

# World Heritage and U. S. Civil Rights Sites Symposium

## April 20-22, 2017 - Atlanta, Georgia

A gathering of scholars, historic preservationists, property owners and stakeholders to discuss a World Heritage serial nomination for historic sites associated with the U. S. Civil Rights Movement.



The Georgia State University World Heritage Initiative has embarked on an effort to nominate a group of U. S. Civil Rights Sites to the World Heritage List, thereby achieving for these historic places associated with the modern struggle for race reform in America the highest possible level of global recognition possible.

Owners of historic properties associated with the civil rights struggle of the 1950s and 1960s, movement scholars and historic preservationists will gather in Atlanta, April 20-22, 2017, at the *World Heritage and U. S. Civil Rights Sites Symposium* to discuss preparing a Serial Nomination for the National Park Service to propose to UNESCO's World Heritage Committee.

Free and open to the public, the Atlanta *Symposium* will feature sessions explaining the objectives of the Initiative, the World Heritage nomination process, and what might be expected for property owners and relevant stakeholders of historic sites if they received such a designation.

### Thursday, April 20: Opening and Tours

**Martin Luther King, Jr. National Historic Site**  
**450 Auburn Avenue, Atlanta, GA 30312**

**3:00-5:00 pm** - Tours of the MLK, Jr. Historic Site

**5:30 pm** - Opening Plenary Session: *What is World Heritage?* Stephen Morris, Chief, Office of International Affairs, NPS; Phyllis M. Ellin, Historian, World Heritage Program, NPS

**7:00 pm** – Reception

### Friday, April 21: Plenary Sessions

**GSU College of Law**

**85 Park Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

**9:00 am** – Breakout Sessions: Introductions and Orientation

**10:30 am** - Plenary Session: *The Global Significance of U. S. Civil Rights Sites*, Waldo E. Martin, Jr., University of California, Berkeley; Patricia Sullivan, University of South Carolina

**1:30 pm** - Plenary Session: *Authenticity and Comparatives in World Heritage Analysis*, Alissandra Cummins, former Chairperson of the Executive Board of UNESCO; Susan Snow, Archeologist & Coordinator, San Antonio Missions World Heritage Site

**3:30 pm** - Plenary Session: *Designation and Preservation Management*, Paul Hardin Kapp, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign; Michael Tomlan, Cornell University

**5:00 pm** - Reception

### Saturday, April 22: Breakout Sessions

**GSU College of Law**

**85 Park Place NE, Atlanta, GA 30303**

**9:00 am** – Breakout Sessions: Committee of Scholars – Drafting of the Statement of Outstanding Universal Value for the U.S. Civil Rights Sites World Heritage Serial Nomination; Property Owners, Stakeholders, Preservationists – Panel Discussion of the World Heritage Process

**11:00 am** - Concluding Plenary Session: *U. S. Civil Right Sites and World Heritage*; final reports

### Accommodations

**Residence Inn by Marriott - Atlanta Downtown**

Located within easy walking distance of GSU and the trolley to the MLK, Jr. National Historic Site. 134 Peachtree Street NW / Atlanta, GA 30303 / (404) 522-0950.

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