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6th BIENNIAL



SEE YOU IN MARYLAND / WASHINGTON DC!

The 6th Biennial Meeting of the Construction History Society of America will feature research and scholarship from a diverse range of academics and practitioners, focusing generally on the history of building design, fabrication, and construction throughout the Americas over the last five hundred years. Presenters will include scholars, engineers, architects, preservationists, and contractors, who will present on topics ranging from historic building materials to postwar engineering and building science.

**REGISTER NOW for the 6th Biennial Conference at
the University of Maryland
May 24 - 26, 2018
www.constructionhistorysociety.org
look for the **REGISTER** button**

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6th BIENNIAL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

SESSION TOPICS

Prefabrication in Mid-Twentieth Century America
 Materials and Methods in the United States: 19th /20th c
 Fabrication and Use of Materials
 Management of Institutional Construction
 Vernacular Construction Techniques in the Americas
 Bridge and Vault Construction
 Construction Education and Theory
 Construction of American Landscape Environments and
 Infrastructure
 Houses and Housing in the United States

KEYNOTES

Carl Lounsbury	College of William and Mary
Thomas E. Boothby	Pennsylvania State University
Kenneth D. Durr	History Associates

On the evening of Thursday, May 24th, a special program celebrating the 100th Anniversary of the Associated General Contractors will be presented with Kenneth D. Durr of History Associates giving the keynote address. More information on this event follows at a later date and will be posted on our website.

TOURS - one free tour included in your registration fee

More information coming soon!

Registration is currently open at <https://chsamembership.wildapricot.org/>

Registration Fees: (Early Registration ends April 1, 2018)

Standard CHSA member - \$155 (early), \$185 (late)

Non-CHSA member - \$210 (early), \$240 (late)

Non-CHSA - includes \$20 discounted one-year individual membership, valued at \$75

Student - \$35 (early, late)

KEEP IT WEIRD D.C.!

Washington National Cathedral Gargoyles

Bring binoculars to seek out hundreds of grotesque and often whimsical gargoyles.

Darth Vader is near the top of the northwest tower between two arches

E side of Wisconsin Ave NW just north of Mass Ave NW.

M-F 10a-5:30p, S 10a-4:30p,

Su 8a-6:30p (free)

202-537-6200

visit on a 6th Biennial TOUR!

Discover your State Tree at the National Arboretum

Visit the State Tree Grove

3501 New York Avenue, NE

<http://www.usna.usda.gov>

The Brewmaster Castle (the Christian Heurich House)

One of the grandest places to grab a beer in the whole country. Built in 1890's, the gothic edifice was the brewer's grand palace, whose company employed nearly as many people as the national government.

1307 New Hampshire Avenue NW near Dupont Circle

<http://www.heurichhouse.org>

Oldest Elevator

Behind a sheet of plexiglass at this unassuming Potbelly Sandwich Shop in Washington, D.C. sits a very very old open cage elevator. Local lore has it that it is an Otis elevator, installed in 1853, which would make it one of the oldest in the world but it's actually a Bates elevator, most likely dating to the 1870s or 1880s.

637 Indiana Avenue NW

<https://www.atlasobscura.com/places/potbelly-elevator>



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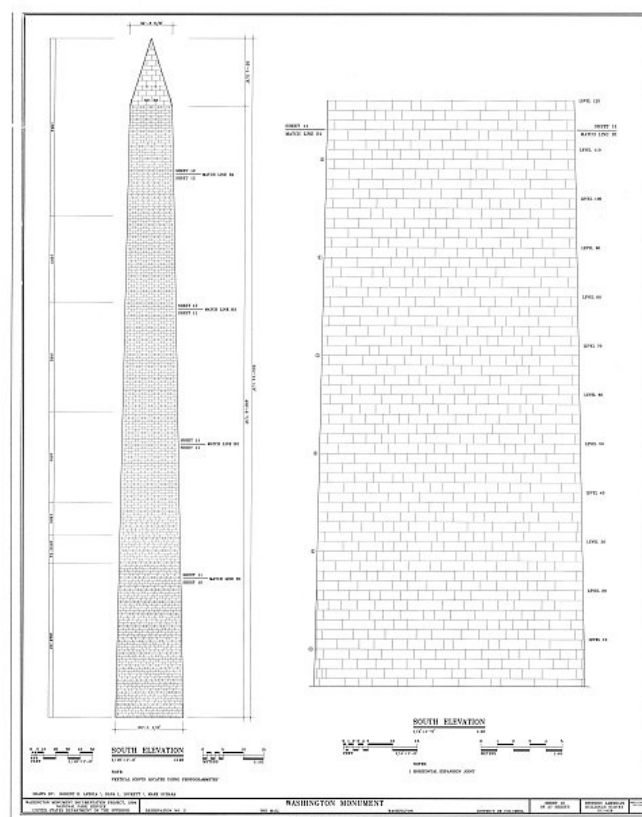
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6th Biennial SCHEDULE / University of Maryland

All events held at the Architecture Building – 3835 Campus Drive, College Park MD (at Campus Drive and Mowatt Lane)
Abstract presentations: 20 minutes in length with 10 minutes Q&A following

Thursday, May 24

10:30a	Registration Open
11:30 – 12:30	Welcome Coffee
12:30 – 1:00	Welcome / Introduction
1:00 – 2:00	Keynote #1: Carl Lounsbury; Adjunct Associate Professor, William and Mary College
2:00 – 4:00	Track 1: Construction Education and Theory
2:00 – 4:00	Track 2: Fabrication and Use of Materials
4:00 – 4:30	Coffee Break
4:30 – 6:30	PROGRAM: AGC 100 Year Anniversary Introduction: TBA (AGC) Keynote #2: Kenneth D. Durr, History Associates Panel: TBA
6:30 – 7:30	RECEPTION / Sponsored by AGC

Friday, May 25

8:00 – 10:00	Track 3: Materials and Methods in the United States: Nineteenth Century
8:00 – 10:00	Track 4: Bridge and Vault Construction
8:00 – 10:00	Track 5: Construction of American Landscape Environments and Infrastructure
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30	Track 6: Materials and Methods in the United States: Twentieth Century
10:30 – 12:30	Track 7: Management of Institutional Construction
10:30 – 12:30	Track 8: Vernacular Construction Techniques in America
1:30 – 7:00	TOURS

Saturday, May 26

8:00 – 9:00	CHSA Members Meeting (all are invited!)
9:00 – 10:00	Keynote #3: Thomas E. Boothby; Professor, Architectural Engineering, Pennsylvania State University
10:00 – 10:30	Coffee Break
10:30 – 12:30	Track 9: Prefabrication in Mid-Twentieth Century America
10:30 – 12:30	Track 10: Houses and Housing in the United States
12:30 – 1:00	Closing Comments



Washington National Cathedral

HOTELS ON THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND CAMPUS

College Park Marriott Hotel and Conference Center

1-301-985-7300

3501 University Blvd E, Hyattsville, MD 20783.

(on campus / within walking distance of Arch Building)

\$239 first night, \$169 second night plus tax (standard king)

The Hotel at the University of Maryland

1-301-277-7777

7777 Baltimore Ave, College Park MD 20740

(on campus)

\$244 per night plus tax (standard)

UMD provided this link
for hotel reservations

<http://www.cam-pustravel.com/university/umdcnf/index.html>

ADDITIONAL HOTEL OPTIONS

Days Inn

9113 Baltimore Ave. (I95 and Route 1
South)

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.328.7466

301.345.5000

\$106 per night

Howard Johnson Express

9113 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.446.4656

301.513.0002

\$86 per night

Quality Inn and Suites

7200 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.228.5151

301.276.1000

\$77 per night

Clarion Inn and Varsity Lounge

8601 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.442.1644

301.474.2800

\$199 per night

Econo Lodge

9624 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.877.424.6423

301.474.0003

\$75 per night

Hampton Inn

9670 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.426.7866

301.345.2200

\$130 per night

Holiday Inn

10000 Baltimore Ave.

College Park, MD 20740

1.800.465.4329

301.345.6700

\$160 per night

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For More Information on AGC's
100th Anniversary
please visit their website

<http://centennial.agc.org>



OPPORTUNITIES

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THE PACIFIC COAST BRANCH OF THE AMERICAN HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION INVITES OUR MEMBERS TO SUBMIT A PANEL (OR TWO) FOR INCLUSION IN THEIR 111th ANNUAL MEETING

AUGUST 2-4, 2018 at SANTA CLARA UNIVERSITY / Theme: The Historians Scholarly and Public Roles

The PCB-AHA is the branch for everybody west of the Mississippi, in 22 states and four Canadian provinces--if you have members who live out this way and belong to the AHA, they are also members of the PCB, so, just as you're an affiliated society with the AHA, we're part of the same family. We wanted to reach out to you to say hello, let you know we're here, and offer an opportunity for collaboration. They especially welcome involvement by junior and non-tenure-track faculty, and graduate students. Anyone can participate as long as s/he is an AHA member at the time of our conference, regardless of affiliation or location.

If you are interested - contact Executive Director Michael Green cell 702-538-6687 or home 702-453-6652 (AssocProf UNLV)

More information: <https://www.pcb-aha.org/annual-meetings/111th-annual-meeting-2018>

The call for papers deadline has passed, but that's all right--this is an invitation to you all. We have a "soft" deadline of February 15 for these, though we have a bit of wiggle room.

6ICCH UPDATE

The 5-day congress will take place from Monday July 9 until Friday July 13, 2018 in the Palace of the Academies in the centre of Brussels. On Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, numerous paper presentations and 4 keynote presentations are scheduled. The keynotes will be given by construction historians Thomas Coomans, Tullia Iori, Werner Lorenz and Robert Thorne. On Wednesday July 11, we step outside the walls of the marvellous congress venue and offer you the opportunity to discover the construction history of Brussels and Belgium, by means of guided tours and site visits to remarkable buildings, construction sites, institutions and archives. Other opportunities to discover Brussels are the Welcome reception (Monday evening) and congress dinner (Thursday evening), which will also take place in inspiring venues. <http://www.6icch.org>

Vernacular Architecture Forum 2018: The Potomac

Registration is now open for the 2018 Annual Meeting, A Shared Heritage: Urban and Rural Experience on the Banks of the Potomac (May 2-5). The Potomac Conference will focus on the connections and distinctions between the rural landscapes of the Maryland countryside and the urban setting of Alexandria, Virginia, which face each other across the Potomac River. Over the centuries, these two areas have developed on independent courses, all the while maintaining strong links across the river. Agriculture, including the exploitation of enslaved labor, was the basis for life on both shores. While Maryland's economy relied overwhelmingly on tobacco, Alexandria's rise was tied to a diversification of crops, pursued by the early planters of northern Virginia. Tours will focus on evolving pre-and post-emancipation heritage, highlighting resources ranging over four centuries. They will also shine a spotlight on the distinct character of life on both sides of the river, while underscoring the architectural, economic, cultural, and religious connections that span it. Conference headquarters is the Crowne Plaza Old Town Hotel in Alexandria and for the keynote event we will travel by boat to George Washington's Mount Vernon. Conference Hotel Rate of \$145 is available until April 10. Use the code RM2

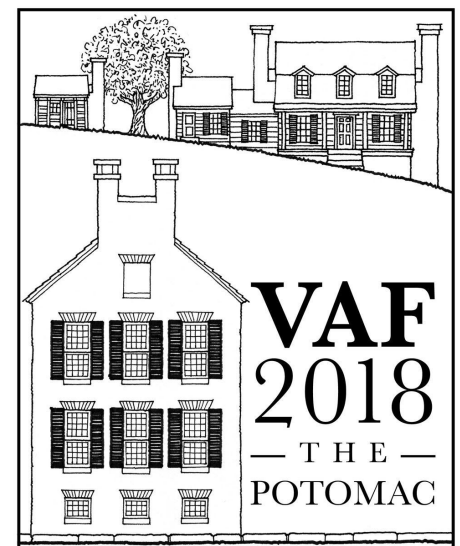
Important Dates:

April 1: Early Registration ends, last day for full refund

April 10: Hotel conference rate ends.

April 15: Registration ends, last day for refund

For More Information <http://vafweb.org/VAN-2018/5682262>



OPPORTUNITIES (continued)

ARCHITECTURAL ALUMINUM IN THE 21st CENTURY: Design & Preservation of Contemporary & Historic Architecture MIT Campus in Cambridge, Massachusetts Saturday, March 24 - Sunday, March 25, 2018 (with an optional program on Mon., March 26)

Conference will explore technical and practical issues involved in keeping new and existing aluminum facades, windows/other building components, structural elements, and artistic works in good condition and will probe the cost-benefits of procedures for preserving and protecting these building envelopes, components, bridges, ornamentation, and sculpture. The conference also will look at several innovative uses of aluminum/aluminum alloys in the design of new structures.

Organized by Technology & Conservation, the MIT Museum, and the Boston Society of Architects' Historic Resources Committee, this important symposium will feature informative, stimulation presentations by over 35 renowned architects, engineers, conservators, designers, scientists, and aluminum industry leaders on the use of aluminum in the construction and care of structures in the built environment and in the fabrication and conservation of works of art.

Topics will include: • structural, mechanical, corrosion-resistance, fire-resistance, and other properties of aluminum and its alloys and how these affect performance and durability • new developments in fabrication and finishes • case histories on the restoration/preservation of iconic aluminum buildings, including Alcoa's headquarters building and the USAF Academy's Cadet Chapel • case histories detailing innovative design of several modern aluminum structures - in Europe, the UK, Asia, the Middle East, and America. . . and much more. Continuing education credits will be available.

The conference schedule, registration form, and other information is available on the website of the Boston Society of Architects' Historic Resources Committee <https://www.architects.org/committees/news/architectural-aluminum-21st-century-march-24-25-2018>
For additional information, contact Susan E. Schur, Hon. AIA, FAPT, Conference Chair, e-mail ses_tec_con@msn.com

San Gemini Preservation Studies Program - 2018 Summer Field School in Italy Application Deadline: March 15, 2018.

Now in its 20th year, with alumni from over 170 colleges and universities worldwide, SGPS is dedicated to the preservation of cultural heritage. We offer students the opportunity to study and travel in Italy where they acquire hands-on experience in preservation and restoration.

Session One (May 28 – June 22)

Building Restoration – Touching the Stones
Archaeological Ceramics Restoration
The Craft of Making and Restoring Book Bindings

Session Two (July 9 - August 3)

Restoration and Conservation of Paper
Traditional Materials, Methods of Painting and Art Restoration Issues
Preservation Theory and Practice in Italy : Restoration Theory, Ethics
NEW RESEARCH PROJECT: Carsulae Roman Baths Excavation Project
Restoration of the façade of the medieval church of San Carlo (13thC)

Preservation Field Trip – Italy (June 24 – July 3) / Siena, Florence and Rome.

Open to UG and Grad students from various disciplines. All lessons in English. Programs include lectures and restoration field projects or workshops. To find out more about our program and review the syllabi, please contact Polly Withers, Admissions by visiting our website <http://www.sangeministudies.org>

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