

DEMHIST Conference Themes

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The Power of Historic House Museums

What is the power of Historic House Museums opposed to other museums? Does it lie in the spaces themselves – in the nexus of authenticity and memory that create the historic house museum experience of historic structure, collections, and narrative? How does this power continue to resonate and remain relevant? How does current digital innovation align with topics such as historical authenticity, visitor experience and collection care?

House Museums and Risk Management

Following our 2021 conference on sustainability, this session calls for papers that will delve deeper into related issues of Disaster Risk Management and Resilience. What issues are unique to Historic House Museums and heritage sites? Historic buildings form part of the collection and have their own set of vulnerabilities and require protection, as does the collection within. The building is also part of the narrative; responses to disasters should recognize this in risk mitigation.