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Inaugural Recipients of the Harrison Goodall Preservation Fellowship Three Fellows Will Be Funded & Mentored Across the United States

BALTIMORE, MD & MOOSE, WY [September 28, 2020] – The National Park Service, in partnership with Preservation Maryland, is pleased to announce the recipients of the Harrison Goodall Preservation Fellowship. The fellowship promotes innovation and professional growth in the field of historic preservation. It provides a short-term opportunity for individuals to pursue a unique self-directed project under the guidance of a mentor. Fellows receive up to a \$5,000 grant and recognition for a distinguished achievement while creating original preservation training content, performing research, or enhancing leadership and management skills.

Demolition by Neglect in Arizona Fellow: Christopher Cody

In addition to serving as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer in Phoenix, AZ, **Christopher Cody** seeks to tackle the most serious preservation challenge in Arizona: demolition-by-neglect. Historic structures are threatened by absent owners who do not provide necessary maintenance to keep the property stable, thus requiring demolition. Many of these structures are within historic downtown areas. Cody's goal is to research and develop model demolition-by-neglect ordinances for use across the state of Arizona, to produce supporting legal research for said ordinances, to identify legislative and legal barriers to their enactment, and develop a legislative advocacy plan if changes in state law are required.

Cody will combine his own experience as an attorney with that of his mentor, **Will Cook**, an attorney with Cultural Heritage Partners, LLP and a nationally recognized expert in historic preservation law concerning demolition-by-neglect ordinances, to produce a toolkit that includes model ordinances, legal research, and a legislative action plan. This project will greatly benefit local, state, and national preservation efforts for endangered historic structures.

Cemetery Identification, Assessment, and Consultation Guidance for the State of Alaska Fellow: Danielle Ellis

With more than 10 years of professional experience, **Danielle Ellis** currently works as an archaeologist for the Alaska Region of the Bureau Indian Affairs while earning a Master's of Arts in Anthropology. The rich history and heritage of Alaska includes a wide range of cemetery types in a variety of geographic settings. Changing environmental conditions and increased infrastructure development escalate the need to protect vulnerable cemeteries. Guidance for cemetery resources and protection challenges and is scarce, especially for Native Alaskan communities, a need Ellis will rectify as a fellowship recipient.

Through communication with her mentor, **Shina DuVall**, the Alaska Regional Archaeologist for the National Park Service, Ellis will create a document for formal guidance and best practices regarding the identification, assessment, and treatment of cemetery resources. Ellis' project will also provide a framework for conducting consultation with community stakeholders. This guidance can be widely distributed and used across Alaska by multiple governmental, non-profit, religious, and non-governmental community organizations and partners to aid in project planning and decision making while ensuring responsible and respectful community consultation.

Application of Non-Destructive Technology to Document Seismic Damage on Historic Adobe Fellow: Sara Stratte

Sara Stratte completed her Master's of Science in Historic Preservation in 2018 and currently works as the Exhibit Specialist for Restoration at Channel Islands National Park where a 2018 earthquake caused damage to an adobe structure built in 1889. The extent of the damage to this building and other structures like it cannot be fully explored without invasive or destructive techniques. Stratte will use the Smuggler's Ranch, located on Santa Cruz Island, as a case study for non-destructive techniques to diagnose and document unseen deterioration conditions in adobe masonry.

Stratte chose **Michael Spencer** as her mentor. Spencer is chair of the Department of Historic Preservation at the University of Mary Washington and specializes in the application on non-destructive technologies, such as infrared thermography diagnostics, to historic preservation projects. Stratte will develop protocols for using infrared thermography to adobe, contribute to preservation literature, and direct upcoming preservation repair work. Stratte's findings will be shared with preservation professionals at various conferences as well as with the NPS as a resource for superintendents, resource managers, and facility managers.

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Preservation Maryland is the one of the largest and oldest historic preservation organizations in the United States. Founded in 1931, the organization is dedicated to preserving Maryland's historic buildings, neighborhoods, landscapes, and archaeological sites through outreach, funding, and advocacy. Preservation Maryland powers several national programs including the Campaign for Historic Trades and PreserveCast.

The **Historic Preservation Training Center** provides quality preservation services to national parks and partner facilities and develops educational courses to fulfill the competency requirements of National Park Service employees in the career fields of Historic Preservation Skills, Risk Management, Maintenance, and Planning, Design, and Construction. The training center is in Frederick, MD and the Western Center of Historic Preservation in Moose, WY.