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State of Wisconsin Appoints Daina Penkiunas as State Historic Preservation Officer

Madison, Wis. - The Wisconsin Historical Society (Society) is pleased to announce that Daina Penkiunas has been appointed State Historic Preservation Officer and Director, State Historic Preservation Office for the state of Wisconsin. The Society is the federally-designated State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) for the state of Wisconsin.

"Daina's work to the field of historic preservation has been extraordinary and her commitment to the recognition and protection of some of our state's most treasured places will continue to be a high priority for her and the office," said Christian Overland, Ruth and Hartley Barker Director for the Wisconsin Historical Society. "I am confident in her vision and her ability to lead us and many others throughout the country in the education, practice, policy, and the value proposition of historic preservation."

In 2000, Daina was appointed National Register Coordinator and most recently served as the Deputy, State Historic Preservation Officer. Daina received her BA in Architectural History and Preservation from the University of Maryland and her Ph.D., Architectural History from the University of Virginia.

The SHPO office offers a variety of programs including, administering the Wisconsin portion of the National Register of Historic Places in partnership with the National Park Service and managing the State Register of Historic Places; providing educational resources and assistance in historic preservation to property owners, local organizations and governments; maintaining state records on archaeological sites and protecting sites on public lands; administering property tax exemptions and providing access to research and public education about Wisconsin's archaeological resources, including maritime archeology sites; reviewing federal, state and local projects for their effect on historic and archaeological properties; certifying historic building rehabilitation projects for state and federal income tax credits; administering the state's burial sites preservation program; and; maintaining historic building, archaeological and burial site inventories.

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About the Wisconsin Historical Society

The Wisconsin Historical Society, founded in 1846, ranks as one of the largest, most active and most diversified state historical societies in the nation. As both a state agency and a private membership organization, its mission is to help people connect to the past by collecting, preserving and sharing stories. The Wisconsin Historical Society serves millions of people every year through a wide range of sites, programs and services. For more information, visit wisconsinhistory.org.

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