

Announcing our Plenary Speaker: Frank Vagnone! One of the authors of *The Anarchist's Guide to Historic House Museums*, and manager of the blog *Twisted Preservation*, and the series "One Night Stand," Frank Vagnone will be joining us as the Conference's Keynote Speaker! *Stay tuned for more information about the opportunity to register for his pre-conference workshop.*



Biography: Franklin Vagnone (Principal – [TWISTED PRESERVATION](#): Cultural Consulting, New York City), with a strong background in the creative arts (Architecture, Design, Sculpture), is a Public Historian who has been labeled a "domestic-archeo-anthropologist." Seen as an international thought leader in innovative and entrepreneurial non-profit management, he has a thoughtful combination of philosophical and practical experiences that have allowed him to consult, lecture, and teach internationally for an extensive list of universities, cultural sites, museums, and community-based membership organizations.

In addition to maintaining the blog, *Twisted Preservation*, and the series "[One Night Stand](#)," and moderating an international discussion group – *The Anarchist's Guide to Historic House Museums*, Franklin has co-authored *The Anarchist's Guide to Historic House Museums* (with Ms. Deborah Ryan) – a book about innovative concepts for historic cultural sites. The book, now in its 3rd printing since November 2015, was voted best Museum Education-related book of 2015 by *Museum Educator's Monitor*, and became #1 bestseller (Museum-related) on Amazon for February 2016.

While Executive Director of major historic house organizations in Philadelphia and New York City, his leadership has been recognized through two Lucy G. Moses awards from the New York Landmarks Conservancy, Award of Excellence from the Greater Hudson Heritage Network, Award of Merit from Museum Association of New York Award, and a Grand Jury Medal from The Philadelphia Preservation Alliance.

In recognition of his sustained work in the museum profession, Franklin was selected for the 2015 Museum Association of New York State – Individual Achievement Award (with Deborah Ryan).