



The Association for Preservation Technology International (APT)

Announces Our New Executive Director, Dr. Greg Galer

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[The Association for Preservation Technology International](#) (APT), a multi-disciplinary membership organization dedicated to promoting the best technology for protecting historic structures and their settings and cultivating the exchange of knowledge in the international community, is pleased to announce the appointment of our new Executive Director, Dr. Greg Galer. He begins at APT on February 22, 2022.

Dr. Galer brings over 30 years of diverse historic preservation and non-profit management experience to APT, most recently as Executive Director of the [Boston Preservation Alliance](#) for the past nine years. From cultural resource and historic collection management to involvement in hundreds of historic building projects, his knowledge of material culture and the built environment is extensive, and his success leading non-profits is clear. He holds a Ph.D. in the History and Social Study of Science and Technology from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a Bachelor of Arts with Honors from Brown University.

Under Greg's leadership the Boston Preservation Alliance reached its strongest financial and advocacy position in its 43-year history. In his last five years alone, he engaged over \$4.2 billion worth of construction and has raised millions of dollars for preservation causes in Boston. Greg also plays a national leadership role, guiding the preservation community to focus on preservation's ability to address today's challenges such as affordability, sustainability, equity, and workforce development as a board member of the [National Preservation Partners Network](#) and a member of the steering committee of the [Preservation Priorities Task Force](#), a collaboration with the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

APT is a multi-disciplinary membership organization dedicated to promoting the best technology for protecting historic structures and their settings and cultivating the exchange of knowledge in the international community. APT membership reaches nearly 30 countries, and includes architects, engineers, conservators, contractors, preservationists, craftspeople, educators, historians, and students. The international, interdisciplinary character and wide-ranging activities of APT including publications, conferences, training courses, awards, student scholarships, regional chapters, and technical committees make APT the premier worldwide network for anyone involved in the field of historic preservation.

As Executive Director, Dr. Galer will be responsible for expanding APT's influence and impact by growing financial support for our 2021 Strategic Plan, expanding APT's partnerships and collaborations, and managing the overall operation of our organization. The APT Board of Directors is confident that his skill at stewarding relationships and building networks will allow our organization to continue to build on our five decades of work.

I'm excited to welcome Greg to APT, and wholeheartedly believe that he will be an excellent leader in helping APT develop into a stronger version of itself. Greg has helped the Boston Preservation Alliance flourish in exactly the ways that APT needs to grow, as expressed in our new strategic plan. He has the ideal combination of long-term executive director experience and preservation knowledge that we were looking for.

- Taryn Williams, APT President

I'm proud of my work at the Boston Preservation Alliance including expanding the number of people who see the benefits of preservation - recognizing that historic preservation is climate action, equity building, and a successful source of affordability and skilled jobs. But now is the time to turn my attention to the international stage, to lead APT and its membership. My goal is to leverage the 50-year history of APT to impact the power of historic preservation across the globe. Preservation is an active process. The education, empowerment, and enjoyment we receive from our historic treasures is only possible because generations before us cared for them. APT plays a critical role in assuring that the technology that keeps our historic places alive is developed and applied. I'm thrilled to become a leader impacting historic resources for the international community.

- Greg Galer, Ph.D., APT Incoming Executive Director