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Office of History and Archaeology news

Office of History and Archaeology is hosting the second of the 2023 Education Series on April 27, 1pm- 3pm, “Archaeological Field Methods: Avoiding Common Red Flags for a More Effective Survey” presented by OHA archaeologist Dr. Nick Schmuck. Registration is required! This presentation by Special Projects Archaeologist Nick Schmuck will be a back-to-basics of planning your field survey for a State Cultural Resources Investigation Permit (SCRIP), highlighting common methodological gaps and weaknesses that crop up in SCRIP applications, and the standard of work that OHA expects from field surveys conducted on state lands. Expect tips and tricks for pre-field planning, how to identify land managing agencies for your project area, and meeting regional challenges to fieldwork in Alaska. We’re looking forward to productive discussions about how to overcome these logistical and methodological regional challenges. To register, email to dnr.oha@alaska.gov and mention this presentation.

OHA is recruiting for four positions. Apply through Workplace Alaska.

[Archaeologist 3 \(PCN 10-5237\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#)

Recruitment closes April 26

[Archaeologist 2 \(PCN 10-5262\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) Recruitment closes May 8

[Historian 1 \(PCN: 10-5269\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) Recruitment closes May 2

[Historian 2 \(PCN 10-5049\) | Job Details tab | Career Pages \(governmentjobs.com\)](#) Recruitment closes April 24

Maritime Heritage Program Grant award.

The Alaska SHPO received notice that it has received a National Maritime Heritage Grants funding for education and preservation projects. Details of the Alaska Maritime Heritage Program will follow once the grant is set up with NPS. The national program is designed to preserve historic maritime resources and to increase public awareness and appreciation for the maritime heritage of the United States. The grant is funded through a percentage of the proceeds from the sale or scrapping of obsolete vessels of the National Defense Reserve Fleet.

COVID 19 Adjustments

OHA employees are working a hybrid schedule. 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

Alaska Heritage Resource Survey access, renewals, or submissions: oha.ibs@alaska.gov

Federal Legislation news

Congress passed the omnibus spending bill on December 23rd, appropriating \$204,515,000 for the Historic Preservation Fund for Fiscal Year 2023. HPF funding includes State Historic Preservation Offices \$62.15 million (increase of \$4.475 million), Tribes \$23 million (increase of \$7 million), Underrepresented communities grants \$1.2 million, Paul Bruhn Historic Revitalization grants \$12.5 million, African American Civil Rights grants \$24 million, History of Equal Rights grants \$5 million, Save American Treasures \$26.5 million, 250th Anniversary grants \$10 million, and Congressionally Directed HPF projects \$29 million.

On December 21, 2022, President Biden signed into law the Safeguard Tribal Objects of Patrimony (STOP) Act ([S. 1471/H.R. 2930](#)). This bipartisan, bicameral legislation strengthens laws aimed at preventing trafficking in Native American cultural items and facilitates the voluntary return of sacred and cultural objects.

Department of Interior news

During the 2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit, the Departments of the Interior, Agriculture, and Commerce outlined a series of new steps to increase and strengthen Tribal participation in the management and stewardship of federal lands and waters. Since Secretary Deb Haaland and Secretary Tom Vilsack signed Joint Secretary's Order 3403 in 2021 committing to Tribal and federal co-stewardship of federal lands, waters and wildlife, the Interior Department and Forest Service have signed over 20 new co-stewardship agreements with Tribes,

Alaska Native Corporations and consortiums, with more than 60 additional agreements under various stages of review.

National Park Service news

Bulletin 38 Traditional Cultural Places

National Park Service has published a revised Bulletin 38 (Traditional Cultural Places) and is inviting comments through April 30, 2023.

NPS Grant opportunities:

The [State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#) is now accepting applications for the [Underrepresented Communities Grant Program](#). Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of each funding program and have carefully reviewed the [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#). The Notice of Funding Opportunity contains all the information you will need to create a successful application.

Congress has appropriated \$1.25 million for the Underrepresented Communities Grant Program (URC) for FY 2023. The URC Grant Program supports the survey, inventory, and designation of historic properties that are associated with communities currently underrepresented in the National Register of Historic Places and among National Historic Landmarks.

Eligible applicants include: State Historic Preservation Offices; Federally Recognized Indian Tribes, Alaska Native Villages/Corporations, Native Hawaiian Organizations, as defined by 54 USC 300309, 54 USC 300313, and 54 USC 300314; and, Certified Local Governments, non-profit entities.

The [State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Division](#) is now accepting applications for the [History of Equal Rights \(HER\)](#) grant program. Before applying, please make sure that you have read and understand the limitations of each funding program and have carefully reviewed the Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The Notice of Funding Opportunity contains all the information you will need to create a successful application. Congress has appropriated **\$5 million** for the HER program. Grant projects fund physical preservation or pre-preservation of sites associated with efforts to achieve equal rights. The History of Equal Rights grants are not limited to any specific group and are intended to include the broadest possible interpretation of equal rights for any American.

Advisory Council on Historic Preservation news

The U.S. Senate voted by unanimous consent on December 22, 2022, to confirm Professor Sara C. Bronin of Connecticut as chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP), following her nomination by President Joe Biden. Once sworn in, Bronin will lead the ACHP. The agency has operated under the oversight of its vice chairman, Jordan Tannenbaum, since June 2021.

"I am grateful to President Biden and the Senate for the incredible opportunity to lead the ACHP," Bronin said. "Historic, tribal, and cultural resources connect us with our past, while offering a chance to shape our future. That is why preservationists must engage in current debates about energy policy, climate resilience, housing development, transportation infrastructure, tribal sovereignty, and the tax system.

"As chair, I hope to work with the agency's experienced and knowledgeable staff to continue the ACHP's involvement in these key issues, bringing a spirit of innovation, a commitment to inclusion, and a sense of deep responsibility to generations to come."

Bronin is a Mexican American architect, attorney, and policymaker specializing in historic preservation, property, land use, and climate change. She is a tenured professor at Cornell University, with appointments in the Department of City and Regional Planning, the

Rubacha Department of Real Estate, the Cornell Law School, and the Department of Architecture, and she is a Fellow of the Atkinson Center for Sustainability. Among her scholarly projects, she founded and directs the National Zoning Atlas, a multi-institutional effort to unlock research on the approximately 30,000 zoning codes that shape the American economy and society.

Active in public service, Bronin chaired Preservation Connecticut, served on the board of Latinos in Heritage Conservation, and served as an advisor for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. She also founded Desegregate Connecticut, led an award-winning overhaul of Hartford's zoning code, and served as an advisor for the Sustainable Development Code. Bronin holds degrees from the University of Texas, University of Oxford, and Yale Law School. The chair serves a term concurrent with the term of the sitting President.

Updated Policy

The ACHP is providing updated advice to all federal agencies for the development of unanticipated discovery stipulations in Section 106 agreements when burial sites, human remains or funerary objects could be encountered during the implementation of an undertaking, "[Policy Statement on Burial Sites, Human Remains, and Funerary Objects](#)." The policy advances 13 principles, with the main guiding principle that burial sites, human remains, and funerary objects should be treated with dignity and respect in all circumstances including, but not limited to, all times in consultation, during field surveys, when handling must occur, in documenting and/or reporting, if treatment actions occur, and in all other forms of interaction.

Training:

The ACHP's Preserve the Past, Build for the Future webinar series is back in 2023. The series is geared toward college students and those interested in historic preservation. The five-part webinar series features speakers and question and answer sessions. Register [here](#). 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. Register now for the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's (ACHP) 2023 Section 106 training courses in digital and in-person classroom settings. Staff in the Office of Federal Agency Programs will present its three popular courses:

- Section 106 Essentials, an eight-hour course for project managers/decision makers and early career historic preservation professionals
- Section 106 Agreements Seminar, a four-hour course building on the Essentials course, and
- Section 106 Practitioners Workshop, a 16-hour course for experienced professionals.

For the full schedule, course content information, and registration instructions, go to <https://www.achp.gov/training/classroom>.

The ACHP extended FEMA COVID pandemic emergency procedures through April 30, 2023. For more information go to ACHP's website at achp.gov.

National Trust for Historic Preservation news

National Trust Preservation Funds Grant Program: Accepting Applications

The next round of the National Preservation Fund is now open. Enhance your efforts to save the historic places within our community—participate in the National Trust Preservation Funds grant program. This annual program supports local preservation organizations' efforts to **preserve and protect** important places in their communities.

Funding ranges from **\$2,500 to \$5,000** and supports **preservation planning and educational projects**. The next **deadline is June 1**.

Grant projects have included engineering and architectural consulting services; tours that are accessible via smart devices; and market studies to assist in prioritizing preservation objectives.

For more information, visit <https://savingplaces.org/grants> or contact

Grants@savingplaces.org.

Peter H. Brink Leadership Fund grants (up to \$2,500) for travel costs and mentor honoraria are available for Organization Level Forum or Main Street America members of the National Trust. The purpose of these grants is to support the leadership and effectiveness of staff and board members of preservation organizations through individualized mentoring and the sharing of expertise. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year. For more information go to forum@savingplaces.org

National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

NATHPO invites tribes and native organizations to stay current on important happenings using their new [Calendar of Events](#). They have job listings, [Community Job Board](#), and listing of relevant [Grant Opportunities](#).

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PUBLIC PROJECT ALERTS:

Section 106 large project consultation in progress:

- West Susitna Access Road
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- Review and compliance agreement development for large projects in progress:
- Mendenhall Glacier Visitors Center Rehabilitation
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Glenn Highway Corridor
 - Programmatic Agreement
- Sterling Highway MP 45-60
 - Data Recovery Plan
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- USFS Sustainable Cabins
 - Programmatic Agreement
- NPS Kennecott Maintenance and Operations
 - Programmatic Agreement Amendment
- NPS Climate Change at Dyea
 - Programmatic Agreement

- Ambler Industrial Access Road
Programmatic Agreement Amendment

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:

2023

May 11-13 Alaska State Council on the Arts annual conference ***Reconnect, Refresh, Renew: Statewide Arts and Culture Conference!***, Anchorage. <https://arts.alaska.gov>

September 6-9 AASLH Annual Conference, Boise, Idaho. For more information go to aaslh.org

November 8-10 PastForward conference, **Preserving Place, Empowering Community**, in Washington, D.C. Learn more about **PastForward 2023 rates** and check out the conference schedule for November 8-10.

National Preservation Institute provides continuing education and professional training in historic preservation and cultural resource management throughout the year. For training options, go to: www.npi.org For information contact Jere Gibber, Executive Director, info@npi.org