

# PRESERVATION ENGAGED

Celebrating Utah's Communities

2023 PRESERVATION CONFERENCE

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# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us at Utah's Preservation Engaged Conference, connecting people and organizations actively working towards revitalizing, preserving, interpreting, and sharing our state's collective history. After a successful relaunch of this conference last year with our partner Preservation Utah, the Utah State Historic Preservation Office is expanding the scope to broaden the reach. This year we are bringing in our Utah Main Street Program Communities and volunteers from the Utah Cultural Site Stewardship Program, to ensure that all of those engaged in Utah's preservation community can meet, greet, and learn from each other. It is not an overstatement that most Utahns are preservationists and do not even realize. All Utahns, whether Native peoples or recent refugees, have a stake in what is Utah's future and past, whether their own personal history or through professional employment.

It was a meaningful choice for us to host the conference in a re-used historic space, the Columbus Center in South Salt Lake City, as we wish to inspire this and future generations to revitalize old places into modern spaces. Offering tracks ranging from economic revitalization, volunteerism, science and education, and of course some hands-on preservation work, should allow everyone to see themselves as preservationists.

- Chris Merritt, Utah State Historic Preservation Officer

# UTAH SHPO

The Utah State Historic Preservation Office works to identify, preserve, interpret, and promote the heritage of Utah and its people for future generations.

# KEYNOTE SPEAKER



## Dustin Jansen

**Director Of The Utah Division  
Of Indian Affairs**

*What's in a Name? The Changing of  
Place Names Throughout the United  
States*

I currently work as the Director of the Utah Division of Indian Affairs and as an Assistant Professor of American Indian Studies at Utah Valley University. I also currently serve as

Chief Judge for the Confederated Tribes of the Goshute Reservation. I obtained my Juris Doctorate from the University of Utah, S.J. Quinney College of Law, in Salt Lake City, Utah.

My experience has given me the opportunity to evaluate, examine, and perform fact-finding tasks to develop a case record; to both represent parties and preside over hearings; to recommend decisions, adjudicate cases, make rulings, and issue determinations; and the opportunity to manage complex caseloads that are subject to strict deadlines. My experience has also given me the opportunity to share my knowledge and understanding of Federal Indian Policy and Law with college level students, State Governments, and Tribal Governments.

It is my goal to help state and tribal governments improve communication so that a resolution of conflicts can occur, and so that both governments can make a stronger, friendlier environment for everyone.

# VENUE



## Historic Columbus School

The Columbus School, designed by architect Charles S. McDonald, was constructed in the Spanish Colonial Revival style in 1916. An auditorium was added onto the west side of the building in

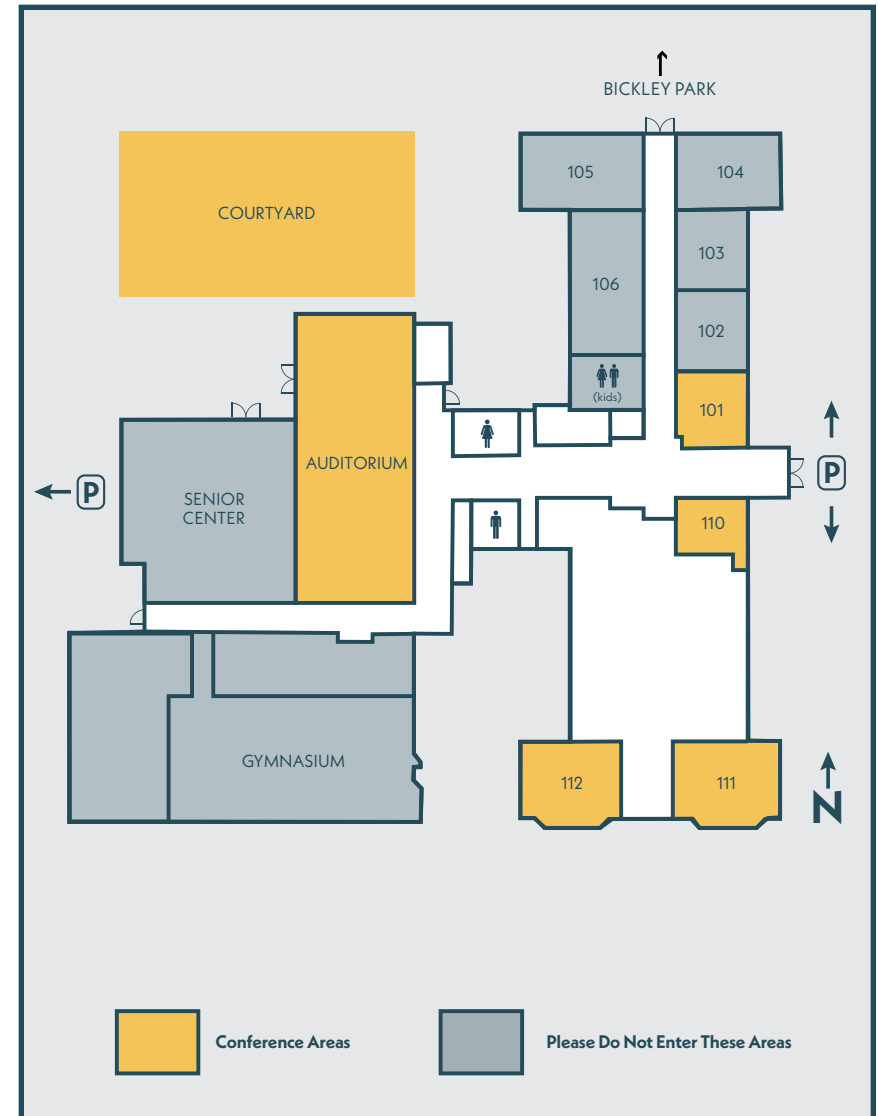
1955, with subsequent additions to the southwest between 1965-1972. Originally an elementary school, the building became a training center for intellectually disabled adults in 1968. This use lasted two decades before the Board of Education elected to turn the building into warehouse space due to safety concerns regarding asbestos and seismic stability.

South Salt Lake City purchased the school in 1995 with plans to turn it into their new City Hall. However, the building would ultimately become a community center and library following a \$5,000,000 rehabilitation directed by architectural firm Cooper Roberts in 1997. Bruce Talbot, the Community and Economic Development Director at the time, stated that “[t]he [community] center will give the city an extra dimension. It will foster the arts and provide a meeting place for people” (Deseret News, 1998). The Columbus Library and adjoining Senior Center opened in 2002.

While the Library closed in 2020, the Senior Center is still in service along with the Community Opportunity Center, Recreation Department, Best Buy Teen Tech Center, Promise SSL Youth Center, and a Head Start preschool.

**Thank you to the Columbus Center for hosting the Preservation Engaged conference this year!**

# VENUE MAP



# SCHEDULE

Time	Program	Track 1: Preservation	Track 2: Main Street	Track 3: Stewardship	Track 4: Mixed Bag
8:00am–9:00am	<b>Registration</b>				
9:00am–9:20am	<b>Welcome + Highlighted Projects</b> ( <i>Saint George City's Archaeological Identification and Protection Efforts &amp; Preserving Park City's Mining Heritage through Partnerships and Community</i> ) Chris Merritt, State Historic Preservation Officer				
9:20am–10:20am	<b>Keynote: What's in a Name? The Changing of Place Names Throughout the United States</b> Dustin Jansen, Director of Indian Affairs				
10:20am–10:30am	<b>Break</b>				
10:30am–12:00pm	<b>Session 1</b>	Ask an Architect with Jansen Bennett	Economic Vitality & Design in Salt Lake City	Multiple Perspectives of Stewardship Panel	Outdoor Recreation from a Historic Perspective
12:00pm–1:00pm	<b>Lunch (Auditorium)</b>				
1:00pm–2:00pm	<b>Session 2</b>	Historic Sites Division of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Placemaking & Placekeeping	Historic Firearms and the Material Culture of the Utah War	Engaging the Public in Preservation
2:00pm–2:10pm	<b>Break</b>		<b>Break</b>		
2:10pm–3:10pm	<b>Session 3</b>	Wood Repair Workshop	Main Street America Talks Promotion & Organization	Current Archaeological Research	Intersection of Cultural Resources and Industry
3:10pm–3:20pm	<b>Break</b>			<b>Break</b>	
3:20pm–4:50pm	<b>Workshops</b>	Wood Repair Workshop			Headstone Preservation Workshop
4:50pm–5:20pm					

# TRACK 1: PRESERVATION

## Ask an Architect

*Jansen Bennett*

Do your floors squeak? Want to know which windows to use? Can't figure out why painting brick is a bad idea? Jansen Bennett, SHPO's historical architect, will field questions and provide advice. Although participants will have the opportunity to ask questions in real time, you can ensure your question will be answered by submitting questions to [jansenbennett@utah.gov](mailto:jansenbennett@utah.gov) no later than Friday, 02 June. Please use the subject line "Ask an Architect."

10:30am–12:00pm – Room 112

## Historic Sites Division of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

*Benjamin Pykles and Emily Utt*

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints manages hundreds of historic resources across the world. Join staff of the Church's Historic Sites Division to gain insight about how historical research and preservation are prioritized and implemented. We'll learn about recent and upcoming projects in Utah as well as how archaeological investigations have contributed to an understanding of the Latter-Day Saint past.

1:00pm - 3:10pm – Room 112

# TRACK 2: MAIN STREET

## Economic Vitality & Design in Salt Lake City

*Dee Brewer, Brandon Blaser, Danny Walz*

Come get inspired by representatives from the Downtown Alliance, Redevelopment Agency, and Granary District developer BCG Holdings. Participants will learn about development resources, initiatives, and projects happening in downtown Salt Lake City.

10:30am–12:00pm – Room 110

## Placemaking & Placekeeping

*Claudia Loayza*

This session will seek to expand the concept of "placemaking" to also consider "placekeeping," defined as the active care and maintenance of a place and its social fabric by the people who live and work there. Participants will learn about the Utah Division of Multicultural Affairs' Magnify Utah Project and engage in discussion about how we encourage the preservation of stories and place through more intentional and meaningful dialogue with communities, particularly with those that have historically been under-resourced and disinvested.

1:00pm–2:00pm – Room 101

## Main Street America Promotion & Organization

*Norma Miess*

Main Street America will be providing a focused training for Utah's Main Street Communities on two of the four pillars, specifically Promotion and Organization. Communities can learn how to better organize their Main Street Program and create and boost downtown economics with creative and impactful promotions.

2:10pm–4:50pm – Room 111

## TRACK 3: STEWARDSHIP

### Multiple Perspectives of Stewardship Panel

*Robert Burch, Mary Shumway, Victoria Ramirez, Olivera Masters, Hope Jackson*

This panel discussion will provide participants with a unique insight into multiple perspectives on stewardship. Panelists are made up of individuals who are all engaged in helping to identify, preserve and stewards cultural and archaeological sites around the state. There are many different approaches to stewardship of cultural resources and the goal of this discussion is to learn from one another and to help broaden everyone's perspective and understanding of what it means to be a steward

10:30am–12:00pm – Room 101

### Historic Firearms and the Material Culture of the Utah War

*Michael Anderson*

Author and historical firearms expert, Michael Anderson, will present on the history and material culture of the Utah War (1857-1858). This hands-on presentation will provide a unique opportunity to experience 19th century antique firearms, authentic uniforms and other accouterments used by the military and militia in the Utah territory during this period. Participants will gain a better appreciation for this monumental event, its stories and the impact it had on people living then and today. There will be no loaded firearms or ammunition at this presentation.

1:00pm–2:00pm – Room 111

### Current Archaeological Research

*Anya Kitterman, Erin Haycock, Seth Button*

Keep up to date with archaeological research around the state! Utah has 13,000 years of human occupation and there's always something new to learn.

2:10pm–3:10pm – Room 110

## TRACK 4: MIXED BAG

### Outdoor Recreation from a Historic Perspective

*Richa Wilson, Christina Olson, John Flynn, Kirk Huffaker, Clint Pumphrey*

Outdoor recreation is a major driver of Utah's 21st century economy, but a lot of the stories and infrastructure are historic. Topics in this session include Little Cottonwood climbing routes being nominated to the National Register, how land managers are documenting and working with historic infrastructure, and how Utah State University is preserving the outdoor industry's history through its archives.

10:30am–12:00pm – Room 111

### Engaging the Public in Preservation

*Lori Edmunds, Judson Finley, Dave Harvey, Laurel Cunningham*

Historic preservation and archaeology are fundamentally public endeavors - the public demands that we protect and preserve places that matter and often they like to get involved directly! This session demonstrates Utah's preservationist spirit through several highlighted projects. Pop in and learn from your colleagues how they are navigating the world of public engagement.

1:00pm–2:00pm – Room 110

### Intersection of Cultural Resources and Industry

*Laura Springsteen, Eve Davies, Treaver Heaton*

Utah's energy and mining industry interacts with cultural resources as part of the process of doing business, whether building new infrastructure or taking care of historic buildings under their charge. Representatives from Rio Tinto, Williams, and PacifiCorp will speak to the successes they have had and the challenges they face as an industry partner.

2:10pm–3:10pm – Room 101

# WORKSHOPS



## Headstone Preservation Workshop

*Amy Barry*

**3:20pm–4:50pm**  
**Courtyard**

This headstone preservation workshop will cover the basics of how to properly treat historic headstones. We discuss types of stones you will encounter and the do's and don'ts to reduce possible damage to the stones.



## Wood Repair Workshop

*Mark Hillam,  
Caitlyn Barhorst*

**3:20pm–5:20pm**  
**Auditorium**

This workshop will introduce the basic tenets of wood condition evaluation, maintenance, and repair. A discussion of wood principles will be followed by hands on demonstrations of dutchman and epoxy repairs.



# SPEAKERS

## Michael Anderson

Raised in Utah, Michael Anderson has authored numerous articles on military history and material culture, covering periods from the early colonial period to the late 1860's. His passion for American history has kept him busy: public school presentations, living history activities and events, public historical interactive displays, conducting tours of historical sites, and more. He particularly loves sharing the forgotten stories that surrounded the birth and growth of America



## Caitlyn Barhorst

Caitlyn has their hands in many elements of the Historic Preservation field. They work full time at Uncommon Architects as the Historic Preservation Specialist assisting with Historic Tax Credit projects, remodels, and designing historically compatible infill homes. Additionally, you can find Caitlyn running around town as Restoration West restoring and preserving as many original windows as they can manage.

# SPEAKERS

## Amy Barry

Amy joined the Utah State History Division in 2014 as the Program Manager for the Utah State Cemeteries Program. The program provides valuable information for the public centered on a statewide burials database. Amy has grown this program to oversee grants for cemeteries, tracking of cemeteries and burial sites around the state as well as a robust preservation focus. Amy holds M.S. degrees in both Environmental Science and Political Science.



## Jansen Bennett

Jansen received a Master of Architecture degree and Graduate Certificate in Historic Preservation at the University of Washington after studying Business Administration and Art at Weber State University. He has over five years of experience, including multiple rehabilitations of historic buildings. His hobbies include baking tasty treats, reading good books, and chasing his two preschoolers.



# SPEAKERS

## Brandon Blaser

Brandon Blaser is the Founder and President of BCG Holdings, a Salt Lake City based real estate investment and development firm. BCG is committed to preserving the "soul" of the neighborhoods in which it invests through the re-use, recycling, and rejuvenation of older, existing structures. Brandon is a graduate of Brigham Young University and received his MBA with Honors from Harvard Business School.



# SPEAKERS

## Robert Burch

Robert Burch is Executive Director of Sema Hadithi African American Heritage and Culture Foundation, a non-profit researching African American history in Utah and the Mountain West. He became versed in genealogical and historical research focused on the story of people of African descent in the Americas and Caribbean. He has done presentations on genealogy basics, the importance of transforming family history into United States history, connectivity through lineage societies, and historical topics like Buffalo Soldiers of the West.



## Dee Brewer

Dee Brewer is Executive Director at the Salt Lake City Downtown Alliance, a business improvement district that activates and promotes downtown SLC as the regional center of commerce, culture and entertainment. Dee has served on and led many community boards and is a past chair of Visit Salt Lake.



## Seth Button

Seth Button is the archaeologist in the Abandoned Mine Reclamation Program. He obtained his B.A. from Dartmouth College, and M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has worked in Utah archaeology since 2010, and for AMRP since 2017.

# SPEAKERS

## Laurel Cunningham

Laurel Cunningham is the chair of the Pleasant Grove Historic Preservation Commission. Her passion is researching and writing historic books and has authored two books and three walking tour guides for the Commission. She has a BS in English from Utah State University with a writing emphasis. Laurel has served on the Pleasant Grove Historic Preservation Commission for five years.



# SPEAKERS

## Lori Edmunds

Lori has worked in the Cultural Arts field for 17 years, and is currently Cultural Arts Manager for Murray City Cultural Arts and History Division. Although she does not live in Murray City, she grew up nearby and Murray City "grew her" as she can relate with much of the history of the last 50 years.



## Eve Davies

Eve is a Principal Environmental Scientist in Renewable Resources at PacifiCorp/Rocky Mountain Power where she has spent more than 25 years navigating the complexities of stakeholder engagement, hydroelectric project licensing and implementation, including developing compliance and monitoring programs, for over a dozen hydroelectric projects in Utah and Idaho. Eve has a MS in Ecology, and a BS in Biology; she is most pleased to still be described as a field biologist.



## Judson Finley

Judson Finley is an archaeologist who received his PhD in anthropology from Washington State University. Judson's specialty is the geological interface with Native history of the West. His current work focuses on the environmental context for the adoption of maize agriculture in Utah from AD 300-1300.

# SPEAKERS

## John Flynn

John is Assistant Director of the American West Center and serves on the Policy and Conservation committee of the Salt Lake Climbers Alliance. He is a PhD student in American history at the University of Utah. His research focuses on the environmental history of the American West, public lands, and the history of outdoor recreation. John has worked on projects for the National Park Service, the Forest Service, and the Brown Center for Public Humanities and Cultural Heritage.



# SPEAKERS

## Erin Haycock

Erin is a graduate student at Utah State University earning a master's in Archaeology and Cultural Resource Management. Her thesis explores site attributes and their relation to the amount of intentionally caused damage and vandalism a site may experience. Within this, I also look to provide methodology that allows for a greater range of research to be made available for disabled archaeologists using gracious volunteer efforts.



## David Harvey

Dr. Harvey is an archaeologist with 15 years of experience conducting academic and compliance research throughout the western U.S. Dr. Harvey's research interests are broad, but are largely influenced by his early introduction to Indigenous Archaeology theoretical perspectives and cooperative research and work between archaeologists and descendent communities. Currently Dr. Harvey serves as the Office Principal

for PaleoWest's Salt Lake City office and is in charge of overseeing Paleo West's Utah program.



## Trevor Heaton

Trevor Heaton is the closure program manager for Rio Tinto Kennecott. Mr. Heaton is a civil engineer who has 18 years of experience in the mining, oil and gas, and construction industries. He has worked in 14 countries, including Argentina – where he ate every part of the cow imaginable. Mr. Heaton is a registered professional engineer in the state of Utah and serves as a member of the Utah Water Quality Board. He holds BS and

MS degrees in Civil Engineering from the University of Utah and an MBA from Yale University.



# SPEAKERS

## Mark Hillam

A native Utahn, Mark Hillam, fell into historic preservation when he discovered that a substantial corner of his 1870's adobe home had "melted" away due to water damage. Attending the Traditional Building Skills Institute at Snow College gave him the hands-on experience and training to work on various buildings in addition to his own. Mark has worked in the outdoors industry for 35 years and enjoys skiing, cycling, and traveling when not working on old buildings. He and his wife, LeAnn, are currently restoring an early 1900's brick home in Escalante, Utah.



# SPEAKERS

## Kirk Huffaker

Kirk Huffaker is Principal of Kirk Huffaker Preservation Strategies based in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he works with owners, developers, communities, and organizations on a wide range of solutions and products that save and rehabilitate historic places. He was a preservation advocate at Preservation Utah for 22 years, serving as its Executive Director for 12 years. Recently, Kirk received the Hadifi Award for African-American preservation efforts in Utah. Kirk holds an M.S. in Historic Preservation.



## Victoria Ramirez

Victoria Ramirez is an experienced archaeologist who is currently interning with the Bureau of Land Management. She has several years of field experience and is currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Archaeology and Cultural Resources Management. Victoria is an outings leader for the Latino Outdoors Salt Lake City chapter, where she shares her love of nature and advocates for greater diversity and representation in outdoor activities.



## Anya Kitterman

Anya Kitterman has served as the Cultural Resource Program Manager/Archaeologist for Hill Air Force Base, UT for the past nine years. Anya has embraced the opportunity of working with Hill Air Force Base in protecting its cultural resources as well as sharing her excitement of those resources with the public. She earned a Master of Arts in Historical Archaeology and a Master of Science in Professional Archaeology.

# SPEAKERS

## Claudia Loayza

Claudia Loayza is passionate about the intersections of opportunity, place, and community connections. She expresses this through city planning and community engagement, and believes that the state of a community depends on how accessible it is for people to work, play, navigate, and thrive in their environments. In 2022, she graduated from the University of Utah's Masters in City and Metropolitan Planning program, and 2021 she was named a Utah Business 20 in Their 20s honoree.



## Olivera Masters

Olivera is a graduate student at the University of Utah and studies anthropology with a focus in archaeology. Her research centers on using museum collections to further archaeological work in collaboration with Indigenous communities. She uses her multicultural background to assist in cultural, historical, and archaeological preservation. Olivera works with various community organizations such as JACL, NHMU, and SACNAS to increase community involvement and engagement with academic institutions.

# SPEAKERS

## Norma Ramírez de Miess

Norma has found a unique niche in Main Street's revitalization work. With over 20 years of hands-on experience, she is driven by a passion to help communities build consensus, define strategies, and implement successful revitalization programs. Norma utilizes her multicultural background and solid bilingual skills to help communities understand changing demographics, capitalize on the value of diversity to local economies, and strive to build more inclusive organizations.



## Christina Olson



Christina holds a master's degree in historic preservation and has over twenty years of professional experience. Her work encompasses research and evaluation of historic resources, preparation of condition assessments, development of preservation plans for buildings and sites, and work in support of architectural compliance. Ms. Olson is an architectural historian with SWCA Environmental Consultants and serves on the Idaho Historic Sites Review Board and on the Board of Directors for the Idaho Humanities Council.

# SPEAKERS

## Clint Pumphrey

Clint Pumphrey has worked as the manuscript curator in Utah State University's Special Collections and Archives since 2011 and as the Co-Unit Head since 2022. He has served on the Utah Historical Quarterly Board of Editors and the Utah State Historical Records Advisory Board, and is a former president of the Conference of Intermountain Archivists (CIMA). Previously, he was employed as the National Register Historian for the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program. Clint holds a master's degree in history from USU.



## Ben Pykles

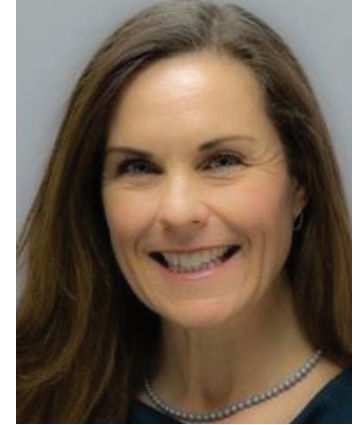
Dr. Benjamin Pykles earned a Ph.D. in Anthropology with an emphasis in Historical Archaeology from the University of Pennsylvania. He was an Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the State University of New York at Potsdam before joining the Historic Sites Division of the Church History Department as a Historic Sites Curator in July 2011, where he is now Director. He is the author of "Excavating Nauvoo: The Mormons and the Rise of Historical Archaeology in America."



# SPEAKERS

## Laura Springsteen

Since 2013 Ms. Springsteen has performed environmental planning for natural gas distribution and transportation projects throughout Utah, Wyoming, Colorado, and West Virginia. She received her Master of Liberal Arts degree from Harvard Extension School in 2019 and serves on the Utah Chapter of Women in Energy board.



## Hope Jackson

Hope was born in Ely, Nevada and raised in Ibapah, Utah. Hope has worked in the field of nursing for 25 years and is currently an Assistant Health Director Liaison for the Goshute Tribal Health Clinic in Goshute / Sacred Circle Health Clinic in Salt Lake City, Utah. Hope has been involved in CTGR tribal politics since 2017 to present, and is passionate about serving her people and heritage.





# SPEAKERS

## Emily Utt

Emily Utt has worked for almost two decades preserving and sharing the stories of the most significant places managed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Emily has been involved in preservation projects ranging from 1820s log structures to 1970s New Formalist landmarks around the world. Emily holds an MA in historic preservation.



# SPEAKERS

## Richa Wilson

Richa Wilson earned a Master of Science in Historic Preservation from the University of Oregon before joining the Forest Service as an architectural historian in 1998. Richa has written numerous articles, short publications, and papers addressing Forest Service history and architecture, early 20th-century building materials, historic Russian architecture, and cemetery preservation.



## Danny Waltz

Danny's experience in redevelopment within the Salt Lake City metropolitan area is extensive, as he was the RDA director for neighboring Midvale City for the preceding 13 years. His dedication to working with communities to revitalize neighborhoods that are experiencing economic, social, and environmental challenges is shown in his history of projects that create vital housing opportunities, improve infrastructure, and drive economic development.



## Mary Shumway

Mary Shumway serves on the board of International Society Daughters of Utah Pioneers (ISDUP). She is responsible for working with local DUP Companies and Camps in establishing new markers and maintaining established markers. After retiring from a 30-year career in education administration she began her volunteer work with ISDUP and has been involved in developing training, web resources, and marker policy.

# COMMUNITY PARTNERS

