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# NCPTT INTERNS CONDUCT RESEARCH OF LOCAL AND NATIONAL SIGNIFICANCE

Research taking place in Natchitoches over the past few months promises to make an impact on the field of preservation on a national scale thanks to the efforts of interns working with the National Center for Preservation Technology and Training.

This year, interns and staff at NCPTT will present their work during the fourth annual "Preservation in Your Community" event to be held Wednesday, July 28 at NCPTT at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend this event, titled: "An Ounce of Preservation: Preserving Buildings and Monuments in Natchitoches and across the Nation."

Harriet Swift, a former journalist and travel writer beginning a second career in preservation, is among the interns scheduled to speak. Swift has been evaluating NCPTT's cemetery monument conservation seminars and workshops and developing training courses based on advanced cemetery conservation methods. She is a candidate for the Masters of Preservation Studies degree from Tulane University's School of Architecture in New Orleans. She has worked for the San Francisco *Examiner* and the Oakland *Tribune* as an editor and reporter and written and contributed to a number of travel books including "The Time Out Guide to New Orleans."

Interns Seth Fornea and Eric Schindelholz are researching substances being developed to preserve stone building materials. Fornea, a chemistry major at NSU, will present the results of laboratory tests aimed at discerning the effect of air pollution on limestone and marble. Additionally, Fornea and Schindelholz have worked at refining and implementing a methodology for artificially aging treated stone samples, as well as assisting with preservation efforts at the American Cemetery. Schindelholz is a degree candidate in the Queen's University Master of Art Conservation Program, located in Kingston, Canada.

Andy Jacob is the Architecture and Engineering Research and Training intern at NCPTT. He will present his experiences assisting with the Center's Architecture and Engineering Training, which took place July 13-23 in Natchitoches. Sanders has also helped develop content and resources for the architecture and engineering research and training component of NCPTT's website.

Ligy John has been assisting NCPTT's investigation into methods of preserving terrazzo flooring. The project was part of a cooperative effort with the Center and the U.S. General Services Administration (GSA).

MRP intern Eric Broadus will present his research on the usefulness of substances called alkoxygermanes in preserving stone building materials.

Jessica Humphries came to NCPTT as a student in the National Park Service's Cultural Resources Diversity Internship Program. Humphries is assisting the Heritage Education – Louisiana program in organizing summer teacher workshops.



**Teachers will learn how to use local cemeteries to teach students about their heritage during the first Heritage Education — Louisiana Workshop to be held in Natchitoches July 27.**