



**ASLA Historic Preservation Professional Practice Network (HP-PPN)
HALS Subcommittee Meeting
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Meeting Notes

1. Introductions

2. Old Business

a. Promoting the 2021 HALS Challenge: *Historic Black Landscapes*

[Competitions | HABS/HAER/HALS \(nps.gov\)](#)

[HALS Challenge | HABS/HAER/HALS \(nps.gov\)](#)

[HALS Challenges and Results | asla.org](#)

February was Black History Month and ASLA hosted a webinar to promote the 2021 HALS Challenge. Learn more from Elizabeth J. Kennedy, ASLA, NYCOBA-NOMA, Andrea Roberts, Ph.D., Joseph Disponzio, Ph.D., and Christopher Stevens, ASLA.

[Acknowledging Historic Black Landscapes on Vimeo](#)

Chris Stevens gave a 15-minute presentation on HALS and the HALS Challenge to the ASLA Chapter Presidents Council – February 4th

The Field: January through July: monthly posts with excerpts from already documented Black landscapes

- January: [The 2021 HALS Challenge: Historic Black Landscapes – The Field \(asla.org\)](#) by Chris Stevens
- February: [The Smokey Hollow Community Historic American Landscapes Survey – The Field \(asla.org\)](#) by David Driapsa
- March: [Allensworth: A Town Built by and for African Americans – The Field \(asla.org\)](#) by Chris Pattillo
- April: [Poetry and Song in the Landscape – The Field \(asla.org\)](#) (Anne Spencer Garden and Marian Anderson Heritage Village) by Chris Stevens
- May will feature: Daughters of Zion Cemetery HALS VA-69 by Liz Sargent et al.
- June will feature: The Buffalo Soldiers of Fort Huachuca, AZ by Helen Erickson
- July will feature: Dearfield Agricultural Colony HALS CO-7 by Kevin Lyles et al.

LAM HALS Challenge ads for April and May issues. April is on Page 162 and features the South Albany Historic District HABS GA-50-2, and May is on Page 130 and features the campus of Talladega College HABS AL-764.

Some useful and inspiring resources:

[African American Heritage](#) | U.S. National Park Service
[Commemorating 400 Years of African American Heritage](#) | U.S. National Park Service African American History: Places and People | National Trust for Historic Preservation
[Telling Our Full Story](#) | National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers (NCSHPO)

3. New Business

a. Department of the Interior Update:

Restoring Transparency and Integrity in Decision-Making Processes

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland issued [Secretary's Order 3398](#), entitled “Revocation of Secretary’s Orders Inconsistent with Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis.” This Order revokes a series of Secretary’s Orders issued in recent years that are inconsistent with our commitment to protect public health; conserve land, water, and wildlife; and elevate science. Collectively, the aforementioned Secretary’s Orders unfairly tilted the balance of public land and ocean management toward extractive uses without regard for climate change, equity, or community engagement. These Secretary’s Orders—and the policy guidance therein—held us back from achieving meaningful public engagement and Tribal consultation, assessing the full impacts of energy development, and striking the right balance on managing the resources with which we are entrusted to care for current and future generations.

Under this order, the following Secretary’s Orders (SO) have been found to be inconsistent with, or present obstacles to, the policy set forth in EO 13990 and are hereby revoked including: [SO 3355](#)— “Streamlining National Environmental Policy Reviews and Implementation of Executive Order 13807, ‘Establishing Discipline and Accountability in the Environmental Review and Permitting Process for Infrastructure Projects’” (August 31, 2017) and [SO 3389](#)— “Coordinating and Clarifying National Historic Preservation Act Section 106 Reviews” (December 22, 2020)

b. National Trust for Historic Preservation reports:

- i. [Historic Preservation Solutions to Build Back Better](#) - provides information on specific policy goals and recommendations that support the President’s agenda. The report highlights the intersection of historic preservation and equitable redevelopment, sustainable community revitalization, and our nation’s physical and cultural infrastructure. From supporting America’s Main Street commercial districts in small towns and big cities, to the rehabilitation and reuse of older buildings, to meeting community needs such as affordable housing, historic preservation stakeholders are eager to work with the Administration to accomplish these shared social and economic objectives.
- ii. [The Preservation Budget: Select Preservation Priorities for FY 2022 Appropriations](#) - includes funding recommendations and background information on multiple programs within the Department of the Interior.

c. New NPS Heritage Documentation Programs (HABS/HAER/HALS) Chief

Scott Keyes began April 26, 2021! Scott Keyes is a Secretary of the Interior-qualified historian and architect. He received his Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of California, Los Angeles and Master of Architecture from the University of Toronto. Scott currently serves as the Department of the Navy's chief technical expert on historic architecture and preservation of the built environment, supporting the agency's cultural resource program through the development of budgets, metrics, policy instructions, and training materials. He previously worked as a cultural resource manager at Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam and as a designer at various architectural firms in Canada and the United Kingdom. In addition to architecture, his other interests include surfing, bird watching, and record collecting.

- d. [ASLA Conference on Landscape Architecture](#) in Nashville, TN November 19-22, 2021
 - i. Hopefully it will take place face-to-face. Time will tell.
 - ii. Format for the HALS annual "face-to-face" meeting? Last year's virtual meeting had record attendance. All agreed that a hybrid meeting with virtual capabilities would be best to increase participation.
 - iii. Promoting the 2022 HALS Challenge: Olmsted Landscapes, beginning with the November meeting – similar strategy to the 2021 HALS Challenge with webinars and/or monthly pieces for *The Field*. NAOP / [Olmsted 200](#) will also help us promote the 2022 HALS Challenge.

- e. HALS Ohio ASLA Example: [OCASLA - 88 County Inventory \(ohioasla.org\)](#)
 - i. Ideas for other ASLA chapters.
 - ii. Ohio ASLA maintains a HALS tab on their webpage. All agreed this is the ideal for maintenance reasons as well as having state ASLA Chapter support and buy-in.
 - iii. Email blasts are going out:

"88 County Inventory
 The Historic American Landscape Survey Ohio Chapter needs your help to inventory historic sites across Ohio's 88 Counties.
 Please click the link below to assist HALS Ohio Chapter in finding:
 Historic sites you know of across Ohio's 88 Counties.
 Organizations or individuals that have a deep understanding of your region's historic landscapes.
 Databases or literature you think would help create an Ohio Historic American Landscape Survey inventory list."

- f. Sad News: Cate Bainton died January 23, 2021:
 - i. [Historic American Landscapes Survey Northern California Chapter Facebook "A Tribute to Cate Bainton" - 8 April 2021](#)
 - ii. [HDP Facebook Tribute to Cate Bainton](#)

4. Other Business / Open Discussion

- a. David Driapsa suggested that ASLA / the HALS Subcommittee promote HALS through venues like state chapter galas. For example, the Prairie Gateway (Kansas) ASLA Chapter had its annual gala April 8th, and ASLA CEO Carter-Conneen addressed the gala. The Prairie-Gateway Chapter is without a HALS Liaison.
- b. Chris Pattillo suggested that there be an annual HALS Liaison Virtual Meeting (separate from the quarterly ASLA HP-PPN HALS Subcommittee meetings).

- c. Chris Stevens, Helen Erickson, Carol Yetken, and Ann Mullins all shared troubling stories of Historic Preservation failings. Society as a whole is turning away from valuing Historic Preservation. There are many pressures against it, it is dropping out of the vocabulary, and it needs PR help. Helen suggested that landscape preservation is the best hope for gathering folks to the preservation table through concepts like connecting people to the environment and livable streets.

5. Closing Comments

- a. Next HALS Subcommittee Zoom Meeting: Tuesday, July 13, 2021, 12:00 noon (ET)