

Julien P. Icher
Founder & Executive Director of The Lafayette Trail
Curriculum Vitae

Contact Profile

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Current Activities and Support

- Cultural Exchange/Student US Visa for France until July 2019.
- Richard Lounsbery Foundation grant of \$25,000 to create an interactive map with documentation for General Lafayette's tour of 1824-25 to promote Franco-American friendship.
- Founder and Executive Director, The Lafayette Trail, July 2017 – Present.

Work Experience and Previous Activities

- April 25, 2019, Prefiling of a bill appropriating \$84,000 of public funds from the State of North Carolina for Lafayette Trail markers, authorizing the state department of transportation to take appropriate action.
- April 17, 2019, Testify in a public hearing before the New Hampshire House Public Works and Highway Committee in support of bill SB217 "marking the Lafayette Trail in New Hampshire".
- February 26th, 2019, Private tour of the White House's West Wing, including the Oval Office, to meet officials and seek support from the executive branch of the U.S. Federal Government.
- February 17, 2019, Participation in the annual fundraising at Mount Vernon in honor of George Washington's birthday. Lafayette Trail Walking Tour and Dinner auctioned off for \$2,500.
- February 12, 2019, Testify in a public hearing before the New Hampshire Senate Transportation Committee in support of bill SB217 "marking the Lafayette Trail in New Hampshire".
- December 27, 2018, Prefiling of a bill authorizing the New Hampshire Department of Transportation to work with The Lafayette Trail and service organizations to mark the trail across the state.
- December 6, 2018, partnership with the William G. Pomeroy Foundation in New York State to mark and memorialize 17 sites on The Lafayette Trail across the state.
- October 5, 2018, Massachusetts legislates Lafayette Trail tourism trail markers to be maintained by the Mass Department of Transportation.
- April 2018, member of the French Presidential Delegation accompanying President Emmanuel Macron of France for a three-day state visit to Washington D.C to emphasize the uniqueness of the bilateral relationship that France and the U.S. have nurtured since 1778.
- From March to July 2017, completed interactive mapping with data collected by boots-on-the-ground research from local historical societies, public libraries, and universities to develop The Lafayette Trail across the New England states in partnership with the Consulate General of France in Boston.

- 2016, American Friends of Lafayette (AFL) annual meeting in Boston. Promoted economic and cultural ties with Valéry Freland, former Consul General of France in Boston, between France and the U.S. via a geo-tourism mapping endeavor into General Lafayette's grand visit across New England in 1824-1825.

Education

École Normale Supérieure de Lyon, France

1. Master's Degree in Geographic Information Systems (2017)
2. Master's Degree in Geography (2016)
3. Bachelor's degree in History & Geography (2014)

College of William & Mary, Williamsburg, VA, February to June 2015

Post-graduate research assessing how historical sites utilize re-enactors to stage history and to what extent storytelling impacts the contents and historical facts being told.

Awards & Recognitions

- Commissioned as a Commonwealth Ambassador for Kentucky, Lexington, Kentucky, 3/29/2019
- Honorary member of the Société française de bienfaisance, Charleston, South Carolina, 10/25/2018
- Commissioned as a Kentucky Colonel for promoting Franco-Kentuckian friendship, 10/1/2018
- Honorary member of the Governor Isaac Shelby chapter of the Kentucky Society Sons of the American Revolution, 9/31/2018
- Good Citizenship Medal awarded by the Pennsylvania Sons of the American Revolution, 9/16/2018

Publications

Icher, JP. "In Lafayette's Footsteps: Memorializing the General's Tour in New Hampshire," *Historical New Hampshire* 71 (Spring 2018): 20-43.

Icher, JP. The Lafayette Trail with interactive map and documentation. Facebook.com/TheLafayetteTrail and www.thelafayettetrail.com

Organization Memberships

Isaac Shelby Chapter & Kentucky Sons of the American Revolution (Hon.) since September 2018.

Maryland Historical Society Since 2018.

Association Lafayette et Liberté since 2017.

American Battlefield Trust since 2017.

American Friends of Lafayette since June 2015.

Newspaper and television coverage of The Lafayette Trail

The Lafayette Trail, (2019, April 26th), 18th Century Frenchman Gets 21st Century NC Honor, <http://www.rhinotimes.com/>, *Rhino Times*, [Greensboro, NC].

Julien Icher (2019, March 26th), Lafayette, Revolutionary War Hero put the Fayette in South Fayette, <https://issuu.com/southfayettetownship>, *South Fayette Connect* [Fayette Township, PA].

Julien Icher (2019, March 14th), A French Geographer in Search of Lafayette in the United States, <https://france-amerique.com>, *France-Amérique* [New York City, NY].

Julien Icher (2019, March 5th), The Lafayette Trail, <http://wrgc.gcsu.edu>, *Milledgeville WRGC Public Radio* [Milledgeville, GA].

Julien Icher (2019, March 1st), Tracing Lafayette's trail across the Southeast U.S., <https://atlanta.consulfrance.org/>, *Consulate General of France in Atlanta* [Atlanta, GA].

Julien Icher (2019, February 26th), On The Trail of General Lafayette, <https://magazine.lafayette.edu>, *Lafayette College Magazine* [Easton, PA].

Julien Icher (2019, February 20th), Frenchman seeks support for 'Lafayette Trail' markers, <https://lagniappemobile.com>, *The Lagniappe* [Mobile, AL].

Julien Icher (2019, February 19th), National Lafayette Trail Project celebrates city's namesake, <https://www.upandcomingweekly.com>, *Up & Coming Weekly* [Fayetteville, NC].

Julien Icher (2019, January 29th), On the trail: Historical trail marking Lafayette's journey in development, <http://www.unionrecorder.com>, *The Milledgeville Union-Recorder* [Milledgeville, GA].

Julien Icher (2019, January 29th), Retracing Lafayette's steps: Trail maker visits LaGrange during year-long, 24 state trip, <https://www.lagrangenews.com>, *The Lagrange Daily News* [LaGrange, GA].

Julien Icher (2019, January 15th), Julien Icher Reception, <http://www.cityviewnc.com>, *CityView* [Fayetteville, NC].

Julien Icher (2019, January 13th), Man seeks to develop Lafayette Trail site in Fayetteville, <https://www.fayobserver.com>, *The Fayetteville Observer* [Fayetteville, NC].

Julien Icher (2018, December 26th), French General Marquis de Lafayette's local legacy to be retraced, <https://rrdailyherald.com>, *The Daily Herald* [Roanoke Rapids, NC].

Julien Icher (2018, December), Brandt, Ohanesian Tour Charleston With Young Frenchman, <http://www.hansoncommunications.org>, *The Palmetto Patriot* [Greenville, SC].

Julien Icher (2018, November 25th), Visiting speaker works to document Lafayette's 1825 tour of the area, <https://www.eagletimes.com>, *The Eagle Times* [Claremont, NH].

Julien Icher (2018, November 12th), Out & About: Learn About Lafayette's Visit to 1820s America, Upper Valley, <https://www.vnews.com>, *The Valley News* [Lebanon, NH].

Julien Icher (2018, November 2nd), Frenchman follows Lafayette's final footsteps to Annapolis, <https://www.washingtonpost.com>, *The Washington Post* [Washington, D.C.].

Julien Icher (2018, October 30th), Retracing the steps of the last surviving general from the American Revolution, <https://www.postandcourier.com>, *The Post and Courier* [Charleston, South Carolina].

The Lafayette Trail (2018, October 29th), Frenchman follows Lafayette's final footsteps to Annapolis, <http://www.baltimoresun.com>, *The Baltimore Sun* [Baltimore, Maryland].

The Lafayette Trail (2018, October 29th), The Lafayette Trail, <https://www.capitalgazette.com>, *Capital Gazette* [Annapolis, Maryland].

Julien Icher (2018, October 22nd), Lafayette in Washington, 1824-1825, <https://www.c-span.org>, *C-SPAN* [Washington, DC].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <http://www2.philly.com>, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* [Philadelphia, Pennsylvania].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.chicagotribune.com>, *The Chicago Tribune* [Chicago, Illinois].

The Lafayette Trail (2018, October 15th), Legislation Extends Lafayette Trail From Hinsdale to Hancock, <https://www.seattletimes.com>, *The Seattle Times* [Seattle, Washington].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.sfgate.com>, *San Francisco Gate* [San Francisco, California].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.sfchronicle.com>, *San Francisco Chronicle* [San Francisco, California].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.seattlepi.com>, *Seattle Post-Intelligencer* [Seattle, Washington].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.washingtontimes.com>, *The Washington Times* [Washington, D.C.].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.apnews.com>, *The Associated Press* [New York City, NY].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), French man retraces Lafayette Trail, stopping in Rostraver, <https://www.njherald.com>, *New Jersey Herald* [Newton, New Jersey].

Julien Icher (2018, October 15th), Tracing Marquis de Lafayette's Footsteps Into Wheeling, <http://www.theintelligencer.net>, *The Intelligencer* [Wheeling, West Virginia].

Julien Icher (2018, October 14th), Frenchman retraces Lafayette Trail, with a stop in Rostraver, <https://observer-reporter.com>, *The Observer-Reporter* [Washington, Pennsylvania].

Julien Icher (2018, October 1st), Hunting for Lafayette almost 200 years later, <https://www.cincinnati.com>, *The Cincinnati Enquirer* [Cincinnati, Ohio].

The Lafayette Trail (2018, September 29th), Legislation Extends Lafayette Trail From Hinsdale to Hancock, <https://www.iberkshires.com>, *iBerkshires* [North Adams, Massachusetts].

Julien Icher (2018, October), Lafayette's Farewell Tour Revisited by Young French Scholar, <https://issuu.com>, *Pennsylvania Bridges – "Good Spirits"* [Fayette, Greene, Washington, Westmoreland, Allegheny counties, Pennsylvania].

Julien Icher (2018, September 30th), Following in the footsteps of Gen. Lafayette to Western Pennsylvania, <https://liber.post-gazette.com>, *The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette* [Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania].

Julien Icher (2018, September 23rd), A slice of history: French citizen mapping Lafayette Trail, <https://www.heraldstandard.com>, *The Herald-Standard* [Uniontown, Pennsylvania], C1.

Julien Icher (2018, September 11th), Scholar retracing steps of Revolutionary War figure, <https://meadvilletribune.com>, *The Meadville Tribune* [Meadville, Pennsylvania], A8.

Julien Icher (2018, September 9th), French citizen retraces Lafayette's 1825 visit, <https://goerie.com>, *Erie Times – News*, [Erie, Pennsylvania], B3.

Julien Icher (2018, September 8th), Special Guest from France Mapping Stops of General Lafayette, <http://www.erienewsnow.com>, *GoErieNews* [Erie, Pennsylvania].

Julien Icher (2018, July 20th), On the trail of Lafayette through New Hampshire, <https://www.eagletimes.com>, *The Eagle Times* [Claremont, New Hampshire], A4.

Public lectures

- American Friends of Lafayette annual meeting, Savannah, GA, 6/7/2019
- Andrew Jackson's Hermitage, Hermitage, TN, 6/2/2019
- New England Historic Genealogical Society, 5/22/2019
- Boston Athenaeum, Boston, MA, 5/19/2019
- Representative Hall, Concord, NH, 5/20/2019
- Dartmouth College, Hanover, NH, 4/25/2019
- Plainfield Elementary School, 4/23/2019
- Embassy of France, Washington D.C., 4/7/2019
- Kentucky Daughters of the American Revolution Annual Conference, Lexington, KY, 3/29/2019
- French Foreign Trade Advisors (CCEF) – New England Chapter, Boston, MA, 3/13/2019
- John Stark Society of the Children of the American Revolution, Manchester, NH, 2/16/2019
- Alabama Daughters of the American Revolution, Mobile, AL, 2/4/2019
- College of Charleston, Charleston, SC, 1/16/2019
- Fayetteville Lafayette Society, Fayetteville NC, 1/8/2019
- North Carolina Society of the Cincinnati, Raleigh, NC, 1/6/2019
- Yorktown Friends of Lafayette, Yorktown, VA, 1/2/2019
- Plainfield Historical Society, Plainfield, NH, 11/23/2018
- American Association of University Women, Murrysville, PA, 10/11/2018
- Masonic Lodge No. 1, Lexington, KY, 10/1/2018
- Governor Isaac Shelby Chapter, KY Sons of the American Revolution, Louisville KY, 9/31/2018
- American Friends of Lafayette, Sturbridge MA, 9/1/2018
- American Revolution Museum at Yorktown, Yorktown, Virginia, 10/19/2017
- Partner's Village Store, Westport, MA, 07/20/2017
- New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord, NH, 07/15/2017
- John Carter Brown Library, Brown University, Providence, RI, 07/05/2017
- Department of Conservation and Recreation of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston, MA, 06/26/2017
- Anti-slavery charity, Résidence de France, Cambridge, MA, 06/21/2017
- Annual meeting of the Charlton Historical Society, Rider Tavern, Charlton, MA, 06/12/2017
- Annual meeting of the American Friends of Lafayette, Lafayette College, Easton, PA, 06/26/2017
- Dassault Systèmes Headquarters, Waltham, MA, 5/20/2017
- Massachusetts Lafayette Day, Union Club, Boston MA, 5/19/2017