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### President Nominates New ACHP Chairman

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On March 19, President Trump forwarded to the Senate his nomination of Aimee Jorjani as the new chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). Ms. Jorjani will be the ACHP's first full-time chairman since the December 2016 enactment of the National Park Service Centennial Act, which converted the current part-time chairman position to a full-time position. Current ACHP Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson FAIA will serve until Ms. Jorjani is confirmed. She will bring to the position nearly 20 years of experience in the fields of government and cultural resources, including involvement with the Preserve America program.



She has a Masters in Historic Preservation from Goucher College. Her professional career began on Capitol Hill working as a legislative aide to Rep. Paul Ryan (R-WI). She later moved to the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) and had several positions, including serving as the Deputy Secretary's Special Assistant for Historic Preservation and as DOI's first Department-wide Historic Preservation Officer. In those positions, she was instrumental in advancing the ACHP's partnership with DOI to develop and implement the Preserve America program.

### ACHP Adopts Policy Statement on Controversial Commemorative Works

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At its March business meeting, the ACHP adopted a policy statement on the treatment of controversial commemorative works—public memorials and monuments that honor divisive historical figures or events. Through the guiding principles of this policy statement, the ACHP seeks to promote informed



decision making and responsible stewardship of controversial but nevertheless historically significant commemorative works. In doing so, the ACHP acknowledges it is essential for decision makers to do the following:

- directly confront history's difficult chapters;
- consult broadly with the public to ascertain contemporary community views;
- consider a range of management alternatives; and
- promote public education regarding all aspects (positive and negative) of the nation's history.

[Read the policy statement.](#)

## Increased Funding for Preservation for Remainder of Fiscal Year

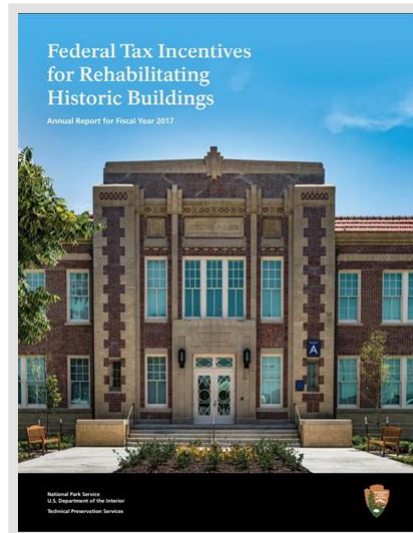
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In March, Congress passed, and President Trump signed, an appropriations bill to fund federal agencies for the remainder of the 2018 fiscal year. The legislation is very positive news in terms of federal funding for historic preservation. [Read about highlights here.](#)

## New Report Cites Historic Tax Credits Create Thousands of Jobs and Billions of Dollars in Investment

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The National Park Service issued its FY 2017 [annual report on the federal historic tax incentives program](#). Commonly known as the Historic Tax Credit, the program provides a 20 percent federal tax credit for rehabilitation of historic buildings for business or income-producing uses. According to the report, FY 2017 saw more than \$5.8 billion in private investment in historic preservation and community revitalization due to the Historic Tax Credit and the creation of almost 107,000 jobs.



## May is Preservation Month!

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The ACHP is ready to celebrate National Historic Preservation Month, created in 1971 by the National Trust for Historic Preservation to spotlight local preservation efforts in America. During May, people across the country celebrate their history, culture, and historic places, raising awareness about the power historic preservation has to protect and enhance our communities.



The ACHP encourages the observance of Historic Preservation Month with some suggested activities:

- Host architectural and historic tours
- Offer a historic preservation award ceremony
- Promote heritage travel opportunities
- Have a fundraising event for a historic preservation project
- Offer educational programs
- Set up a public exhibition
- Participate in a community project
- Join in the celebration by sharing information about Preservation Month on social media channels

Follow or like the ACHP on Twitter @USACHP, Instagram @USACHP, and Facebook at ACHP - Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, Preservation-The Next Generation, and Preservation Indigenous-Native Youth. Also, visit the ACHP [on the web](#).

## Picture Yourself in a Historic Place!

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The ACHP, in partnership with the National Park Service, National Trust for Historic Preservation, and USA.gov, is asking people to show how they enjoy historic places by posting pictures on their social media platforms using the hashtag #MyHistoricPlace during the month of May, National Historic Preservation Month.



Beginning on May 1, photos posted on Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook using #MyHistoricPlace and tagging @USACHP, @SavingPlaces, and @NPSCLP will be displayed in an online gallery to be voted on. The photo with the most votes each week will win a historic preservation prize package. [Watch our video here](#).

The purpose of the photo contest is to raise awareness of historic preservation and the work the ACHP and partners do. All are encouraged to participate and vote for the winners. [Read more](#).

## Application Deadline Approaching: PastForward Diversity Scholarship Program

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The Diversity Scholarship Program provides support for attendance to the 2018 PastForward conference in San Francisco, California, November 13-16. If you are an emerging preservation professional representing or working in, or with, an underrepresented community, [apply today!](#) Applications due May 1.

## Contact Information Needed From Preserve America Communities

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Has it been a while since your community was designated a Preserve America Community? Have you elected a new mayor? Has your contact person moved on to a new job? Have e-mail addresses changed? In order to stay in the loop about funding opportunities, model programs, and other resources for Preserve America Communities, please update the following information and send to [Judy Rodenstein](#):  
Community name

Congressional district

Name of chief elected official, e-mail address, and phone number

Name of best contact person, e-mail address, and phone number

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