

Subject: re: Three BIG ACSF announcements

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To: ACSF (NCSU) Listserv

Dear ACSF members

We are very excited to make the following three announcements as they are the results of sustained efforts of many people for quite some time. We believe they will positively impact our members and organization.

- (1) **Collaboration with CTI (Princeton Center of Theological Inquiry):** After 3 years of sustained work, the ACSF board has secured a major collaborative project with CTI for the 2020-21 Academic year. During this period CTI will host a year long research project focused on "*Religion and the Built Environment*". ACSF will assist CTI in convening this 'global concerns' topic of inquiry. We must here be thankful to ACSF member [Rebecca Krinke](#) who unselfishly made possible this collaboration. ACSF will begin informing our members (and others) about the scholarship and design opportunities behind this year long inquiry as we get closer in time for proposals. For more info visit: <https://www.ctinquiry.org/projects/>

- (2) **New website (<http://www.acsforum.org>):** while it looks like 'just' an update, this is a major upgrade from the code up and includes now all kinds of capabilities that will become more and more useful as time goes by (e.g. the capacity to pay for symposia registration or make donations online) ... it also includes new and re-organized content and we'll be putting more info as time goes by. The new structure will help us do so. We must thank ACSF member [Mikesch Muecke](#) who led this effort.

- (3) **ACSF Award for Outstanding Achievement:** We are proud to announce that Yale Professor **Karsten Harries** is receiving our first outstanding achievement award after a nomination and selection process that started back in November 2017. Professor Harries is highly respected and known worldwide. Many of us have read and use his remarkable and timely scholarship over the past 3 decades. He will receive this recognition at our ACS 10 Symposium to take place in Coral Gables/Miami, FL, this coming November. He will be one of the keynote speakers. Here we need to acknowledge ACSF member [Michael Crosbie](#) who chairs our awards committee (as well as the committee members [Julio Bermudez](#), [Hyejung Chang](#), [Michelangelo Sabatino](#) and [Caitlin Watson](#)). For more info on this, visit <http://www.acsforum.org/acsf-awards-program/>

As you see we have been busy and we are now gearing up for our 10th symposium which, as said, is

happening in 2 months. The peer-review process is completed and all the authors have received the results. We look forward to meeting again in Florida.

Cheers!

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