

Presenters WAHPC 2021 Spring Conference

Jason Tish

has worked with historic preservation policies at the national, state, and local levels for 25 years. He has worked in the public and private sectors as a historic preservation specialist and consultant, and has deep experience developing and applying historic preservation policies. He currently serves as the Certified Local Government and Preservation Education Coordinator at the Wisconsin State Historic Preservation Office

Drew Barnhart

is a recent graduate of Columbia University's Graduate School of Architecture, Planning, and Preservation. Originally from Western Pennsylvania, she studied Foreign Service at Georgetown University, where her interest in cultural diplomacy encouraged her to pursue a career in cultural resource management. Prior to joining the Wisconsin Historical Society, she completed internships at the Goethe-Institut, Fulbright Association, and Western Pennsylvania Conservancy, where she worked at Fallingwater. In addition to architectural history and international politics, she also enjoys running, board games, and fixing up old furniture. Drew is working in the SHPO compliance section, including reviewing local unit of government projects.

Rebecca H. Comfort

is the American Indian Nations Liaison for the Wisconsin Historical Society where she develops, strengthens, and maintains relationships with the 12 Native nations of Wisconsin. A member of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community band of the Lake Superior Ojibwe, Comfort develops ongoing relationships with Tribal

Historic Preservation Officers (THPOs), tribal libraries, museums, and education offices. Her previous experience includes working for the Forest County Potawatomi tribal government and in American Indian studies curriculum development and implementation (Act 31) in the School of Education at UW-Madison. She serves on two inter-tribal boards, including as vice president for the Wisconsin Indian Education Association Board of Directors and president of the Milwaukee Indian Education Committee. She received her Bachelor of Science degree from UW-Madison. Comfort is named among Wisconsin's 38 most influential Native Americans and BRAVA Magazine named her as a Woman to Watch in 2020.

Daina Penkiunas

is the State Historic Preservation Officer at the Wisconsin Historical Society. Prior to assuming her position as Wisconsin's National Register coordinator in 2000, Daina worked as a private preservation consultant, a college lecturer and in the Hawaii State Historic Preservation Office. Daina holds a bachelor's degree in architectural history and preservation from the University of Maryland and a master's and PhD in architectural history from the University of Virginia.

Amy Rosebrough

Dr. Rosebrough is currently employed with the State Historic Preservation Office with the Wisconsin Historical Society, where she manages archaeological and burial sites data and assists Wisconsin's citizens with archaeological questions. She received her BA in Antiquities at Missouri State University, a Masters

in Archaeology at the University of Wisconsin-Fayetteville, and her PhD at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Her areas of expertise include effigy mounds and mortuary ritual, burial preservation statutes, the archaeological culture history in Wisconsin, and ceramic stylistic analysis.

Vickie Schnitzler Virtual Tour Guide

is Chairman of Marshfield Historic Preservation Committee, Newsletter Editor and President for Marshfield Area Genealogy Group (MAGG), member North Wood Historical Society. Creator of the "QR codes of Historical Marshfield" and its website.

Heather Bailey

has a Ph.D. in Public History from Middle Tennessee State University and over a decade of professional experience as a preservation planner. She has also served as a technical adviser for the East Tennessee Preservation Alliance, board member for the Tennessee Preservation Trust, and a board member for Colorado Preservation, Inc. In April 2015, the University of Minnesota Press published her chapter "Does This Place Really Matter? The Preservation Debate over Historical Significance in Colorado's Post World-War II Suburbs," in Making Suburbia: New Histories of Everyday America. She continues her research and advocacy for historic places as a preservation planner for the City of Madison, Wisconsin.

Matt Jarosz

UWM Professor is best known for his architectural design work related to historic preservation. By combining his teaching and research with his involvement in community preservation projects, he has

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provided extensive opportunities for students to apply and expand academic learning. His private practice, Jarosz Lynch Architects, has offered students important hands-on education in the matter of professional preservation activities. Matt has served as the coordinator of the Certificate in Preservation Studies program at SARUP since 2001, a focused area of study for Masters of Architecture students. Matt has also chaired Milwaukee's Historic Preservation commission several times over the past 16 years of service. At SARUP, Matt also created and directs the Historic Preservation Institute, HPI, to extend preservation research and education by providing outreach to community organizations interested in completing preservation work that is traditionally outside the scope of private architectural firms.

Timothy Hess

is a consulting real-estate analyst and developer. He earned his doctorate from UW-Madison and served as a professor of Statistics at Ripon College. Tim continues to serve as a biostatistician for the Department of Medicine at the University of Wisconsin and co-founded Invista Analytics, a network of consulting professionals with expertise in Statistics, Econometrics, Accounting, and Operations Research. Tim has published and frequently speaks on real-estate analytics topics including valuation, financial implications of historic preservation, and tax incremental financing. As a consultant he has worked on numerous preservation projects throughout the Midwest. Presently he and his development partners are working on an adaptive rehabilitation of the Historic Smith School in Oshkosh, WI.

Arlan Kay

an architect, chairs the Village of Oregon Historic Preservation Commission. Their major projects have included creating two historic districts and obtaining funding for the rehabilitation of the downtown streetscape through the CLG process. He is a member of the State Capitol and Executive Residence Board (SCERB) which oversees maintenance and modifications to these vital State buildings, currently serving as vice-chair. Arlan has been the principal of his own firm for over forty years, with a practice that emphasizes existing and historic buildings.

Alexandra Ramsey

AIA Partner Engborg Anderson Architects. Her experience ranges from the small Lake Express Ferry Terminal to the over 150,000 sf Central Library in Evansville, IN. Recent projects include the Cedarburg Public Library, The Wells Building in Milwaukee and the Civil War Museum in Kenosha. Alex received a Bachelor of Arts in Classics from Cornell University in Ithaca, NY, and a Master of Architecture from Washington University, St. Louis, MO, augmenting her studies with classes both in Rome and Barcelona.

Last year's Spring Conference was scheduled to be held in Marshfield with an exciting program and wonderful presenters. Due to the COVID pandemic the WAHPC Board decided to cancel the event. This year the WAHPC 2021 Spring Conference (Virtual) will meet via Zoom. We hope that many will attend because there will be no

travel, no hotel, and no time away from home. However, we will miss meeting with the presenters and commissioners, learning about the host city's local history, and visiting the community's historic districts and downtown.

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Farewell to Jen Davel

She formerly served as Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer. She is a Preservation Architect who worked at WHS since 2010 certifying commercial and homeowner tax credit projects for conformance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation. Part of her review included property site visits in communities across Wisconsin. In addition to the project reviews, Jen educated the public by speaking on topics ranging from the Historic Preservation Tax Credit Programs to the best treatments for historic buildings. At the WAHPC 2011 Conference in Columbus Jen presented a "history of storefronts and how they changed over time with the invention of new technology and materials. She also the value of preserving windows and storefronts to keep the building all in the same period, whether it was a building of the 20s, 30s, or of the 50s and 60s". We will miss you and wish you great success in your new adventure.

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