

Historic Preservation: Why it Matters

Conference Program

Saturday, March 21, 2026

8:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Utah Valley University, CS 404

Conference Objectives:

- Educate: Teach the importance of historic preservation, its impact on communities, and the methodologies involved.
- Engage: Foster a collaborative environment for sharing best practices, challenges, and solutions in the field of historic preservation.
- Inspire: Motivate participants to actively engage in preservation efforts within their communities and professional practices. Motivate students to enroll in Historic Preservation classes.
- Network: Facilitate connections among preservation professionals, students, government officials, and community members to promote ongoing dialogue and cooperation.

Target Audiences:

- Students at UVU and other universities
- Faculty at UVU and other universities
- Preservation professionals and practitioners
- Architects and urban planners
- Government officials and policymakers
- Community leaders and activists
- Interested members of the public

CONFERENCE AGENDA

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM: Arrival and networking with food and drinks

Morning Sessions; CS 404

9:00 AM - 9:45 AM: Welcome and "State of the Program" Address

Welcome (15 minutes)

Opening remarks by Steven Cornell and David Amott on the current status and future plans of the Preservation Certificate Program at UVU

Overview of the conference objectives and schedule

Speaker (10-15 minutes): Paul Monson and Aliko Milioti, UVU Architecture Program - "State of the Program"

Update on the current status and future plans of the architecture program at Utah Valley University

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM – Panel Discussion: Digital Preservation; CS 404

Moderator: Cory Jensen (SHPO)

Speaker 1: Topic: Master Plan Tiwanaku Bolivia – Layla Ford, Kierstyn Dimas

Speaker 2: Topic: Cultural Significance – speaker: Mike Harper and Emily Hedrick (UVU) – Digital Preservation

Speaker 3: Will and Michael

Q&A Session

11:30 AM - 12:45 PM: Lunch with Keynote Speaker(s); CS 404

Keynote Speaker(s)

Dr. Nicoletta Marconi, Professor at the University of Rome Tor Vergata and member of the Commission of the School of Arts and Crafts at the Fabbrica of St. Peter in the Vatican.

Dr. Baldomero Lago, Chief International Officer at Utah Valley University. Official Representative to the United Nations - DGC & Academic Impact.

Afternoon Break-out Sessions

Session 1: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Preservation Craft; CS 403

Panel Discussion-

Moderator: Jansen Bennett (SHPO)

Speaker 1: Caitlyn Barhorst, Restoration West

Speaker 2: Casey Sullivan, Abstract Masonry

Speaker 3: Clint Phillips, R. Phillips Plastering

Q&A Session

Session 2: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM - Preservation in Action; CS 404

Panel Discussion: Advocacy Moderator: Steven Cornell, UVU

Speaker 1: Brandi Strand, Preservation Utah

Speaker 2: Allen Roberts, CRSA

Speaker 3: Kirk Huffaker, KHPS

Q&A Session

Session 3: 2:45 PM - 4:15 PM - Preservation in Action; CS 403

Panel Discussion: "Small City Successes" - Speakers (15 minutes each):

Moderator: Chris Hansen (SHPO)

Speaker 1: Roger Roper, Mt Pleasant

Speaker 2: Chris Anderson - Spring City

Speaker 3: Lori Nay, Former Mayor of Gunnison, Utah

Speaker 4: Emily Utt, LDS Church

Speaker 5: Bradley Parry, Council Vice Chairman for the Northwest Band of the Shoshone Nation

Q&A Session

Session 4: 2:45 - 4:15 PM - Preservation in Action; CS 404

Panel Discussion: "Unesco and the Academy " - Speakers (30 min each):

David Amott to provide introductions.

Speaker 1: Aliko Milioti

Speaker 2: Gordon McKay

Q&A Session

4:15 PM - 4:45 PM: Closing Remarks Paul Monson

4:45 PM: Conference Adjournment