

2021 Virtual Spring Retreat Schedule



April 27-30, 2021

Schedule at a Glance (details on following pages)

Tuesday, April 27 (National Issues and Opportunities)	Wednesday, April 28 (HR & Staff Support)	Thursday, April 29 (Preservation Priorities)	Friday, April 30 (Celebrating Success)
<p>1:00 pm-2:00 pm EST</p> <p>Welcome and Keynotes</p> <p>Shantha Ready Alonso, Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior</p> <p>Brent Leggs, Executive Director, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund, National Trust for Historic Preservation</p>	<p>1:00-3:00 pm EST</p> <p>Workshop: Sustaining Wellbeing for Last Leg of Pandemic & Beyond</p> <p>Beth Kanter author of <u>The Happy Healthy Nonprofit</u></p>	<p>1:00-3:00 pm EST</p> <p>Preservation Priorities Task Force: Project Overview, Preview of Issue Briefs, and Next Steps</p> <p>Preview and discussion of the draft Issue Briefs for the four priorities, with facilitated discussion about next steps.</p>	<p>1:00-2:30 pm EST</p> <p>Good Models, Case Studies, and Successful Pandemic Adaptations from Around the Country</p> <p>Be inspired by peers about the large and small successes they had during an unprecedented year.</p>
<p>2:00-2:30 pm EST NPPN Business Meeting</p>			
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<p>3:00-3:55 pm EST</p> <p>National Impact Agenda Update from the National Trust for Historic Preservation on the National Impact Agenda followed by Q&A/Discussion</p>	<p>3:30-4:30 pm EST</p> <p>Job Type Peer Discussion Groups Peer conversation based on job responsibilities, such as communications, advocacy, education, membership & development, historic sites and properties, executive directors, <i>etc.</i></p>	<p>3:30-5:00 pm EST</p> <p>Moderated Panel: <i>Bringing Underrepresented Narratives to Light</i></p> <p>Vincent Michael, Moderator Meagan Baco Catherine Fleming Bruce Jim Gabbert Michelle Magalong Joseph McGill, Jr.</p>	<p>3:00-4:00 pm EST</p> <p>Trivia Time Come for the competition, stay for the prizes!</p> <p>Join colleagues for a fun hour of spirited competition and test your preservation trivia chops.</p>
<p>4:00 - 5:00 pm EST</p> <p>Moderated Panel: <i>Preservation and the Biden Administration: Sharing Current Opportunities and Challenges</i></p> <p>Erik Hein, Moderator Nancy Boone Patrice Frey Valerie Grussing Alan Spears</p>	<p>4:30-5:00 pm EST</p> <p>Open House with Sponsors Casual opportunity for participants and sponsors to socialize.</p>		



Welcome to the National Preservation Partners Network’s annual Spring Retreat. We hope you find this a useful time to connect, be inspired, and discover ideas and strategies that can advance your own work. We offer our gratitude to incredibly talented and passionate speakers throughout the week—their expertise, dedication, and generosity make gatherings like this one possible. Please refer to the email you received with the virtual meeting

link. This program can be found on PresPartners.org, and may be updated throughout the week. We hope you find it a useful means to network and learn more about the various topics. Thank you for spending some time together this week.

Tuesday, April 27



1:00 pm-2:00 pm EST
Welcome and Keynotes



Welcome by Immediate Past Chair of the National Preservation Partners Network, Bonnie McDonald, followed by welcoming remarks from **Shantha Ready Alonso**, Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior, and a keynote address by **Brent Leggs**, Executive Director of the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund at the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Keynote: *Building a True National Identity*



Cultural heritage sites that bring forward the African American narrative have served a crucial role in redefining our collective history and, ultimately, expanding a national identity that reflects the country’s true diversity. Preservation professionals and grassroots leaders harness the power of place and the influence of history to inspire, educate and advocate for equity, funding, and recognition of our shared cultural legacy. This talk examines a range of Black heritage sites and stories to reinforce the notion that preservation comes in many different forms and can be used as a tool to empower Black communities.

Learn more about the African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund at the National Trust for Historic Preservation [online](#).



2:00-2:30 pm EST
NPPN Business Meeting

Meet the National Preservation Partners Network board members, learn how you can join a committee, hear brief highlights from the past year, get a preview of programs in the works, and share your ideas for what kinds of programs and services would be most helpful to you.



2:30-3:00 pm EST
Break



3:00-3:55 pm EST

Facilitated Discussion: National Impact Agenda

Renee Kuhlman and Jim Lindberg, Facilitators, National Trust for Historic Preservation



Join this interactive listening session to help create a “compass for change” to help guide the preservation movement over the next 3-5 years. The National Trust for Historic Preservation is working with other national, state, and local preservation groups as well as allies in other fields to gather recommendations for positive change in the preservation movement’s existing practices, processes, and policies. The idea for a National Impact Agenda rose out of the town halls held during the PastForward Online 2020 conference on the

topics of equitable development, climate and the relevancy of preservation. The goal is to revisit the National Impact Agenda at successive national conferences to measure how far we have advanced towards the goals we all set together. An Infographic of the National Impact Agenda is available [here](#).



4:00 - 5:00 pm EST

Moderated Panel: *Preservation and the Biden Administration: Sharing Current Opportunities and Challenges*

Erik Hein, Moderator, Executive Director, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers

Nancy Boone, Panelist, Federal Preservation Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Patrice Frey, Panelist, President and CEO, Main Street America

Valerie Grussing, Panelist, Executive Director, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers

Alan Spears, Panelist, Senior Director of Cultural Resources, Government Affairs, National Parks Conservation Association



With a new federal administration brings new opportunities.

This panel brings together leaders representing a variety of perspectives, including affordable housing, Main Street communities, and parks and landscapes, all of which are integral to historic preservation. Hear from each panelist about what they see as current opportunities and challenges in the next four years, and be part of the conversation about how we can collaborate to forge effective partnerships and advance mutual goals.

Wednesday, April 28



1:00-3:00 pm EST

Workshop: Sustaining Wellbeing for Last Leg of Pandemic & Beyond

Beth Kanter, author of [The Happy Healthy Nonprofit: Strategies for Impact without Burnout](#)



In the last year, we’ve all become experts at getting work done in remote or hybrid workplaces. With vaccines around the corner, we are reaching the last mile of this exhausting and punishing marathon. To cross the finish line, we need to continue to encourage employee wellbeing, trust, and balance needed to achieve our missions. It’s even more important when the lines between work and personal life are blurred or even non-existent as the pandemic drags into its second year.

It is key to focus on your team's connection to each other and a culture of wellbeing, especially when our couches are our watercoolers. We also have to encourage work/life balance, practice extreme self-care without guilt, and adopt digital wellness routines. Personal resilience needs to become the new workplace norm as the world heals from the devastating impact of the Corona Virus.

Join Beth Kanter (<http://www.bethkanter.org>), nonprofit thought leader, virtual facilitator, and author of the Happy Healthy Nonprofit for an interactive workshop session on how to build your personal resilience and calm during a time of high anxiety. She will facilitate an engaging session on zoom while sharing tips to help you maintain work/life balance during this difficult time and help you succeed in post-COVID world.

Takeaways

- Understand work-life balance practices that many nonprofit professionals are embracing to ensure their resilience while working remotely
- Learn tips and best practices for digital wellness and how to survive an all-zoom, all-the-time work environment
- Identify ways with colleagues on how to activate a culture of wellbeing that is supportive of all and simple and low-cost ways to introduce wellbeing programs into your workplace



3:00-3:30 pm EST
Break



3:30-4:30 pm EST
Job Type Peer Discussion Groups

Peer conversation based on job responsibilities, such as communications, advocacy, education, administration, membership & development, historic sites and properties, executive directors, *etc.* Spend time with people who understand what you do, share ideas, solve problems, and meet new colleagues.



4:30-5:00 pm EST
Open House with Sponsors

Casual opportunity for participants and sponsors to socialize. Join staff from GBX Group and Place Economics and talk about latest projects, ask questions, or simply chat. Having a burning question about easements, tax credits, economic impact studies, or telling powerful stories through data? Here's your chance to talk with people who do this every day.



PlaceEconomics

Thursday, April 29

1:00-3:00 pm EST



Preservation Priorities Task Force: Project Overview, Preview of Issue Briefs, and Next Steps

What is the Preservation Priorities Task Force (PPTF)? Who is working on it? What are the four priorities? How can I contribute? During this session get all of your questions answered, preview the forthcoming Issue Briefs, and hear about next steps. Following an introduction and overview of the PPTF, a two-year collaboration between the Partners Network and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, we will spend time in two rounds of facilitated break out discussions to brainstorm ideas and specific actions that local and statewide organizations can take to move the needle related to the four priority areas: Affordable Housing and Density; Climate Change and Sustainability; Diversity, Equity, and Racial Justice; and Preservation Trades and Workforce Development.



3:00-3:30 pm EST

Break



3:30-5:00 pm EST

Moderated Panel: *Bringing Underrepresented Narratives to Light*

Vincent Michael, Moderator, Executive Director,
Conservation Society of San Antonio

Meagan Baco, Panelist, Executive Director of Anacostia
Trails Heritage Area, Inc.

Catherine Fleming Bruce, Panelist, Chair, National
Coalition Delegation

Jim Gabbert, Panelist, Historian, National Register of
Historic Places Program, NPS

Michelle Magalong, Panelist, Presidential Postdoctoral
Fellow at the School of Architecture, Planning, and
Preservation at the University of Maryland and
President of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in
Historic Preservation

Joseph McGill, Jr., Panelist, Founder, The Slave Dwelling
Project



Join us for a moderated panel discussion focused on storytelling--finding, contextualizing, and sharing stories that tell a fuller American story. How, as a field, can we better advocate for these narratives and the people and places associated with them? What are some concrete opportunities for progress? Hear from the panelists about what we have been doing over the last decade or so, and how we can implement new approaches to identification, evaluation, registration, and treatment of historic places and their stories.

Friday, April 30



1:00-2:30 pm EST

Good Models, Case Studies, and Successful Pandemic Adaptations from Around the Country

Be inspired by peers about the large and small successes they had during an unprecedented year. Colleagues will share their stories in the traditional short format, featuring policy victories, classic saves, viral history series, and more.

- **Danielle Del Sol**, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans, *Revival Grants Program*
- **Jessie Fisher**, Preservation Buffalo Niagara, *Repairing Redlining*
- **Greg Galer**, Boston Preservation Alliance, *Preservation Achievement Awards Program*
- **Johns Hopkins**, Baltimore Heritage, *Five Minute Histories*
- **Andrea Malcomb**, Historic Denver Inc., *Molly Brown House Museum's Victorian Horrors*
- **Bonnie McDonald**, Landmarks Illinois, *50 Forward—Landmarks Illinois Embracing Change at 50*
- **Chris Moore**, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation, *Notes from Washington*
- **Danielle Parker**, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia, *Making the State Tax Credit Permanent*
- **M. Rosalind Sagara**, Los Angeles Conservancy, *Tokio Florist*
- **Ben Sutton**, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation, *Sustainable Preservation and Georgia Trust Green*
- **Naomi West**, Historic Seattle, *Emergency Rent Relief Fund*



2:30-3:00 pm EST

Break



3:00-4:00 pm EST

Trivia Time

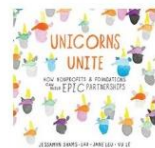
Come for the competition, stay for the prizes!

Hosted by Trivia Master David Preziosi (Preservation Dallas) and Renee Kuhlman (National Trust for Historic Preservation), join colleagues for a fun hour of spirited competition and test your preservation trivia chops during an interactive online trivia challenge. The top eight players will receive prizes.

Two ways to Play Using Kahoot!

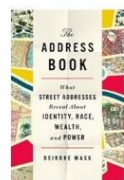
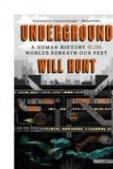
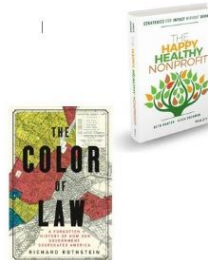
1. If you have a second screen connected your computer

- Log into the Partners Network Spring Retreat Zoom meeting and look for the Kahoot! Game Pin that will show on the screen
- On your second screen, go to a web browser and visit <https://kahoot.it/>
- Enter the Game Pin in the box
- Play! (You view the questions on Zoom and answer using the Kahoot! website)
- You can also use this technique with one screen using multiple windows.



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2. Play on your phone while on Zoom on your computer

- Download the "Kahoot!" app (it's free) to your smart phone

- Log into the Partners Network Spring Retreat Zoom meeting on your computer and look for the Kahoot! Game Pin that will show on the screen
- Enter Game Pin in the app
- Play! (You view the questions on Zoom and answer using the phone app)

Speaker Biographies

Shantha Ready Alonso

Director of Intergovernmental and External Affairs, U.S. Department of the Interior



Through her leadership of the Office of Intergovernmental and External Affairs (OIEA), Shantha Ready Alonso serves as liaison for governmental and non-governmental partners in communicating with the U.S. Department of the Interior. Before coming to Interior, Shantha served as Executive Director of Creation Justice Ministries, Community Mobilization Manager for NETWORK Catholic Social Justice Lobby, and Director of the National Council of Churches Poverty Initiative. Shantha is listed among the 2018 “Grist 50 Fixers” and is the recipient of the 2020 National Council of Churches USA J. Irwin Miller Excellence in Ecumenical Leadership award.

Shantha holds a Master of Social Work from Washington University in St. Louis and a Master of Pastoral Studies from Eden Theological Seminary. She did her undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame.

Meagan Baco

Executive Director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc.



Meagan Baco (they/them/theirs) is the new Executive Director of Anacostia Trails Heritage Area, Inc., one of Maryland’s thirteen state-certified heritage tourism areas. Previously, Meagan was the Director of Communications at Preservation Maryland, one of the nation’s oldest and largest historic preservation non-profit organizations. There they led state and national communications including the Campaign for Historic Trades, Smart Growth Maryland, and PreserveCast. Meagan has managed diverse public history projects including about labor history, women’s suffrage and voting rights, and LGBTQ history. Meagan is an inaugural fellow of the ARCUS Preservation Leadership program

and recently completed the Baltimore Planning Academy. Earlier work experience includes Acting President of Preservation Action and a Historic Preservation Specialist at Clinton Brown Company Architecture. Meagan holds an M.S. in Historic Preservation from Clemson University and the College of Charleston, and a B.A. in Environmental Design from SUNY Buffalo. Meagan lives with their partner, houseplants, and LEGO mini-figures in the historic Charles Village neighborhood of Baltimore.

Nancy Boone

Federal Preservation Officer, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Affairs



Nancy E. Boone served for over 30 years in the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, most recently as State Architectural Historian and Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. During her tenure, she secured grants for a number of major projects including a seminal study on the energy performance of restored windows and the first volunteer statewide barn inventory in the United States. For three years, she taught an online course, Sustainable Design and Preservation for the Boston Architectural College. She also served on the adjunct faculty of the University of Vermont’s graduate program in historic preservation for a total of seven years. She is currently the Federal Preservation Officer for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Catherine Fleming Bruce
Chair, National Coalition Delegation



Catherine Fleming Bruce is author of [The Sustainers: Being, Building and Doing Good through Activism in the Sacred Spaces of Civil Rights, Human Rights and Social Movements](#). In 2017, she became the first Black author to win the University of Mary Washington Historic Preservation Book Prize, awarded by their Center for Historic Preservation. Bruce led the effort to rescue, preserve and restore the home of South Carolina civil rights activist Modjeska Monteith Simkins as a Civil and Human Rights Center. It is now a permanent Columbia, South Carolina landmark, listed on the [US Civil Rights Trail](#). She is currently preserving the [Cyril O. Spann Medical Office](#) and the [Visanska Starks House and Carriage House](#) through her organization Tnovsa Global Commons. Both sites are historically connected to the Good Samaritan Waverly Hospital, now under renovation and will be named in honor of [Allen University alumni slain in the Mother Emanuel killings in 2015](#). Bruce and her work have appeared in US News and World Report, National Geographic Traveler Magazine, The Post and Courier (SC) and South Carolina Public Radio. Recent work include, '[The South Carolina Democratic Party During the Fight for Racial Justice and Civil Rights: A Black History Month Timeline](#)', published in the Richland County Party newsletter, and an op-ed in the (SC) State Newspaper lifting up some of the [Black women preservationists behind the phenomenon of Richland County SC having the highest number of historic sites commemorating Black women in the nation](#). An alumna of Agnes Scott College with a dual degree in English/Creative Writing and Art, Bruce received her MA in Mass Communication and Information Studies at the University of South Carolina, and pursued doctoral studies there. She has a long history of activism, including work with Occupy Columbia, an offshoot of the Occupy Wall Street movement; civic engagement with Black Voters Matter Fund, the South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center, and global work at the United Nations' World Summit for the Information Society. She founded and chairs the National Coalition Delegation, a political action committee composed of individuals who participated as delegates in the 2020 Democratic National Convention that made President Joe Biden the Democratic Presidential Nominee.

Danielle Del Sol
Executive Director, Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans



Danielle Del Sol is the executive director of the Preservation Resource Center of New Orleans. She was named executive director in February 2018 after the PRC's board undertook an extensive national search; she is only the fourth director in the organization's 44-year history. She served for seven years before that as editor of Preservation in Print, the monthly magazine of the PRC, taking the publication's design and content to new levels of sophistication, winning several prestigious awards along the way. She also simultaneously served as the PRC's communications director. She is an adjunct lecturer in the Master of Preservation Studies program at Tulane University, of which she is also an alumna. Del Sol serves on the City of New Orleans' Central Business District Historic District Landmarks Commission, among other volunteer roles. She was a Diversity Scholar with the National Trust for Historic Preservation in 2012. She is a native of Miami, Florida and has degrees from Tulane University and Hendrix College. She lives in Uptown New Orleans with her husband and two daughters in a c. 1905 camelback shotgun that the couple restored in 2015.

Jessie Fisher
Executive Director, Preservation Buffalo Niagara



Jessie Fisher brings a wide background to her role as the Executive Director of Preservation Buffalo Niagara. An Urban Planner with a Master's degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, Jessie has worked as an historic preservation and neighborhood planning consultant, owned and developed at-risk and abandoned buildings, and served as the Director of Planning at Buffalo Niagara Riverkeeper. These experiences have combined to give her a unique sense of how promoting our region's heritage can unlock a brighter, more equitable, more sustainable future. When she's not working on strengthening WNY communities, Jessie can be found producing

copious amounts of baked goods and hanging out with her husband, four children, and three cats in their historic Buffalo home.

Patrice Frey
President and CEO, Main Street America



Patrice Frey is President and CEO of the National Main Street Center, where she oversees the Center's work, offering technical assistance, research, advocacy, and education and training opportunities for Main Street's network of approximately 1,800 members. Based in Chicago, Illinois, the National Main Street Center is a subsidiary of the National Trust for Historic Preservation, and has participated in the renewal of more than 2,000 older commercial districts during its 30-year history. Before joining the National Main Street Center in May 2013, Patrice serviced as the Director of Sustainability at the National Trust for Historic

Preservation, where she oversaw the National Trust's efforts to promote the reuse and greening of older and historic buildings, including research and policy development work through the Seattle-based Preservation Green Lab.

Before joining the National Trust, Patrice worked for several years in the field of community development and urban research. She is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania's program in historic preservation, where she received a master's degree in preservation planning and a certificate in real estate design and development through the Penn School of Design and Wharton Business School. Patrice completed her master's thesis on the application of the U.S. Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards to historic buildings. Patrice also worked for the City of Goleta, California, where she coordinated the acquisition and preservation of coastal open space, as well as a number of community development related programs. Prior to her time in Goleta, Patrice worked for the Brookings Institution's Center on Urban and Metropolitan Policy in Washington, D.C., where she served as the executive assistant to the center director. She received her bachelor's degree in politics and international relations from Scripps College in Claremont, California.

Jim Gabbert
Historian, National Register of Historic Places Program, National Park Service



Jim Gabbert has worked with the National Register of Historic Places for 22 years, 13 of them at the National Park Service and the balance at the Oklahoma State Historic Preservation Office. He began his preservation career at Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana (now Indiana Landmarks) after completing a master's program at Eastern Michigan University. He considers his education as a cultural geographer to be an asset as a preservationist.

Greg Galer
Executive Director, Boston Preservation Alliance



Greg Galer, Ph.D., is the Executive Director of the Boston Preservation Alliance and has over 30 years of experience as a historic preservation and museum professional. Previous positions include: Vice President of Collections and Exhibitions at the New Bedford Whaling Museum, Curator of the Stonehill Industrial History Center at Stonehill College in Easton, MA, and Coordinator of Industrial History at the Valentine Museum in Richmond, VA. He holds a Bachelor of Arts with Honors in American Civilization from Brown University and a Ph.D. in the History and Social Study of Science and Technology from MIT with a focus on

the history of American industrial communities. He has played central roles in the transformation of historic industrial sites for contemporary uses from museums to affordable housing. Greg has been involved in preservation efforts in hundreds of buildings and sites and been an active advocate for local and national policy issues. In the last 5 years he has been engaged in over \$2 billion of construction in Boston. He is a Board Member of the National Preservation Partners Network (NPPN) and Chair of the group's Education & Advocacy Committee as well as a Trustee of the Boston Groundwater Trust and a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He is a leader of the Steering Committee for the Preservation Partners Priorities Task Force, a collaboration of NPPN and the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Valerie Grussing
Executive Director, National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers



As the Executive Director of NATHPO, Dr. Valerie J. Grussing is committed to protecting culturally important places that perpetuate Native identity, resilience, and cultural endurance through support, guidance, and advocacy of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers. She is passionate about advocating for and elevating Native interests and voices in protecting and revitalizing Native culture and places. Previously she managed a range of collaborative projects including Characterizing Tribal Cultural Landscapes, and a Cultural Resources Toolkit for MPA Managers at NOAA. While there she instituted a culture shift in how her colleagues work with indigenous groups by ensuring that staff and leadership are knowledgeable about principles of sovereignty, self-determination,

and proactive engagement and relationship building. Valerie holds a BA in History from North Carolina State University, an MA in Anthropology from the University of Iowa, and a PhD in Coastal Resources Management from East Carolina University.

Erik Hein
Executive Director, National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers



Erik Hein is the Executive Director of the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers, which is the national membership organization representing "SHPOs" before elected officials, federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and the public. Prior to holding this position, he was the President of and Registered Lobbyist for Preservation Action, the national non-profit grassroots lobbying organization focused on federal historic preservation policy.

In addition to his more than 12 years of work in federal historic preservation policy, since 1995 Hein has also held positions as a preservation consultant, city historic preservation officer and planner, and at statewide and local preservation organizations. He has also served and continues to serve on numerous nonprofit boards including the US National Committee of the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ex-officio), the Preservation Action Foundation, the National Preservation Institute, the National Preservation Partners Network, and the Committee of 100 on the Federal City.

In addition to studying 19th Century art and architecture at the Victoria University of Manchester, UK, Erik holds a Bachelor's degree from Penn State University and a Master's in American Studies/Historic Preservation from the George Washington University. Originally from Bucks County, Pennsylvania, he now lives in Petworth, District of Columbia.

Johns Hopkins

Executive Director, Baltimore Heritage



Johns Hopkins has been the executive director of Baltimore Heritage since 2003. Before that, Johns worked for the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development developing and implementing smart growth and neighborhood revitalization programs. Johns holds degrees from Yale University, George Washington University Law School, and the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment.

Beth Kanter

Trainer, Facilitator, Author



Beth Kanter is an internationally recognized thought leader in digital transformation and wellbeing in the nonprofit workplace. Named one of the most influential women in technology by Fast Company, she has over three decades of experience in designing and delivering training and capacity-building programs for nonprofits and foundations. As a sought-after keynote speaker and workshop leader, she has presented at nonprofit conferences on every inhabited continent of the world to thousands of nonprofits.

Renee Kuhlman

Senior Director of Outreach and Support, National Trust for Historic Preservation



Renee Kuhlman serves as Senior Director of Outreach and Support for the National Trust for Historic Preservation and manages their grants, awards, trainings, journal, conference content, and advisors program. In her two decades with the organization, Renee has helped engage grassroots advocates and legislators to preserve the federal historic tax credit during tax reform, assisted legislators and advocates in more than 40 states adopt, expand, and protect state historic tax credits and worked on the successful campaign to put in place dedicated funding for maintaining historic resources in our national parks. She presents regularly on grassroots advocacy, state and local policy issues and coalition building. Renee earned her BA in History from the College of William and Mary and her MS in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont.

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Brent Leggs

Executive Director, African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund



Brent Leggs is the executive director of the [African American Cultural Heritage Action Fund](#). Envisioned as a social movement for justice, equity, and reconciliation, the Action Fund is promoting the role of cultural preservation in telling the nation's full history, while also empowering activists, entrepreneurs, artists, and civic leaders to advocate on behalf of African American historic places.

A Harvard University Loeb Fellow and author of *Preserving African American Historic Places*, which is considered the “seminal publication on preserving African American historic sites” by the Smithsonian Institution, Brent is a national leader in the U.S. preservation movement and the 2018 recipient of the Robert G. Stanton National Preservation Award. His passion for elevating the significance of black culture in American history is visible through his work, which elevates the remarkable stories and places that evoke centuries of black activism, achievement, and community.

Over the past decade, he has developed the Northeast African American Historic Places Outreach Program, and its theme, the *Business of Preservation*, to build a regional movement of preservation leaders saving important landmarks in African American history. As the project manager for several National Treasure campaigns across the country, he led efforts to create the [Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument](#) in Alabama, which President Barack Obama designated in January 2017. Other campaign successes include the perpetual protection of cultural monuments like [Villa Lewaro](#), the estate of Madam C. J. Walker in Irvington, New York; [Joe Frazier's Gym](#) in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; [Hinchliffe Stadium](#) in Paterson, New Jersey; [A. G. Gaston Motel](#) in Birmingham; [Nina Simone's birthplace](#) in Tryon, North Carolina; [John and Alice Coltrane's home](#) in Huntington, New York; and more. Brent has taught at Harvard University, Boston Architectural College and the University of Maryland. He is a Senior Advisor and Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Pennsylvania's Center for the Preservation of Civil Rights Sites (CPCRS) and is an Adjunct Professor at Columbia University's graduate program in Historic Preservation.

James B. Lindberg

Senior Policy Director, National Trust for Historic Preservation



James B. Lindberg is Senior Policy Director at the National Trust for Historic Preservation. He has more than 30 years of experience in preservation, planning, and sustainable development, including five years as director of the National Trust's Preservation Green Lab. He has led nationally recognized preservation and sustainable development projects, including the adaptive use of a former dude ranch in Rocky Mountain National Park and the green rehabilitation of a historic school in Denver. He earned his BA in the Growth and Structure of Cities from Haverford College and his MS in Historic Preservation from the University of Vermont. He is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Colorado Denver College of Architecture and Planning.

Michelle Magalong

Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at the School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation at the University of Maryland and President of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation



Michelle Magalong is a Presidential Postdoctoral Fellow at the School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation at University of Maryland. She brings to this role her extensive professional and research experience in community development, historic preservation and public health in underserved communities. Magalong's work has been dedicated to telling the stories of historically marginalized groups through public humanities and historic preservation. Her doctorate in Urban Planning at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) focused on the process and development of the National Park Service Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Initiative and Theme Study, part

of the Park Service’s recent effort to identify, acknowledge and preserve more inclusive and diverse historic sites.

During Magalong’s two-year appointment at UMD, she will expand upon her dissertation work to explore the importance and impact of the National Park Service Heritage Initiatives that include the American Latino Theme Study, LGBTQ Theme Study and special resources studies on women, the Civil Rights movement and African American Heritage Initiative. Her research— *Telling All American Stories: A Movement of Diversity, Inclusion, and Relevancy in Historic Preservation*—has the ultimate goals of increasing the number of nominations and listings on the National Register of Historic Places and as National Historic Landmarks and raising the degree of scholarship on these kinds of historic preservation efforts. Currently, less than 10 percent of national landmarks are associated with African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, Native Hawaiians, Pacific Islanders, women and LGBTQ individuals.

She received her BA in Ethnic Studies and Urban Studies and Planning at University of California, San Diego (UCSD), and MA in Urban Planning at University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Dr. Magalong serves as President of Asian and Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation (APIAHiP), a national volunteer-run, nonprofit organization. Her research and professional experience focus on community engagement, historic preservation, and social justice. She has served in advisory roles in historic preservation and community development, notably for the National Park Service, California State Office of Historic Preservation, and City of Los Angeles Office of Historic Resources. She was also recognized in 2018 as one of the “40 Under 40: People Saving Places” by National Trust for Historic Preservation.

Andrea Malcomb
Museum Director, Historic Denver’s Molly Brown House Museum



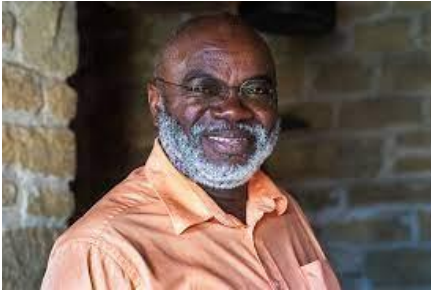
Andrea Malcomb has been with Historic Denver’s Molly Brown House Museum since 1999, and strives to elevate the museum as a nationally recognized women’s history and Titanic site. Malcomb has ensured the historic house will stand for another century with a \$1million+ in capitol repairs recently completed, and that the museum remains a dedicated local education partner with new education spaces and programs to serve the community.

Bonnie McDonald
President and CEO, Landmarks Illinois



Bonnie joined Landmarks Illinois (LI) as its executive leader in 2012. She has imparted her vision to focus on people as the purpose for historic preservation, which led to the branding of LI’s work as “People Saving Places for People.” Bonnie’s collaborative leadership, engaging the board, staff, volunteers and members, has resulted in LI’s exponential growth and increased impact. Since 2012, LI has opened its first regional office, nearly doubled its staff, initiated a preservation revolving fund and new grant programs, passed needed policies and state legislation, all while engaging in on-the-ground advocacy helping people save places that matter to them. Previously, she served as executive director of the Preservation Alliance of Minnesota and the Anoka County (MN) Historical Society, as well as working previously with Preservation Action in Washington, D.C., the Preservation League of New York State, the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office and the Minneapolis Heritage Preservation Commission. She is a member of the Economic Club of Chicago’s Questions Committee, Lambda Alpha International – Ely Chapter and the Arts Club of Chicago. Bonnie has a Bachelor of Arts in Art History (summa cum laude) from the University of Minnesota and a Master of Arts in Historic Preservation Planning from Cornell University.

Joseph McGill, Jr.
Founder, The Slave Dwelling Project



Joseph McGill, Jr. is the founder of the Slave Dwelling Project, Inc., working to bring awareness and preserve the dwellings where African American ancestors lived while enslaved. He was previously a field officer for the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Mr. McGill is also the founder of Company "I" 54th Massachusetts Reenactment Regiment in Charleston. The 54th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry was the regiment portrayed in the award-winning movie "Glory."

Vincent Michael
Executive Director, Conservation Society of San Antonio



Vincent L. Michael, Ph.D. has spent over three decades as a heritage manager, advocate, consultant and thought leader. He is Executive Director of the San Antonio Conservation Society in San Antonio, Texas. Previously he was Executive Director of the Global Heritage Fund (GHF) in Palo Alto, California from 2012 to 2015, helping preserve World Heritage Sites through community development. As Trustee of the National Trust for Historic Preservation (2006-2015) he served as Chair of the Historic Sites Fund Subcommittee and Vice Chair of the Diversity Task Force. He is also on the Board of the Frank Lloyd Wright Building Conservancy. He has worked in the field of heritage development, tourism planning, community planning, historic architecture, education and design in a wide variety of capacities and is a sought-after lecturer, tour guide and expert.

Vincent first worked on the creation and interpretation of the Illinois & Michigan Canal National Heritage Corridor, and then as a planner and advocate for Landmarks Illinois for 8 years. He received his B.A. and M.A. from the University of Chicago and received a Trustee's Award from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts to complete his doctorate in architectural history at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His dissertation looked at the history of historic districts in New York and Chicago. He supervised the Master's Program in Historic Preservation at The School of the Art Institute of Chicago from 1996 to 2010, where he held the John Bryan Chair of Historic Preservation from 2006 to 2013.

Vince has served as Secretary and Issues Committee Chair of Landmarks Illinois. He has traveled to international preservation conferences for various organizations and the U.S. Department of State. He is Chair Emeritus of the National Council for Preservation Education, and President Emeritus of the Site Council for the Gaylord Building, a National Trust property. He has also served on the Illinois Historic Sites Advisory Council and the Oak Park Historic Preservation Commission, as well as numerous local preservation organizations and advisory bodies, including the Black Metropolis/Bronzeville Convention and Visitors Bureau and Maxwell Street Foundation.

His writings include two videos on Chicago architecture, several Michelin Travel Publications, articles in the *Journal of the Society of Architectural Historians*, *Design Issues*, *Future Anterior*, *Traditional Building*, *forum journal* and *The Encyclopedia of Chicago* and the book *The Architecture of Barry Byrne* (University of Illinois Press, 2013). Since 2005 he has authored the weekly blog Time Tells, which has been cited by traditional media and was heard on Marfa Public Radio's weekly program *Preservation Nation* in Texas from 2007 to 2012.

Chris Moore,
Executive Director, Washington Trust for Historic Preservation



Chris joined the Washington Trust in 2005 as the organization's first Field Director. In 2013, Chris became the Washington Trust's Executive Director, and his responsibilities include day-to-day management and operation of the organization, board governance, fundraising, and human resources. In addition to his executive responsibilities, Chris keeps an active role in the advocacy and outreach work he began as Field Director.

Chris holds a BA in Sociology from the University of California at San Diego and an MA in Preservation Studies from Boston University.

Danielle Parker
Executive Director, Preservation Alliance of West Virginia



Danielle Parker has been the executive director of the Preservation Alliance of West Virginia since 2011. As the director, she has developed the Preserve WV AmeriCorps program, a statewide revolving microloan program, and the Saving Historical Places Grant program to save the places that communities care most about in West Virginia. Parker graduated with a master's degree in History from West Virginia University in 2011 and also holds a bachelor's degree in history from Slippery Rock University in Pennsylvania.

M. Rosalind Sagara
Neighborhood Outreach Manager, Los Angeles Conservancy



M. Rosalind Sagara has over fifteen years of experience in historic preservation, community organizing, and film. As the Neighborhood Outreach Manager with the Los Angeles Conservancy, Rosalind develops local preservation leaders throughout Los Angeles County. She is a co-author of the award-winning Asian Americans in Los Angeles Historic Context for SurveyLA and serves on the Boards of the Save Our Chinatown Committee and Asian & Pacific Islander Americans in Historic Preservation. Rosalind holds degrees in Heritage Conservation (M.H.C. University of Southern California), Film Studies (M.A. University of Iowa), and English (B.A. UC Riverside).

Alan Spears
Senior Director of Cultural Resources, Government Affairs, National Parks Conservation Association



Alan joined NPCA in 1999 and is currently the Senior Director of Cultural Resources in the Government Affairs department. He serves as NPCA's resident historian and cultural resources expert. Alan is the only staff person to ever be rescued from a tidal marsh by a Park Police helicopter.

Alan worked for NPCA's Enhancing Cultural Diversity program managing the National Parks Community Partners program from 1999 to 2003. This initiative was designed to connect national parks in Boston, Washington, DC, Atlanta, Miami, Los Angeles, and San Francisco more closely to racially and ethnically diverse constituents. The Community Partners created a ground-breaking youth employment program, a guide to

understanding the National Park Service hiring process, and launched a volunteer service initiative in northeast Washington, DC, which ultimately grew into a highly successful friends group. After joining the Government Affairs department Alan gained introduction and passage of the National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom Funding Re-authorization Act of 2008. More recently, as a part of the Government Affairs department,

Alan has led, co-led, or supported five successful national monument campaigns including Fort Monroe, Harriet Tubman, Charles Young, and Pullman. Alan is a graduate of Howard University in Washington, DC, and his writing has appeared in the Civil War Times Illustrated and National Parks magazine.

Ben Sutton

Director of Preservation, The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation



Ben Sutton has been with The Georgia Trust since 2014, becoming Director of Preservation in 2018. Ben has a master's degree in heritage preservation from Georgia State University and a bachelor's degree from Appalachian State University. He is a certified Historic Real Estate Development Finance Professional and has a background in history, education, and outdoor leadership. Ben was drawn to preservation because of its interdisciplinary nature and is motivated by the complex challenges that historic buildings can present. He lives in historic Grant Park with his wife, Katie, and two young boys.

Naomi West

Director of Philanthropy & Engagement, Historic Seattle



Naomi has been Historic Seattle's Director of Philanthropy & Engagement since 2015. During her tenure, she has built the organization's first comprehensive fundraising plan and integrated it with communications, marketing, and programming, including leading the multi-year ongoing effort to #SaveTheShowbox.

Prior to arriving at Historic Seattle, Naomi raised funds for the incredible work of the Mount Sinai Medical Center and Animal Medical Center in New York City. She holds a bachelor's degree in communication from Appalachian State University in beautiful Boone, North Carolina, and she volunteers as the event planner for 100+ Women Who Care Greater Seattle, a local giving circle.