline for nominations is April 16, 2021. For more information go to: <https://www.huduser.gov/portal/sites/default/files/pdf/HUD-Sec-Award-excellence-historic-preservation-2021.pdf>

The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation is offering digital classrooms for their Section 106 courses: The Section 106 Essentials and Section 106 Agreements Seminar. They will use Zoomgov.com. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom.

On April 3, 2020, the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation issued a blanket extension regarding the review under 36 CFR 800.12 of undertakings responding to COVID-19 emergency and disaster declarations. Considering the likelihood of such declarations remaining in place into the foreseeable near future, and the ongoing need for federal agency responses to them, that extension is now set to expire on March 31, 2021.

Housing and Urban Development news

Federal Housing Administration (FHA) has issued a delegation for Lenders to initiate Section 106 consultation under 36 CFR 800.2.(c)(4). The delegation will become effective March 18, 2021. For a copy of the Multifamily Accelerated Processing Guide (MAP Guide) including the delegation memo go to <https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/OCHCO/documents/4430GHSGG.pdf>

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

2021 National Preservation Awards

The National Trust is now accepting nominations for National Preservation Awards. Nominations are due Feb 26, 2021.

Award categories:

Richard H. Driehaus Foundation National Preservation Awards: Celebrating the “best of the best” in perseveration projects.

The Louise du Pont Crowninshield Award: Honoring an individual for their contributions over time.

American Express Aspire Award: Recognizing the achievements of an emerging professional.

Trustee’s Award for Organizational Excellence: Awarding a nonprofit organization that demonstrates sustained achievement in historic preservation.

For more information, visit <https://forum.savingplaces.org/preservation-awards> or email awards@savingplaces.org

Kenai Mountains-Turnagain Arm National Heritage Area news

KMTA awards grants to communities that recognize, preserve, and interpret the historic, scenic, and natural recreational resources and cultural landscapes of the KMTA historic transportation corridor. Projects promote and facilitate public enjoyment of these resources. Applications are due March 12, 2021, Website: kmtacorridor.org. Questions: email amandasassi@kmacorridor.org.

Vernacular Architectural Forum news

The Vernacular Architecture Forum seeks nominations for the 2021 VAF Advocacy Award. The VAF Advocacy Award recognizes exemplary efforts and achievements on behalf of the vernacular built heritage. The award honors individuals and groups for exceptional contributions

toward the interpretation, appreciation, and protection of vernacular buildings and cultural landscapes and recognizes outstanding initiative, commitment, and action to promote and protect vernacular resource. The award may be made in recognition of a specific effort or a long-term record. Application deadline March 19, 2021. For more information go to:

<https://www.vernaculararchitectureforum.org/Advocacy>

National Fund for Sacred Places news

The National Fund for Sacred Places is a program of Partners for Sacred Places in partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. The National Fund provides training, planning grants, technical assistance, capacity-building support, and capital grants up to \$250,000 to congregations of all faiths for rehabilitation work on their historic facilities. Application due by March 15, 2021. For more information go to: www.FundforSacredPlaces.org

National Preservation Institute news

NPI provides online training that complements their in-person seminar curriculum. NPI offers the option of online customized training with interested organizations. Look for training options at www.npi.org. On-demand modules available include **GIS, Historic Wood Windows, Corridor Development, New Sources of Funding, Native America 101, Streetscapes, Cultural Landscapes, and Section 106 compliance**. For further information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, NPI, 703.765.0100, info@npi.org.

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- Long Lake Section, Glenn Highway Rehabilitation
- Alaska to Alberta Railroad
- KIC Seismic Project, ANWR
- Decommission the Fort Greely Nuclear Power Plant

Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:

- U. S. Coast Guard Base Kodiak
 - Programmatic Agreement and ICRMP
- Kensington Mine
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Greens Creek
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Formerly Used Defense Sites Program
 - Programmatic Agreement
- AK LNG
 - Cultural Resources Management Plan

For information on how to participate in the process, or on how to review and comment on the above projects, contact Sarah Meitl, sarah.meitl@alaska.gov.

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PRESERVATION CALENDAR:

2021

March 8-11 National Historic Preservation Virtual Advocacy Week. Preservation Action and the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. For more information go to preservationaction.org/advocacyweek

March 9, 10, 11, 12 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

April 13-14 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

April 15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

April 22 OHA Education Series *State Permitting and Survey Strategies*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

May 21-22 Vernacular Architecture Forum 2021 virtual conference: <http://vernaculararchitectreforum.org/event-4046405>

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July 22 OHA Education Series *AHRS – Introduction and Site Records*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

August 3, 4, 10, and 11 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

September 14-15 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation: *Section 106 Essentials*. Session 12:30pm-4:30pm EST. Registration \$400. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

September 16 *Section 106 Agreements Seminar*. Session 12:30 – 4:30PM EST. Registration fee \$350. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

October 28 OHA Education Series *Section 106 Consultation Panel*. Session 1:30 – 3:00PM AKST. Free. To learn more, go to <http://dnr.alaska.gov/parks/oha/publiceducation/training.htm>.

November 2, 3, 9, and 10 Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. *Section 106 Practitioners Workshop*. Each of the four days sessions 12:30-4:30 pm EST. Participants must attend all four sessions to complete the course. Registration fee \$500. To learn more and register, go to www.achp.gov/training/classroom

November 2-6 National Trust for Historic Preservation, PastForward, the Virtual National Preservation Conference. conference@savingplaces.org.