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Mary Alexander (Grants Workshop)

Mary Alexander is Director of the Museum Advancement Program at the Maryland Historical Trust. She has worked in the Washington area since 1970, primarily focusing on museum education. Her employers have been the National Trust for Historic Preservation, Museum Education Roundtable, National Archives, Mount Vernon and Hillwood Museum. From 1987 to 1991 she led the national "Common Agenda for History Museums" program for the American Association for State and Local History. This experience provided her with a very broad perspective on museum practices across the United States. In 1998, Mary (with George Hein) published Museums: Places of Learning, a volume that marked the 25th anniversary of the American Association of Museums' Education Committee. She has recently completed a revision of Edward Alexander's Museums in Motion: An Introduction to the History and Functions of Museums, published by Altamira Press in 2008. Mary earned a Masters Degree in Education from the University of Connecticut.

Michael Armstrong (Green Alphabet Soup: The Pot is Still on the Burner)

Senior VP, Member Services & Communications, International Code Council (The ICC is a non-profit, membership organization that develops model codes) Michael holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Science from the University of Colorado at Boulder, and a Juris Doctorate from Pepperdine University School of Law, Malibu. He has been closely involved in the development and release of the Code Council's new International Green Construction Code. Mike is a member of the DC Preservation League where he chairs a work group on the relationship between green issues and historic preservation.

Robert Aydukovic (Repositioning Our Downtowns and Mainstreets)

Mr. Aydukovic is a real estate and economic development consultant with expertise in downtown and district revitalization specifically in the areas of market studies, financial feasibility and analysis, and private-public partnerships. His experience ranges from multi family rental housing to hotels, offices, parking structures and retail in downtown or urban areas. Mr. Aydukovic frequently advises local and State governments on participation in development projects including tax credit programs and adaptive reuse of vacant building. From 2001-2009, Mr. Aydukovic worked for the Downtown Partnership of Baltimore, Inc. in various leadership roles including Managing Director of Downtown Development Council (2008-2009), Vice President of Economic Development (2005-2008) and Director of the Downtown Housing Initiative (2001-2005). Prior to joining DPOB, Mr. Aydukovic served as senior analyst for the Baltimore Development Corporation, the City's quasi-public economic development agency, from 1996 to 2001. While serving at DPOB and BDC, he helped negotiate public-private partnerships on several market rate apartment, hotels, office, industrial and retail/entertainment projects. In other work experience, Mr. Aydukovic has served as a commercial district revitalization coordinator in the Belair-Edison neighborhood of Baltimore City from 1994 to 1996. Mr. Aydukovic has earned a master's degree in real estate development from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD, and bachelor's degree in construction management from Michigan State University in East Lansing, MI. He currently serves as an Officer of the Live Baltimore Home Center Board and ULI Baltimore District Council Executive and Programs Committees.

Elizabeth Beckley (Shore Grown: Getting to Smarter Growth, Strategies and Partnerships on for Practicing Effective Preservation in a Rural Region, State of Preservation on Maryland's Eastern Shore)
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Marilyn Benaderet (Grants Workshop)

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Marilyn Benaderet is Director of Preservation Services for Preservation Maryland, the state's oldest statewide preservation organization, where she is responsible for providing funding, advocacy and technical assistance to local preservation organizations throughout the state. She administers the grant programs, *The Heritage Fund*, a joint program between Preservation Maryland and the Maryland Historical Trust and the *Tobacco Barn Restoration Fund*, a Save America's Treasures initiative. She is also directly responsible for administration of the organization's easement program.

Mrs. Benaderet holds a B.A. in Africana Studies from the University of Maryland Baltimore County and a M.A. in Historic Preservation from Delaware State University.

Roger A. Bollman (Four Historic Churches)

Mr. Bollman, a retired engineer, is a former member of the vestry and junior warden at Christ Church. He is currently Chairman of the Easton Historic District Commission and a member of the board of the Historical Society of Talbot County.

Al Bond (Historic Theatres: The Curtain Rises Again)

Al Bond is the Executive Director of the Avalon Foundation, Inc, which operates the Avalon Theatre, and several other venues & programs. Prior to working for the Foundation, Al served for seven years as Economic Development Coordinator for the Town of Easton, providing economic research and advice to the Mayor and Town Council, as well as working with the Easton Main Street Program. Al grew up in a family whose history in Talbot County goes back over 350 years. This rich connection to the history of the area combined with the experience of working in a family business in Easton which grew from being a small "mom & pop" to being part of a billion dollar public company provides the context for Al's work for both the Avalon and the Town of Easton.

Rev. Earle M. Brooks, BA (Four Historic Churches)

A native of Talbot County, Reverend Brooks has a long interest its rich history and deep knowledge of the beginnings of the African Methodist Church on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He served as an active member of the Historical Society of Talbot County while pastor of Bethel AMEC during the 1980's. His presentation to the Maryland State Legislation: Ways and Means Committee resulted in change in law concerning the length of time grants/loans were issued from time of application.

Ward Bucher (Federal Period Easton Tour, Hope is where the Heart Is)

Ward Bucher has built a career designing and preserving spaces people love. He has extensive experience in historic preservation, architecture and green buildings in Maryland and throughout the United States. He has also volunteered his technical expertise as a member of numerous boards and commissions, and is currently a member of the Talbot County Historic Preservation Commission. Mr. Bucher is the author of the Dictionary of Building Preservation published by John Wiley & Sons.

Jeffrey Buchheit (Maryland Heritage Areas: Partners for Preservation, Policy and Product)

Mr. Buchheit has 20 years experience in museums and historical resource administration. Before joining the Mayor's Office in 2007, he was the Assistant Director of the Museum Assessment Program at the American Association of Museums (AAM). Prior to working at AAM he served as Executive Director of the Historical Electronics Museum in Baltimore, Maryland. He has served as President of the Small Museum Association for two years, Chair of their Winter Conference Planning Committee for two years, and President of Cylburn Arboretum Association's board of directors for one year. He began his career

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by interning at the National Air and Space Museum, Smithsonian and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington, D.C.

Peter G. Byrnes (Historic Tax Credit Project Walking Tour)

After graduating from St. Thomas of Villanova University in Miami, FL in 1969, Peter worked for Arthur Andersen & Co., CPA's. In 1974, he joined Weyerhaeuser Real Estate Company where he worked for 30 years in various financial and management positions in Miami and the Washington DC Metro area. Upon his retirement in 2004, he was CEO of Winchester Homes, Inc., a diversified real estate development and homebuilding business. Later he worked 4 years as a volunteer real estate consultant for CASA de Maryland, an immigrant advocacy group, where he managed planning for facilities, day-labor centers and the redevelopment and adaptive re-use of the McCormick-Goodhart Mansion in Langley Park, Maryland. The renovation of the Mansion into a Multicultural Service Center includes both historic and green elements: the historic component was financed in part by State, Federal and New Market Tax Credits and the functionally modern facility is expected to receive certification as a LEED-Gold structure. Peter also volunteers and serves on the Board of Chesapeake Bay Trust. He lives in the Easton area with his wife Marianne, is an avid vegetable gardener and Bay enthusiast.

Kimberly Clark (Historic Theatres)

Baltimore Development Corporation

Ruth Connell (An Uncanny Loss)

Ruth Connell is an architect, educator, author, and artist. Connell is an Associate Professor at Morgan State University, in Baltimore, Maryland, and is Chair of the Department of Architecture. Educated in architecture at the University of Pennsylvania's historic Graduate School of Fine Arts, now Penn Design, Connell began her career in Philadelphia, and has taught architecture in Florida, New York State, and Maryland. She is a cum laude graduate in Art History from Vassar College. Connell has written on many aspects of architecture, and is currently working on the following topics: the architecture of African American Churches of the Eastern Shore, Maryland, biomorphic design, intersections of art and architecture, and Building Information Modeling (BIM). Connell is the author of "The Deceptive Environment: The Architecture of Security," published in *Transformations of the Suburban and Urban Landscapes* (Lexington Books). Ruth Connell was a Senior Fulbright Scholar in Poland, teaching and researching architecture and urban design in Poland. In her art work, Connell explores the morphology of plants. Reflecting on her service at Morgan State University, Ms. Connell notes that "Educating young people in the practice of architecture and city design is an investment in the future of urban America, and in the infrastructure of an open society. Teaching in a historically black urban university has a special meaning for me, because many of our graduates will bring leadership and vision to their own communities. Functional cities are the landmark of a healthy democracy, and through education, we are reinforcing our democratic society and putting value into all of our resources." Ms. Connell is currently Secretary of the Baltimore Chapter of the American Institute of Architecture.

John Creighton (Finding a Way to Freedom)

John Creighton and Pat Lewis are seasoned researchers who have co-partnered to lead a nonprofit organization, the Many Rivers Community History Network. The Network's mission is to locate, interpret and disseminate copies and abstracts of historical records containing information

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about persons, events, sites and communities associated with Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad in Maryland and Delaware. John and Pat have been enthusiastically sharing their findings in a community forum, leading Saturday discussion sessions in Cambridge and regionally, and also, as invited speakers and popular tour guides. Their dedicated and exceptional work on behalf of the community was recognized with an award by Dorchester County's Heart of Chesapeake Country Heritage Area in 2009.

Stephanie Deutsch (Rosenwald Schools)

Great-Granddaughter-in-law of the Rosenwald Schools benefactor, she has visited schools nationwide and lectures widely on the subject. She is completing a book on the partnership between Julius Rosenwald, President of Sears Roebuck and Co. and Booker T. Washington, his collaborator and advisor. Stephanie has degrees from Brown University and Harvard and is a writer and critic living in Washington, D.C.

Elaine Eff (Tours for All, Rosenwald Schools)

Elaine Eff co-directs Maryland Traditions, a statewide initiative to sustain living arts and culture. She is a folklorist, oral historian, curator and filmmaker who works with communities and individuals to preserve and present traditional culture. She recently completed *Painted Screens Pilgrimage: Driving and Walking Tours Through East Baltimore's Historic Rowhouse Neighborhoods* in her role as founding director of the Painted Screen Society a not-for-profit membership organization.

Peggy Erickson (Tours for All)

Peggy has directed the Montgomery County's heritage area since 2003. Previously she worked with the Montgomery County Council from 1990 to 2002. She is on the board of Maryland Life Magazine. Erickson graduated from Boston University.

Regina Faden, Ph.D. (Archaeology, Preservation, and Interpretation at Maryland's First Capital)

Regina received her Bachelor's degree from Tufts University in English and German and earned a Masters in American Studies from Boston College. She received her Ph.D. in American Studies from Saint Louis University and then a Master's in History with a certificate in Museum Studies from University of Missouri-St. Louis. Faden joined Historic St. Mary's City as Executive Director in 2008. Since her arrival she has been engaged with the planning for the Commission's new visitor center, fundraising, and updating of the strategic plan. Previously she had served as Executive Director of the Mark Twain Boyhood Home & Museum. Faden has published a number of articles on American history and museum management and has taught American Literature and History at various colleges and universities.

Eric C. Y. Fang, AIA, APA, LEED AP (A Walk through Easton's Downtown Plan)

In Eric Fang's 20 years of experience as an architect, planner and development consultant, he has led a variety of redevelopment, transit-oriented development and campus planning projects for public agencies, private developers and large institutions nationally and internationally. His focus is on helping communities develop and implement strategies for sustainable growth. A lifelong student of the city, Eric co-founded the design journal *LINE* and has written for publications including *Urban Land* and *Architectural Record*.

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Captain Ed Farley (Sailing on the Skipjack HM Krentz)

After choosing to pursue an education by experience, Capt. Ed participated in the pilot internship programs of Dynamy in Worcester, Mass., and worked with the Hurricane Island Outward Bound School and the Apprenticeship in Maine. Then, sailing south from New England in the fall of 1971 and discovering the Eastern Shore with its active fleet of working skipjacks., Capt. Ed had found "home". He holds a United States Coast Guard 100 ton auxiliary/sail license, and has been making his livelihood from sailing skipjacks and from wooden boat building and repairs ever since. He purchased his first vessel in 1975, and after extensive rebuilding, started utilizing the skipjack year round by oystering from November through March and for carrying charters during the warm months. In 1977, Capt. Ed had the privilege and pleasure of working with James Mitchner, who was researching his book Chesapeake. In 1985, Capt. Ed helped to develop and operate a sailing skipjack environmental educational program with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and over the next seven years carried in excess of 14,000 school children. By 1990 the working fleet of skipjacks was diminishing along with the oyster population due to two viruses, MSX and Dermo. In an effort to save another of these last skipjacks, Capt. Ed sold his Stanley Norman (build 1902) to the Chesapeake Bay Foundation, and purchased the H. M. Krentz. After three years of effort the Krentz was ready for the Coast Guard inspection so that it too could earn its keep year round. With a lifelong interest in outdoor, environmental, and experiential education, Capt. Ed, through Ecotourism and oystering, approaches the 21st century with a commitment to keeping the heritage of the working skipjack alive.

Brigitte Fessenden (Mythbusters)

Brigitte Fessenden (Baltimore City) is a City Planner in the Historical and Architectural Preservation Division for the city of Baltimore. She has served as the Program Administrator for the Baltimore City Historic Tax Credit Program for over a decade and also serves as the Scenic Byways Administrator, and the Architectural Plan and Design Review Administrator. Ms. Fessenden has a MA in Planning from the University of Maryland and has served on numerous committees and boards. She is currently researching 19th Century Immigration patterns in Baltimore.

Patrice Frey (Green Alphabet Soup: The Pot is Still on the Burner)

Patrice 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 joined the National Trust after several years working in the field of community development and urban research.

JoAnn Genova (Shore Grown: Getting to Smarter Growth)

JoAnn acquires and develops commercial and residential properties on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. She works closely with local officials, contractors and architects, to fully realize the properties potential. Her most recent projects have included the rehabilitation of an 80 year old mixed use building and development of a mixed use infill project. JoAnn is a graduate of Chesapeake College, Business Administration, a Graduate of Marymount University, a former Licensed Realtor in the State of Maryland, a Member of the Talbot County Chamber of Commerce, an owner of a local restaurant and a Interior Designer, ASID, IIDA, S. Chapter. Joann is currently working on her thesis "New Uses for Old Churches: A Study of Past Relationships and Changing Times" at Marymount University in Arlington,

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Virginia. Joann and her husband, Antonio recently received the ESLC Eastern Shore 2010 award, for their Dover East project located in historic downtown Easton.

Alan Girard (PlanMaryland)

Alan Girard is a Senior Land Use Policy Manager with the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. He is responsible for developing positions on lands-related issues in Maryland, and oversees the Foundation's regional office based on the Delmarva Peninsula. Before joining CBF in 2001, Alan managed National Audubon Society's farm stewardship programs on Maryland's Eastern Shore. He has a bachelors of Arts from Ithaca Collage and a Masters in Public Affairs from Indiana University. Alan serves on a number of committees and boards and lives with his wife and son in Cambridge, Maryland.

Dale Glenwood Green (An Uncanny Loss)

Dale Glenwood Green is a Partner with Green & Tice, LLC; an Architecture, Historic Preservation, Planning and Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Consulting design firm based in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition, to cofounding and managing Green & Tice, LLC, he is also on the faculty at Morgan State University's School of Architecture and Planning in Baltimore, Maryland.

Concurrent with practice, Green enjoys research and authorship opportunities that his faculty position affords him. In addition, Green has lectured and participated on thesis juries for undergraduate and graduate courses for historic preservation. As a practitioner and academic scholar he is passionate, committed and able to help others choose directions for their lives that harmonize with their interest, aptitudes and abilities. It is evident that he wears many hats, such as that of an architect, professor, author and researcher. Green is a graduate of North Dorchester High School; Hurlock, Maryland (Maryland's Eastern Shore). Green earned his Bachelors of Science in Architecture and Environmental Design from Morgan State University, Baltimore, Maryland and subsequently earned a Masters of Architecture and Historic Preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois. As a post-graduate fellow of Architecture and Historic Preservation from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Green currently is pursuing a Ph.D. in Architectural Studies with an emphasis on Historic Preservation from the University of Missouri at Columbia, Columbia, Missouri.

Green has worked throughout the State of Maryland throughout his career. Over 90% of past and recent projects involved existing and/ or historic buildings constructed as early as 1719 and for the most part are historic African-American Churches on Maryland Eastern Shore. This particular historic preservation practice has enabled Green the capacity to have become very involved in practice, research, teaching and authorship. Green is currently working with the following historic African-American congregations on Maryland's Eastern Shore: Robinson AME Church, Queen Anne County, Bell's Chapel AME Church, Caroline County, St. Luke United Methodist Church, Talbot County, and St. Stephens AME Church, Talbot County.

Mary Margaret Revell Goodwin (Star-Spangled Banner and its Legacy)

Eastern Shore War of 1812 Consortium

Beth Hanson (Easton's Colonial Revival)

Historical Society of Talbot County

Beth Hansen is the curator at the Historical Society of Talbot County. She has an MA in Museum Studies, and has worked in small history museums for 15 years. Although she is a "come here" to Talbot County, she has a keen interest in the local history and history-makers.

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Kristen Harbeson (Down and Dirty Design Review)

National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers. Since 2007, Kristen Harbeson has been the State Services Director for the National Conference of State Historic Preservation coordinating communication between SHPOs, federal agencies and national preservation partners. She is also the cheerleader and web-manager for the Coalition for Full Funding, a national grassroots effort to obtain permanent full funding for the Historic Preservation Fund. Previously, she has worked as the Education and Outreach Director for Preservation Maryland, the Education Director for the USS Constellation Museum and the Director of Development for the Baltimore Maritime Museum. She lives in a 9-foot wide row house in a historic district of Baltimore City.

Johns Hopkins, Jr. (Tours for All)

Baltimore Heritage, Inc., is a non-profit organization that works to preserve and find new economic uses for Baltimore's historic buildings and neighborhoods. Johns helped create and directed the Maryland Building Rehabilitation Code Program, in the State of Maryland's Department of Housing and Community Development. The "Smart Codes Program" streamlines regulations to encourage investment in older buildings and neighborhoods. He teaches environmental law and regulation at Towson University's Environmental Science and Studies graduate program; is on the boards of the Johns Hopkins University Institute of Policy Studies and Civic Works, Inc., Baltimore's youth training and neighborhood revitalization corps, the Preservation Society in Fells Point and Federal Hill, and The Friends of Clifton Mansion, a non-profit group that is restoring the summer home of the benefactor of Johns' namesake university and hospital. Johns is a graduate of Yale University, the George Washington University Law School, and the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources and Environment.

Richard Hughes (Maryland Heritage Areas: Partners for Preservation, Policy and Product)

Richard Hughes has worked for the Maryland Historical Trust, the State Historic Preservation Office and an agency of the Maryland Department of Planning, since 1981. Prior to assuming his current position, he served as the Chief of the Trust's Office of Archaeology. He has served as the Administrator of the Maryland Heritage Areas Program since 2004. The Maryland Heritage Areas Authority is an independent unit in the Executive branch that operates within the Maryland Historical Trust. Maryland's Heritage Areas Program is a partnership between state agencies and communities designed to optimize the appeal of the state's distinctive regions as heritage tourism experiences. The goal of Maryland's Heritage Area program is to revitalize and strengthen communities by combining heritage tourism and small business development with preservation, natural and cultural resource conservation, recreation, and education in a strategic effort to enhance a community's economic activity. At the same time, heritage areas focus community attention on under-appreciated aspects of history, living culture, and unique environmental areas, fostering a stronger sense of pride. There currently are 11 State Certified Heritage Areas. Funding for the program including grants and loans for Heritage tourism projects statewide is currently \$3 million annually. Prior to joining the Trust, Mr. Hughes worked for Northwestern University, the National Park Service, and Salisbury University. He holds a Master of Science degree from the University of London, Institute of Archaeology, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Secondary Education from Virginia Commonwealth University.

RICH JOSEPHSON (PlanMaryland)

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Currently serves as Director of Planning Services for the Maryland Department of Planning, where he is responsible for directing planning assistance to local governments, land use planning and analysis, land and water resource planning, infrastructure planning, and planning data services. He was previously employed as Deputy Director for the City of Alexandria, Department of Planning and Zoning, and as Zoning Administrator and Long Range Planning Administrator for the Anne Arundel County, Maryland, Office of Planning and Zoning.

He received a Bachelor of City Planning degree from the University of Virginia, Charlottesville, Virginia and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP), and a member of the Maryland Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Donald Kann, AIA, NCARB (Repositioning Our Downtowns and Mainstreets)

As President of the architectural firm, KANN Partners, Donald Kann has guided the firm since its founding in 1974 and has directed many of the firm's large scale, multi-disciplined projects throughout the mid-Atlantic region. He is a qualified Historic Architect and has been instrumental in developing the firm's widely recognized expertise in historic preservation and adaptive re-use. Mr. Kann has received design and preservation awards from numerous organizations, including American Institute of Architects – Baltimore Chapter, American Society of Interior Designers – Maryland Chapter, Building Congress & Exchange, Maryland Historical Trust, and Preservation Maryland. Mr. Kann has lectured at a variety of public forums on topics including preservation, sustainable design, and the implementation of accessible design in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act Architectural Guidelines. He has been a Commissioner on the Baltimore City Commission on Historical and Architectural Preservation for nearly a decade, and now serves as its Chair. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Preservation Maryland and of the Baltimore County Design Review Panel. Mr. Kann received his degree in Architecture from North Carolina State University.

Cory Kegerise (State of Preservation on Maryland's Eastern Shore)

Local Government Administrator, MHT

Mary Keller (Funding Preservation Projects with Transportation Enhancements)

Ms. Keller has been with the SHA for 30 years and with the TE program since its inception in 1992. In addition to being a veteran of the transportation planning world, she also served in the Women's Air Force (WAF). She holds a BA in Sociology with a concentration in regional development from the University of Baltimore.

Sharon Kennedy (Mythbusters)

Sharon Kennedy (Anne Arundel County) was appointed to the Annapolis Historic District Commission 2003 and has served as chair for the past four years. She has an MBA from Duke University and a BA from Dennison University. She is a Trustee for the Charles Carroll House and the Thousand Friends of Maryland, and the Tour Co-Chair of the Maryland House and Garden Pilgrimage. Ms. Kennedy also served as the past chair of the Historic Annapolis Foundation. Prior to her preservation work, Ms. Kennedy served as a marketing director and has extensive experience with financial analysis and strategic planning.

Ed Landon (Green Alphabet Soup: The Pot is Still on the Burner)

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Ed holds a Master in Business Administration from the University of Baltimore and a Bachelor of Science in Engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. Prior to joining the Maryland Codes Administration, he has served the Baltimore Housing Authority and Baltimore DHCD in various capacities, and served as the Deputy Director for the Community Development Administration. He has also worked in the private sector as a senior project manager for March-Westin General Contractors.

Pete Lesher (Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions Luncheon Speaker)

Pete Lesher has been a curator of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum since 1991, where he is responsible for the museum's collections, from floating watercraft to sailmakers' needles, photographs, manuscripts, and oral history archives. A graduate of Lafayette College with an MA in history from Columbia University, he also attended Mystic Seaport's Munson Institute for American Maritime Studies. His research interest is the history of wooden shipbuilding and boatbuilding on the Chesapeake, and he has published a series of articles on various aspects of the topic in the museum's own magazine and in *Maryland Historical Magazine*. He co-authored the museum's catalog of its small craft collection, *A Heritage in Wood*. Outside of work, Lesher is an elected member of the Easton Town Council and is active in local historic preservation as chairman of the St. Michaels Historic District Commission and formerly served on the Easton Historic District Commission. He also served on the board of the Historical Society of Talbot County from 2000-2007, six of those years as chairman of the Collections Committee. He contracted archaeological work on Navy Point and provided documentation and specifications for a state historic preservation tax credit rehabilitation project with the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, and has lectured and written on the economic and maritime history of the local community.

Pat Lewis (Finding a Way to Freedom)

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Tom Liebel, AIA, LEED AP (Transforming the Past to Preserve Our Future)

Tom Liebel, AIA, LEED AP is a Principal with Marks, Thomas Architects, a Baltimore-based multi-disciplinary design firm. Tom has been involved in integrating sustainable design principles into a variety of ground-breaking adaptive use and historic preservation projects over the past fifteen years. Author, critic and mentor, Tom has spoken at numerous national and international conferences and has recently authored the chapter on sustainable design for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Main Street Program publication, *Revitalizing Main Street: A Practitioner's Guide to Comprehensive Commercial District Revitalization*. One of the first 25 LEED Accredited Professionals in the country, Tom graduated magna cum laude from the University of Cincinnati with a Bachelor of Architecture degree and a certificate in historic preservation. He also holds a Master of Liberal Arts degree from the Johns Hopkins University. Tom is a director of AIA Maryland and AIA Baltimore, and is an active member of the United

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States Green Building Council, the Maryland Green Building Network, the National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Maryland.

Peter Liebowitz, AICP (A Walk through Easton's Downtown Plan)

Mr. Liebowitz has more than 25 years of experience working on planning and economic development projects. His practice involves a wide range of assignments, including economic and market analyses for public and private clients and for projects ranging in size from rural economic development initiatives to some of the largest public/private development projects in the country (such as New York City's ambitious Moynihan Station Development project). Mr. Liebowitz is a full member of the Urban Land Institute and serves in leadership roles on both the national and district council levels.

O. James Lighthizer (Funding Preservation Projects with Transportation Enhancements)

Jim's years of public service began in 1979 when he was elected to the Maryland State Legislature. In 1982, he was elected to the first of two terms as Anne Arundel County Executive, where he successfully managed a full-service budget in excess of \$800 million. During his tenure as county executive, he established a county farmland protection program preserving over 2,500 acres. He also embarked on an aggressive waterfront park acquisition effort resulting in the purchase of over 900 acres and 7 miles of waterfront in the county. In 1986, he was reelected, with 80 percent of the vote. In 1991, Jim was appointed as Maryland's Secretary of Transportation. Jim created an unprecedented program that to date has saved more than 4,500 acres of Civil War battlefield land in Maryland and is the national model for the use of Transportation Enhancement funds for battlefield preservation. During his term as Chairman of the Governor's Greenways Committee in Maryland, Jim created Greenways throughout Maryland. In December 1999, Jim accepted the presidency of the Civil War Preservation Trust, a new organization created by the merger of two other national battlefield preservation groups, the Civil War Trust and the Association for the Preservation of Civil War Sites. Jim had previously served as a member of the Civil War Trust's Board of Trustees. When Jim took the reins at the Civil War Preservation Trust in November 1999, the fledgling organization had 22,000 members and its predecessor organizations had saved 7,000 acres in the previous 13 years. During Jim's tenure as President of the Trust, the group has saved an additional 18,000 acres, and now boasts 55,000 members nationwide. Jim was also the architect of the rescue of the Slaughter Pen Farm on the [Fredericksburg Battlefield](#) – the most expensive private battlefield preservation effort in American history. In an April 2005 National Geographic article, Adam Goodheart wrote: "If the romantic and perhaps doomed cause of saving America's Civil War battlefields can be said to have its own Robert E. Lee—a strategist who time and again snatched victory from the jaws of defeat—he is a man named James Lighthizer. The only catch is that in person Lighthizer seems better to resemble Ulysses S. Grant, a hard-driving, cigar-chomping politico straight off the pages of a gilded age broadsheet. As president of the Civil War Preservation Trust, Lighthizer has become adept at fighting many foes on many fronts all at once."

Andréa Livi Smith, Ph.D. (Funding Preservation Projects with Transportation Enhancements)

Andréa Livi Smith is an Assistant Professor as well as the Director of the Center for Historic Preservation at the University of Mary Washington. Dr. Smith has worked on multiple grants relating to transportation and travel behavior in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area. She has also conducted data collection and technical assistance for the federal Transportation Enhancements program. Trained as an urban planner as well as preservationist and architectural historian, Dr. Smith has focused her

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research on the intersection of urban design, transportation, and preservation. Her other interests include environmental psychology and the history and reuse of industrial resources.

Kathleen M. Maloney (PlanMaryland)

Kathleen Maloney is the owner/principal of Maloney and Associates, a government relations-lobbying firm lobbying representation and association management in Annapolis Maryland. She has handled policy priorities of the residential development and building industry in both the legislature and state regulatory agencies in Maryland for the past ten years. She has been an advocate for business and the industry on a number of legislative task forces reviewing various issues of interest. In addition, Katie serves as the Co-Chair of the Maryland State Chamber of Commerce Environment Committee and is a member of the Maryland Government Relations Association. She also served as an adjunct professor in the Political Science Department at the United States Naval Academy. Prior to the establishment of her own firm, Katie was the Executive Vice President/Legislative Affairs Director for the Maryland State Builders Association. She also worked for the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) in Washington, DC, overseeing state government relations nation-wide, and the Tidewater Association of REALTORS in Virginia Beach, Virginia as a lobbyist. Katie was born in Bethesda and grew up in Middletown, Maryland. She received a BS in Political Science and an MPA in Public Administration from Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Virginia. She currently resides in Annapolis.

John Maounis (Strategies and Partnerships for Practicing Effective Preservation in a Rural Region)

John Maounis is the Superintendent of the National Park Service Chesapeake Bay Office in Annapolis, Maryland, managing the Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, the Chesapeake Bay Gateways and Watertrails Network, and the recently designated Star-Spangled Banner National Historic Trail. The Gateways Network is a partnership system of 161 water trails, parks, wildlife refuges, historic sites and other organizations that preserve and interpret aspects of the story of the Chesapeake Bay watershed. The John Smith trail traces the 3000 mile voyages of Smith and crew from 1607-1609 throughout the Chesapeake and major tributaries. The John Smith trail commemorates these voyages, shares information on Native American society and culture in the 17th century and interprets the natural history of the Bay then. The Star-Spangled Banner NHT commemorates the Chesapeake Campaign of the War of 1812 during which British army and naval forces sailed up the Chesapeake to the north of the Bay, up the Potomac, Patuxent, and Patapsco rivers, culminating in the bombardment of Fort MCHenry in Baltimore harbor and the writing of the poem that became the National Anthem. From September 2003 to January 2006, Maounis served as the Chief of Staff for the Northeast Regional Office (NERO). In this position Maounis was a principal advisor to the Regional Director overseeing the diverse programs of the regional office in support of parks and partners. Beginning in 1999 John Maounis served as the Deputy Regional Associate Director for Cultural Resources of the National Park Service's Northeast Region. Maounis was the principal advisor to Northeast Regional Director on matters relating to park Cultural Resource Management. He oversaw a team of dedicated cultural resource professionals and the documentation and preservation of nationally significant cultural resources. Maounis began his NPS career in 1978 at the San Francisco Maritime Museum and the Golden Gate National Recreation Area when the Maritime Museum. Beginning in 1988 oversaw the museum programs of the former North Atlantic Region and then the Northeast Region as the first Director of the newly created Northeast Museum Services Center, a support center for parks in the NPS Northeast Region, providing professional assistance to the 80 park units that hold some 26 million museum collections. During 1997 and 1998 Maounis was Deputy Superintendent for the Longfellow, Frederick Law Olmsted and John F. Kennedy

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National Historic Sites. A resident of Baltimore, Maounis holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees from the University of California, Berkeley.

Sherri Marsh Johns (A Walk through Easton's Downtown Plan)

Ms. Johns is Retrospect, LLC's founder and principal investigator. She has more than 16 years experience in the fields of architectural research, cultural resource planning, historic preservation law compliance and historic restoration project management. For more than the past decade she has taught preservation subjects at Goucher College.

Henry Miller, Ph.D. (Archaeology, Preservation, and Interpretation at Maryland's First Capital)

Henry M. Miller is the Maryland Heritage Scholar at Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC) and currently a Maryland Heritage Fellow at the Centre for Medieval and Renaissance Studies at Oxford University. He has worked in the Chesapeake region since 1972 and directed a wide variety of archaeological investigations, reconstructions of 17th-century structures, and exhibit development projects at HSMC. Miller holds a Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Anthropology with a specialization in historical archaeology.

Ronald B. Mitchell (Historic Tax Credit Project Walking Tour)

In 2005 Ron purchased an historic house in Easton, Maryland and for a full year, devoted himself to a thorough historic restoration. During the summer of '06, the restoration was complete and the building opened as the Inn at 202 Dover. Since that time, the inn has been written about in major national magazines as well as regional publications. For eighteen years starting in 1981 Ronald Mitchell was president of his strategic marketing firm, following his employment at major US companies including, Procter & Gamble, Inter-Public, Norman Craig & Kummel and BBDO. Clients served during his career include just about every category of business including economic development, packaged goods, service, non-profit, education, industrial, business to business, financial, automotive, technology, communications, retail, hospitality, tourism, health care, government, political, airlines and food service. Ron served as Vice Chairman of the AAAA's Mid-Atlantic Region and is an Instructor for the American Association of Advertising Agencies', Institute for Advanced Advertising Studies. Ron was Professor and Director of the Small Business Development Center at the University of the District of Columbia where he enabled 100 minorities start their business. Immediately prior to UDC he taught at the University of Maryland's Smith School of Business where he was voted Outstanding Professor by the student body. For eight years prior to UM, he taught Promotion Strategy & Management, Business to Business Marketing, Marketing Management and Marketing Strategy II at the graduate school of Johns Hopkins University. In addition, he was advisor to students completing their thesis and dissertation. His strengths include, branding & positioning, strategic planning, budget development and allocation, forecasting, market analysis and the development and implementation of successful marketing plans. Ron was the founder of two non-profit charities, the National Fine Arts Foundation and, Partners to People. In addition, he has been published in *Executive Update* with an article entitled "Close Your Eyes and Visualize" addressing strategic planning and vision setting and, the *International Marketing Review* with two articles entitled "Children-Consumption, Advertising and Media" and, "Marketing Revolution." Ron has been a guest lecturer and speaker for: the American Advertising Foundation's Ambassador Program; National Association of Professional Saleswomen; Washington Area Women In Advertising; American Society of Association Executives; Electronic Retailing Association; the Small Business Administration's Bankers Workshop; Department of the Interior's National Wildlife Refuge System; and

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the Department of Health and Human Services. Currently he is a member of the board of directors for the Talbot County Historical Society and chair of strategic planning as well as chair of Easton's Main Street organization.

Ruth Mitchell (Archaeology, Preservation, and Interpretation at Maryland's First Capital)

Ruth Mitchell received her Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from St. Mary's College of Maryland in 1990 and her Master of Arts in Anthropology from The American University in Cairo in 1995. Mitchell served as Crew Chief at Jefferson Patterson Park and Museum in St. Leonard Maryland in 1993. She was a Teaching Assistant at The American University in Cairo, Egypt from 1993 – 1995. Since 1995, Mitchell has been employed as an archaeologist in the Department of Research at Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC). While at HSMC she has led field work during archaeological mitigation and survey projects on Prehistoric and Colonial period sites; assisted in evaluating significance of cultural resources and determining the best excavation and preservation strategies; and interpreted findings from Prehistoric through Historic (17th - 19th c.) period sites.

Shelby Mitchell (A Walk through Easton's Downtown Plan)

Shelby Mitchell is a retired lawyer and current innkeeper at the Inn at 202 Dover Street, an 1874 mansion she and her husband Ron restored in 2005. In addition to leading Historic Easton in its recent renovation of the Easton Railroad Station, she is actively involved in Easton's 300th Anniversary planning committees and in Easton Main Street.

Priscilla Morris (Federal Period Easton Tour)

Priscilla Morris recently completed a study of Easton Point from 1659 to 1930 and has conducted extensive research on Frederick Douglass in Talbot County. She is a commercial real estate appraiser at Appraisal Source LLC, founder of Easton's Railway Market, and a board member of Historic Easton, Inc. Her enthusiasm for county history grew from an interest in its old buildings and early settlers, including her maternal ancestors.

Nancy Nunn (Being on Board with Fundraising)

Few development professionals have fundraising degrees. Nancy graduated from Washington College with a BA in Political Science ('79) and a MA in History ('91). Nancy's career path has been a varied one including stints as a claims adjuster, college admissions counselor, historical society executive director and associate alumni director. Her development career began in the mid-1990s when she joined the Advancement Office at Washington College. During a ten year period, Nancy was the liaison for reunion classes, the parents council and major donor society. She concluded her service at Washington College as the Director of the Washington Fund.

Nancy joined the staff of the Harry R. Hughes Center for Agro-Ecology in 2007 as a part time Development Coordinator. In 2009, she became the Center's Communications, Marketing and Outreach Coordinator.

The Rev. Dr. William J. Ortt (Four Historic Churches)

Dr. Ortt has been the Rector at Christ Church since September 1999. Before that he served in Newton, Iowa and Greensboro, N.C.. His master's degree is from the General Theological Seminary and he received his doctorate from the Drew University School of Theology.

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Amy Owsley (State of Preservation on Maryland's Eastern Shore)

Deputy Director, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Barbara Paca (Hope is Where the Heart Is)

Barbara Paca maintains an active multidisciplinary professional practice. Having earned a professional degree in landscape architecture early in her life, Paca enjoys a successful roster of private clients who own historic properties. Desiring to understand the greater historical and intellectual context of those properties, Paca ventured into the field of academic research. She has gained a Ph.D. and completed several post-docs in the history of art, science and architecture.

Susan Pearl (Rosenwald Schools)

Historian and archeologist, Susan worked as architectural historian for the MD-National Capital Parks and Planning as Principal Investigator of Prince George's County historic sites survey. She initiated their survey of African American historic properties which was the initiative for the county's ongoing Black History Program and is an authority on pioneering Black architects. She is Historian for the Prince George's County Historical Society. Ms Pearl has recently completed a MHT funded study of all Rosenwald schools in the state.

Jeffrey Penza (Green Alphabet Soup: The Pot is Still on the Burner, Historic Theatres)

Penza Bailey Architects

Liz Petrella, LEED AP (Save That Farm!)

Liz Petrella, LEED AP, is an architectural historian in the Technical Preservation Services branch of the National Park Service. She has published an "Introduction to Federal Tax Credits for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings: Barns" and is currently working on the development of publications related to sustainability and green design as it affects historic preservation. Ms. Petrella is also responsible for the review of federal historic tax credit projects for compliance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards. Ms. Petrella holds a Master of Historic Preservation degree from the University of Maryland.

Carlene Phoenix (Four Historic Churches)

As an active member of the church, Carlene Phoenix is the Chairperson of the Staff Pastor Parrish Relations Committee, Acting Chair of the Finance Committee, Worship Committee, Evangelism, Stewardship, Coordinator of the Mobile Food Pantry and Church Historian. She is passionate about helping anyone in need and about researching and preserving the history of Asbury United Methodist Church and the DeShields Family History. She serves as Deputy Director of the Housing Commission of Talbot County and Supervisor of Elections for the Town of Easton. She is on the boards of St. Marks, Historic Easton, Easton's Affordable Housing Board and Blake-Blackston Auxiliary Unit 77.

Jennifer Pollard (Being on Board with Fundraising)

Director of Annual Giving, Eastern Shore Land Conservancy

Newel Quinton (Rosenwald Schools)

For five generations, Newell Quinton's family has lived in the community of San Domingo, a historic African American enclave near Sharptown, Wicomico County. He attended the impressive two-story Rosenwald School there and has worked tirelessly to restore it with his own labor and through federal,

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state and private grants. He is retired from a career in the military and federal service to San Domingo in 2002. He is a graduate of Morgan State University.

Roz Racanello (Maryland Heritage Areas: Partners for Preservation, Policy and Product)

Serving as the director of this three-county heritage tourism non-profit since its certification by the State of Maryland over 5 years ago, Ms. Racanello has provided a number of networking and funding opportunities for regional museums, parks, trails, historical and preservation partners. The Southern Maryland Heritage Area Consortium, (SMHAC) is one of eleven certified heritage areas in Maryland, a program that received the Preserve America Presidential Award.

Securing over a quarter of a million dollars in project grants this year and expanding the regional mini-grant program to include an additional twenty projects, the SMHAC has made significant progress in accomplishing its objectives in just a short time. The Consortium seeks to establish and expand the appeal of the Heritage Area as a destination to the heritage tourist, a market that includes eco-tourism and agri-tourism, two of the fastest growing segments.

Roz spent over 20 years in a successful career in advertising and marketing in the New York metropolitan area including management positions at Time/Warner, Reader's Digest, Grey Advertising and the New York Stock Exchange. She has been a St. Mary's County resident for over ten years.

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Douglass C. Reed (Can Bamboo Floors and Old Buildings Save Planet Earth?)

Historic Structures Consultant, President, Preservation Associates, Inc. founded in 1977 and dedicated to sensitive adaptive reuse of the historic environment will end the session with hard numbers and facts with examples of cost effectiveness and environmental impact. Doug is the lead cost estimator and will assist in targeting the adaptive reuse scenarios of the buildings for the DoD study. Doug has worked on significant restorations throughout the United States and his background in traditional construction techniques, conservation of the built environment and adaptive reuse experience is a major reason why he was invited to work on the DoD team.

Tom Reynolds (PlanMaryland)

Tom Reynolds is Manager of Research & Information at the Maryland Municipal League in Annapolis. The Maryland Municipal League is a non-profit organization representing all the incorporated cities and towns in Maryland. Mr. Reynolds' duties include providing research assistance to local elected officials as well as in support of the League's legislative program. He also teaches classes for the Academy for Excellence in Local Governance and serves as coordinator for the MML's conflict resolution program.

Mr. Reynolds was previously a government consultant at the Institute for Governmental Service at the University of Maryland and a former councilmember with the Town of Berwyn Heights, MD. He has a bachelor's degree in finance from the University of Miami and a master's degree in political science from Rutgers University.

Orlando Ridout, V (Four Historic Churches)

Orlando Ridout has a long association with Old Third Haven Meeting House. He surveyed the building and advised on its preservation in 1984 and wrote the architectural history of the structure for its 300th anniversary in 1984. (Kenneth Lane Carroll and Orlando Ridout, *300 years and more of Third Haven Quakerism*, Queen Anne Press, 1984.) In 1991, as architectural historian for the Maryland Historical Trust, he advised the meeting on restoration work to mitigate termite penetration, and in 2009 he

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returned to instruct Friends on the building's dating clues as part of its 325th anniversary celebration. Ridout has noted that a great deal of what is known about 17th century Maryland building techniques comes from this structure, calling it "one of those rare buildings that fully capture and convey a multi-dimensional sense of the past."

Timothy B. Riordan (Archaeology, Preservation, and Interpretation at Maryland's First Capital)

Dr. Riordan is Chief Archaeologist at Historic St. Mary's City (HSMC). He has a Ph. D. in Anthropology from Washington State University and 30 + years experience in archaeology. During his career, he has excavated a broad range of sites ranging from Early Archaic lithic scatters to modern dump sites. Since coming to HSMC in 1985, he has directed the annual field school. As Chief Archaeologist at HSMC, he has excavated a number of significant 17th-century sites including the 1667 Catholic Chapel. In 1992, he was co-director of Project Lead Coffin which removed and analyzed three lead coffins from the Chapel and in 1995 he directed the excavation and analysis of 57 burials around the Chapel. Recently, he had a book published by the Maryland Historical Society entitled "The Plundering Time," detailing the effect of the English Civil War on early Maryland.

Marci Ross (Tours for All)

Ross is Assistant Director of Maryland Office of Tourism Development. She is responsible for statewide travel products and serves on the Chesapeake Bay Gateways Network Working Group, the MD Scenic Byways Advisory Group, the MD Pedestrian and Bicycle Advisory Committee and the Technical Advisory Committee for the MD Heritage Area Authority and Tourism Area & Corridor Sign Committees. Under her leadership, MD was the first state to produce a National Underground Railroad Network to Freedom map-guide.

Julie Schablitsky, Ph.D., RPA (Funding Preservation Projects with Transportation Enhancements)

Julie M. Schablitsky is a member of the research faculty at the University of Oregon, Museum of Natural and Cultural History where she directs excavations and publishes on historic-period archaeology sites. She also serves as a lead archaeologist in the PBS Series, Time Team America and manages the cultural resources section at the Maryland State Highway Administration. Her recent research includes the study of US Naval hero John Paul Jones' boyhood home in Scotland, American West pioneer sites, and African American sites in Maryland. Dr. Schablitsky is also known for the extraction of DNA from artifacts to interpret archaeological sites. Recently, she has edited and contributed to the book *Box Office Archaeology: Refining Hollywood's Portrayals of the Past* and the Society for Historical Archaeology's volume, "Remains of the Day: Forensic Applications in Archaeology". Dr. Schablitsky is currently conducting a multi-year historic landscape study and archaeology research project associated with the War of 1812 that is funded by the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program and National Park Service Battle Field Protection program.

Mr. Robert G. Shannahan (Federal Period Easton Tour)

Bob Shannahan has a strong interest in local history and a detailed knowledge of Easton's Federal structures. He was born in Easton and has centuries-deep family roots in Talbot County. He is the Broker of Record for Shoreline Realty, and currently serves on the board of the Hammond-Harwood House. He is a past board member of the Historical Society of Talbot County, and former Chairman of the Talbot Committee of the Maryland Historical Trust.

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Josh Silver, Montgomery County (MD) Planning Department

Joshua Silver is a Senior Historic Preservation Planner in the Montgomery County, Maryland, Planning Department. He serves as staff to the county Historic Preservation Commission and Planning Board, and as the department's development review liaison on decisions affecting historic and cultural resources. As liaison he is responsible for resolving competing programmatic goals among interdepartmental and local government agencies in coincidence with the county historic preservation law. Mr. Silver holds a bachelor's degree in Anthropology and Master's in Urban and Regional Planning, with a concentration in land use and historic preservation.

Fred Stachura (Mythbusters)

Fred Stachura (Prince George's County) joined the Prince George's County Planning Department in April 2008, and serves as the principal staff to the Historic Preservation Commission. He has a master's degree in Historic Preservation and a degree in Law. He brings to the board his experience with the New York Main Street Alliance, the Providence Preservation Society, as an adjunct professor with Roger Williams University, and as a private consultant.

Paul Trudeau (Reading the Design, Winning the War on Windows)

Paul Trudeau is the Program Specialist for the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC), where his duties include providing technical assistance and training to local historic preservation commissions nationwide. Before joining NAPC in 2009, Paul worked as a Preservation Planner for the Cambridge (MA) and Newton (MA) Historical Commissions, where he served as the staff liaison to several local historic preservation design review boards.

Christopher Wand, AIA, LEED AP (Reading the Design)

Christopher Wand has been a member of the American Institute of Architects since 2001. Currently serving as a registered architect with Durrant Group, Inc. in Dubuque, Iowa, Christopher also serves on the Dubuque Historic Preservation Commission and is an active member in the Dubuque County Historical Society. A graduate of Iowa State University, Christopher serves on the Dubuque Main Street Board of Directors and the Board of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions.

Scott Whipple (Winning the War on Windows)

Scott is the Historic Preservation Section Supervisor for the Montgomery County (Maryland) Planning Department. He serves as staff to the county Historic Preservation Commission and is responsible for research and designation, historic area work permit review, county preservation tax credit and historic preservation grant administration, and education and outreach activities. From 2000-2007, Scott served as the Administrator of Local Preservation Programs for the Maryland Historical Trust.

Cherilyn E. Widell (Can Bamboo Floors and Old Buildings Save Planet Earth?, Mythbusters)

Cherilyn Widell, President, Seraph LLC is the former CA SHPO, former Federal Preservation Officer of Presidio Trust; co-founder Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions. Cherilyn Widell has worked in historic preservation nationwide and internationally for over 30 years in the public and private sectors. Currently, she is a principal investigator for a United States Department of Defense (DOD) ESTCP Technology Grant. She is leading a team charged with rewriting the algorithm used by the DOD to determine the feasibility of reusing buildings fifty years old or older for new mission driven uses through Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Analysis in order to lessen the carbon "boot print" of active

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military installations. Prior to establishing her own consulting practice, she was the Federal Preservation Officer for the Presidio Trust, a federal agency established by Congress with converting the former Army Post into an economically and environmentally sustainable national park. She was responsible for the adaptive reuse and maintenance of over 470 historic properties. While at the Presidio of San Francisco in 2002, she co-authored The Presidio Trust Green Building Guidelines for the Rehabilitation of Historic and Non-Historic Buildings. From 1994-1998, Ms. Widell was appointed by Governor Pete Wilson to serve as the state historic preservation officer (SHPO) for California. In addition to consulting with all federal agencies under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act, she played a critical role in the sensitive repair and seismic retrofit of major historic buildings such as the Los Angeles Coliseum and Los Angeles City Hall following the Northridge Earthquake. Cherylyn began her career in historic preservation in Maryland as an Historic Sites Surveyor for Frederick County and the Maryland Historical Trust. She is a co-founder with Bernie Callan of the Maryland Association of Historic District Commissions and currently serves on their Board of Directors. In 1988, Ms. Widell received the Calvert Prize in Historic Preservation from Governor Harry Hughes for her work as MAHDC's first executive director and circuit rider to Maryland's historic district commissions. Ms. Widell holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Hood College and is a former Smithsonian Fellow and Senior Fulbright Scholar to Japan. In 2009, she was appointed an adjunct Professor in Historic Preservation and Sustainability at the Corcoran Gallery of Art Graduate School of Art and Design in Washington, DC. She now resides on the Eastern Shore of Maryland in Chestertown and serves on the Board of Directors of Mount Harmon in Earleville, Maryland.

Drane Wilkinson (Communications Breakdown, Down and Dirty Design Review)

Drane Wilkinson is the Executive Director of the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). NAPC serves the United States' more than 3,000 local historic preservation commissions through a program of education, training, and advocacy. Prior to coming to the NAPC, he served as director of the Historic Jonesborough Foundation and as staff to the Jonesborough, Tennessee Historic Zoning Commission and advised other local preservation commissions in northeast Tennessee.

Lydia Woods (Grants Workshop)

Lydia Woods is the Coordinator of Grants and Community Outreach for the Maryland Humanities Council. In this dual role she is responsible for educating Marylanders about the Council's grant opportunities and coordinating the Council's statewide special initiative, "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: Remembrance and Reconciliation." Since the fall of 2007 and continuing throughout 2009, the Maryland Humanities Council has been presenting a range of programs related to race and to Dr. King's legacy, including community forums, free speakers and specially-allocated grant funds. The Community Conversations element of this initiative is designed to engage Marylanders in an examination of Dr. King's legacy, race relations in their communities, and efforts to resolve racial differences. Lydia is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania with a degree in psychology.

Nell Ziehl (State of Preservation on Maryland's Eastern Shore)

Program Officer, Southern Field Office-National Trust for Historic Preservation