Whose Heritage Is It?
Preservation & Development of Heritage Sites in the Caribbean
Case Studies from Antigua, West Indies

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Dr. Murphy will discuss heritage research and management in Antigua, a small island in the West Indies that received tens of thousands of enslaved Africans who were forced to work the plantations and estates. After emancipation, labor was sought from China and India, making this island a global microcosm. Because this island generated such wealth for European nations, it was heavily fortified and defended. The Caribbean’s largest dockyard was established for repairing and provisioning ships for the British Royal Navy, and a large number of barracks were built to house British Regiments. Today, the dockyard has become a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dr. Murphy will discuss his research on this and other heritage projects in Antigua, including Betty’s Hope, a large sugarcane plantation in operation from 1650-1944.