



Places That Make a Difference:

Conversations on the Future of Our Cultural Treasures

Places that Innovate: Reimagining Historic Sites

Thursday, October 3rd, 2019

6:00-7:30 p.m.

King Juan Carlos I of Spain Center

Screening Room/Auditorium, First Floor, 113

53 Washington Square South

New York, NY 10012

Drawing from innovative sites across the United States, this illustrated conversation will profile intriguing new models for adapting to the rapidly-shifting role museums must play in the 21st century. Authors Max van Balgooy and Kenneth Turino will share insights from their newly-published anthology, *Reimagining Historic House Museums: New Approaches and Proven Solutions*, which provides indispensable and imaginative strategies to forge a sustainable path forward for our country's historic places. They will be joined in conversation by Lisa Ackerman, Chair of the Historic House Trust.

Through an interactive dialogue, van Balgooy, Turino, and Ackerman will use their diverse experiences in the heritage field to address challenges currently facing history-focused institutions. Topics will include assessing whether an organization's purpose is meaningful to outside audiences, challenging institutions to think holistically, and ensuring that leadership supports risk and experimentation. Join the Historic House Trust in creatively thinking beyond a museum's "four walls" to reimagine what historic sites can aspire to be in contemporary times.

Q&A and book signing to follow. Books will be available for purchase.

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New York University's Archives & Public History MA Program.*

Free, RSVP required.