



## NRHP E-Blasts

*Electronic blasts from the National Register of Historic Places, sharing news and information with the Historic Preservation Community*

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### Enhanced E-Filing System Now Accepting Submissions

Based on the popularity and feedback received on the electronic submission process, the National Park Service launched an improved system, the Cultural Resource Submission Platform (CRSP, or “crisp”). As of September 16, 2022, nominating authorities have been able to register and submit their requests for National Register actions via a system with no file size limitations or photograph restrictions, and which includes added amenities such as automatic acknowledgment of receipt.

As our preservation partners are aware, in April of 2020 the National Register program initiated an electronic-only submission process in response to the COVID-19 global pandemic, which imposed telework status on many state, federal, and Tribal agency staff. Given the speed with which that system was mounted, it imposed file-size and other limitations. The new expanded CRSP system allows for the regular submission of photographs without the count limitations imposed by the earlier electronic-only submission process.

With the exception of those without reliable high speed internet access, all nominating authorities should now use CRSP to transmit their full submissions for National Register actions to the National Park Service. Please note that CRSP is available only to nominating authorities (*e.g.*, NPS-approved SHPO, FPO, and THPO staff, not consultants or contractors). CRSP should be used by nominating authorities for all requests for National Register actions, including nominations for listing, requests for removal, Additional Documentation, Boundary Changes, Determinations of Eligibility, *etc.* Additionally, through CRSP, nominating authorities can submit the materials that were not included in the file-size-limited submissions made between April 10, 2020, and September 15, 2022.

For more information, visit [CRSP - National Register of Historic Places \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/crsp)

### National Trust Hosts “PastForward” from November 1-4, 2022

The National Trust for Historic Preservation is hosting its annual PastForward conference online from November 1-4, 2022. This year’s themes are historic preservation and climate action; encouraging inclusion and diversity through preservation; and understanding preservation’s role in real estate development. State, Tribal, Local, Plans & Grants Chief Megan Brown and National Register Historian Jim Gabbert teamed on “Building Diversity into the National Register,” available on-demand. Technical Preservation Services’ Renee Novak and Jennifer Oeschger partnered with Anthony Rubano (IL SHPO staff) and Mathew Pearce (OK SHPO staff) on “Creative Reuses for ‘White Elephant’ Buildings: The Adaptive Reuse of Difficult and Challenging Historic Buildings in the Tax Credit Program,” also available on-demand. On November 3, National Register/NHL Program Chief Sherry Frear will be joined by Sr. Historian Paul Lusignan and Archeologist Julie

Ernstein in presenting an interactive session on the effort to update the Traditional Cultural Properties Bulletin.

To learn more, visit [PastForward 2022 | National Trust for Historic Preservation \(savingplaces.org\)](https://www.savingplaces.org/PastForward2022)

## Julie Ernstein's Departure

Julie Ernstein, Ph.D., RPA, Supervisory Archeologist for the National Register and National Historic Landmarks Programs, departed on August 26, 2022, to accept the position of Division Chief for Cultural Resources, Partnerships & Science in NPS' Southeast Regional Office. Joining NPS in April 2016, Julie's tenure was one that saw rapid changes, and she was instrumental in overseeing the transition to electronic National Register submissions. Julie came to the National Register/NHL Program after serving as the Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer for the Nevada State Historic Preservation Office. During her time with the National Register, she twice served as the NR/NHL Acting Chief. The staff of the National Register wish Julie every success in the future.

## Tim Schilling's Arrival

Tim Schilling, Ph.D., will be joining the National Register from NPS' Midwest Regional Office for a 120-day detail as an archeologist responsible for reviewing Criterion D National Register nominations and evaluating Section 304 requests. Starting on October 23, 2022, Tim brings over a decade of experience as an archeologist with NPS. He can be reached at [tim\\_schilling@nps.gov](mailto:tim_schilling@nps.gov).

## National Register Posts Sample Nominations

The National Register has been updating its sample nominations website to highlight examples of excellent nominations for a variety of buildings, structures, objects, sites, and districts, as well as multiple property cover documentation. The linked nominations include a diversity of places, including

- golf course (Temple Terrace Golf Course in Hillsborough County, Florida)
- steam shovel (Marion Steam Shovel in Genesee County, New York)
- school (the Quincy Grammar School in Boston Massachusetts)
- roadway (Going to the Sun Road: Flathead/Glacier County, Montana)
- archaeological historic district (Quinebaug River Prehistoric Archaeological District in Windham County, Connecticut)
- traditional cultural property (TCP)(Kumeyaay)

Six Multiple Property Submission (MPS) cover documentations are also showcased, including "Historical Residential Suburbs in the United States" and the "Civil Rights Movement in Birmingham, Alabama."

The sample nominations site is found at [sample nominations - National Register of Historic Places \(U.S. National Park Service\) \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/sample-nominations).



*Confucius statue at the Quincy Grammar School in Boston, Massachusetts. Photograph by Neil Larson, courtesy of the Massachusetts SHPO*

## New National Register Staff

After a lengthy process—one that started in September 2020—the National Register is on the way to having two permanent full-time reviewers join the staff.

### Michelle Diedrieck

Michelle Diedrieck will be joining the National Register staff after working 15 years with the Missouri SHPO. In addition to NR reviews, she has garnered extensive experience in all aspects of preservation assistance, including tax credit reviews and guidance development. Michelle is anticipated to be joining the National Register in November.

### Rachel Leibowitz

Rachel Leibowitz is coming to the National Register from the State University of New York (SUNY) where she is currently an Assistant Professor of Landscape Architecture and the Co-Director for the Center for Cultural Landscape Preservation. Rachel previously served as the Deputy SHPO for Illinois. Rachel is anticipated to be joining the National Register staff in December.

Both will be working remotely, with Michelle in Missouri, and Rachel in New York. With Michelle's and Rachel's arrivals, state responsibilities will be shifted to rebalance the workload.

## First Issue of *Best Practices Review*: Integrity and Non-Historic Exteriors

The National Register introduced the first issue of the *Best Practices Review* in September 2022. The *Best Practices Review* is designed to complement the guidance in National Register Bulletins by providing examples on specific topics. The inaugural issue looks at assessing the integrity of buildings with non-historic exteriors. The illustrated examples are all listed properties in the National Register. Presented in the first *Best Practices Review* are two groups of case studies in which exterior materials are not original to historic buildings. The first group looks at artificial veneer stone, the second at manufactured weatherboards. New *Best Practices Reviews* will be issued quarterly. Future issues address using oral history, preparing additional documentation, and developing historic contexts.

The first issue can be found at [Best Practices Review \(nps.gov\)](https://www.nps.gov/bestpractices)



Postcard showing original appearance of main building (1856-61) and wings (1869) of the St. Aloysius Orphanage, in Cincinnati, Ohio, one of the "Best Practices" examples, courtesy of the Cincinnati Public Library

