

APOYOnline to establish the 'Toby Raphael Memorial Fund' to support capacity-building in preventive conservation in Latin America

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The year 2019 marks the tenth anniversary of the loss of Toby Raphael, a pioneering figure in cultural heritage preservation. To honor the contribution of this groundbreaking heritage professional, APOYOnline, the Association for Heritage Preservation of the Americas, is pleased to announce the **Toby Raphael Memorial Fund**. This Fund will support capacity-building activities in the region, such as the APOYOnline 30th Anniversary Conference and Workshop in Heritage Preservation, taking place in Rio de Janeiro in September in 2019.

With a Master's Degree from George Washington University and a Certificate in Ethnographic and Archaeological Conservation from the Smithsonian Institution, **Toby Raphael** served cultural heritage through a rich and over 30-year career with the National Park Service and the Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian. He was a dedicated and passionate educator and mentor in Latin America, Southeast Asia, and in the US. His pioneering work with leather conservation pushed the field forward. Toby's work was instrumental in the development of the Guidelines for Exhibition Conservation at the National Park Service. Toby Raphael was committed to the exchange of knowledge and collaboration across fields of specialization and international borders.



Left to right: Beatriz Haspo, Toby Raphael, and Amparo Rueda. Denver, 2009.

A pioneer in preventive conservation, with an interest in sharing his knowledge and skills with colleagues in Latin America and around the world, the impact of Toby cannot be overstated. The **Toby Raphael Memorial Fund** will be used to foster capacity-building in the topics of preventive conservation and professional exchanges for Latin American professionals working in this field.

Please consider donating to the **Toby Raphael Memorial Fund** to continue his legacy by supporting cultural heritage preservation in the Americas.

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