



The Commission Assistance and Mentoring Program (CAMP®) is the signature training offered by the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC). CAMP® is led by qualified preservation professionals in support of local preservation commissions and the NAPC's mission to build strong local preservation programs through education, advocacy, and training.

The goal of CAMP® is to provide high-quality, engaging and informative training to preservation related boards and commissions of all types through presentations, hands-on exercises, group discussions and networking (mentoring) opportunities via live training. Trainers include commissioners, local, state and national staff members, attorneys and commission partners.

The City of Arlington, Texas will be hosting a two-day virtual CAMP and an optional in-person watch party on June 4<sup>th</sup> (9am-12:45pm) and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (9am-12:45pm). This training opportunity will qualify for six continuing education credits through the American Institute of Architects and the American Planning Association. Certificates of completion will also be available by request. In addition, all first-time CAMP attendees will receive a complimentary one-year membership to NAPC.

**Watch Party Location:**

George W. Hawkes Downtown Library  
100 S. Center Street  
Arlington, Texas 76010

\*Coffee and refreshments will be provided. Attendees will be expected to wear a mask and social distance for the duration of the training. All three trainers will be conducting the training virtually and will be broadcast on projector screens in the Library space that has been reserved.

Virtual Attendees will receive a zoom link before the training date.

**Event Registration**

Included in the registration is all training materials & on demand access to a playback recorded video of the training. The training will be held free on a first come first serve basis with a total of 20 spots available.

To sign up please register here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ArlingtonCAMRegistration>

The following is a list of topics to be covered, along with biographies for the trainers that will be leading this CAMP.

### **Legal Basics**

The strongest defense commissions have against accusations of arbitrary and capricious decisions is to consistently follow established review procedures. Customized for each state, this workshop covers the legal basis for commission operation. Workshop leaders will provide an overview of procedural due process, takings, appeals, property rights, and economic hardship. Participants will examine common preservation legal issues and acquire tools to improve decision-making and build a defensible record.

### **Standards and Guidelines for Design Review**

This workshop gives participants an understanding of the relationship between Federal Standards and local design guidelines. Workshop leaders will guide participants through the origin and development of a variety of preservation-based review standards and guidelines. Through case studies, participants will distinguish between the four treatments under Secretary of the Interior's Standards and understand how the treatments work within the framework of local design guidelines. Participants will also compare the application and the inherent flexibility of the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Rehabilitation.

### **Preservation Planning for Local Commissions**

A preservation commission is most effective when its work is a part of the larger local planning process. Good planning can also strengthen grant applications and bring in money to the community. Using successful plans from around the country, this workshop covers the essential elements of preservation planning and how to integrate preservation as part of a broader planning effort -- not just an addition to it. The workshop will involve an overview of Certified Local Government benefits and responsibilities for preservation planning. Working with various types of plans and data requirements, participants will learn innovative techniques to involve the community and stakeholders; explore successful implementation techniques to assign responsibilities and to track performance measures.

### **Identifying and Designating Historic Resources**

Every preservation commission faces issues of determining what resources can and should be protected through local designation. This session deals with all aspects of identifying and designating resources. Topics include conducting historic resource surveys and using the information collected to determine eligibility for designation, drawing and defending district boundaries, and the legal aspects of the designation process.

### **Building Public Support**

Historic preservation commissions tend to get bogged down in the day-to-day administration of its local ordinance and forget that one of its major responsibilities is to be effective spokesmen for historic preservation in its community. This session helps participants communicate effectively with a wide range of audiences, build support for designations, defend sometimes unpopular decisions and deal with reluctant elected officials. Workshop leaders will also offer creative suggestions for promoting historic preservation in the community.

### **Mid-Century Resources**

Across the country, construction from the 1950's and 1960's is now eligible for designation, yet many communities struggle with how to understand and manage these resources. However, recent resources may be the key to engaging new audiences and revitalizing preservation efforts as well as building better local government and planning. Receive an introduction to the architecture & design of the Era and gain the tools to engage new audiences.

### **Trainer Biographies & Experience**



As the Architectural Historian for the State of Washington for almost 20 years, **Michael Houser** has a long record of helping owners understand the architecture and history of their buildings. Houser has a common sense, down-to-earth approach about historic preservation issues and prides himself on simplifying the often complex issues of preserving historic resources. Currently he manages the State and National Register programs for Washington State; as well as Washington's unique Heritage Barn Program. Houser helped bring post WWII resources into the states focus by establishing the "Nifty-from-the-Last 50 Initiative" in 2003 which initially documented over 300 mid-century modern buildings across the state. As the state's go-to expert, he has reviewed numerous post WWII resources as part of the Section 106 process, from small ranch houses to cold war military facilities. His current pet project includes creating biographies of architects and designers who practiced Washington state, and he has recently developed a study of

the Seattle area Parade of Homes.

Houser holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Idaho and a Master of Science Degree in Historic Preservation from Eastern Michigan University. A native of Vancouver, Washington, Michael returned to Washington state via Bend, OR where he served as the Historic Preservation Planner for six years managing the CLG programs for the County and three incorporated cities. His previous work experience includes time at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, MI; survey work for the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana; and historic home inspections and architectural work for Thomas Hickey Architects in Chicago.



**Kate Singleton**, consultant with Post Oak Preservation, has over 40 years' experience in historic preservation, downtown revitalization and economic and community development. Kate is the former

Executive Director for Preservation Austin. She has served as Chief Preservation Planner for the City of Dallas, Executive Director of the West Fort Bend Management District, Planning Manager for Downtown Dallas, Inc. and State Coordinator of the Arizona Main Street program as well as Main Street Manager in Waxahachie and

Grapevine. She has extensive experience in cultural resources management.

Kate has offered professional consulting services in the areas of historic preservation, downtown revitalization, economic development, financial incentives, strategic planning, community development, municipal planning, zoning, urban design, and project implementation. She has written preservation plans, design standards for commercial and residential historic districts, downtown redevelopment plans and preservation ordinances. Kate has also developed financial incentives for cities including the highly successful City of Dallas Historic Tax Incentive Program. She also wrote amendments to the Dallas building code some of which were codified into the International Existing Building Code. Kate has also completed over \$150 million in Federal Historic Tax Credit projects.

Kate has conducted training for numerous historic preservation commissions and downtown associations around the state of Texas and has presented at several state preservation and downtown conferences in Texas, Arizona and Arkansas as well as the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference and National Main Street Conference on subjects including advocacy, financial incentives, preservation design standards, downtown authenticity.

Kate has her Master's in Public Administration from the University of North Texas. She has served on the Dallas Landmark Commission, on the Tourism Commission for the City of Austin, Austin Creative Alliance Board, the boards of Texas Downtown Association, Preservation Texas and Preservation Action.



**Amber E. Stimpson** holds a Bachelor of Arts in Socio-Cultural Anthropology and a Minor in Native American Studies from Brigham Young University and a Master of Arts from The George Washington University in American Studies/Historic Preservation.

After completing her graduate studies, Amber worked as a preservation consultant for Dewberry in Fairfax, Virginia and was deployed to work for the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in Biloxi, Mississippi following Hurricane Katrina and in Birmingham, Alabama from May to November 2011. From 2014-2016, Amber was the Environmental Review Specialist for the North Carolina State Historic Preservation Office (NC HPO) and subsequently served as the Local Preservation Commission/Certified Local Government Coordinator for North Carolina from November 2016-November 2019. As the CLG Coordinator she offered technical guidance and training to staff and commissions located throughout North Carolina. Following a move to Atlanta, Georgia, Amber accepted a position with Edwards-Pitman, Inc., as a Senior Architectural

Historian in February 2020. Her duties at Edwards-Pitman, Inc., include offering technical guidance in matters of regulatory review and compliance to Georgia's largest power company for undertakings that have the potential to affect cultural and historic properties in Georgia and Alabama.