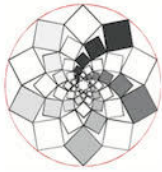


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**ACSF** Architecture, Culture, and Spirituality Forum

## 2019-2-28 – ACSF Newsletter

Dear ACSF members

As usual, this issue of our newsletter lists a number of news, information, opportunities, art and design works, photography, and more related to the intersection of Architecture, Culture, and Spirituality. The material has been collected by us or submitted to us by members like you. We start with announcements/news related to our ACSF group ([in blue](#)) and follow with our usual newsletter ([in green](#)).

Julio Bermudez & Michael Crosbie

### ACSF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Several ACSF members have received important recognitions that need acknowledgements. **Thomas Barrie** received the ACSA distinguished Professor Award, **Ming Hu** received the ACSA/AIAS New Faculty Teaching Award, and **Katherine Ambroziak** received the ACSA Diversity Achievement Award. Additionally, **Thomas Fowler** was elevated to the College of Fellow of the AIA (FAIA) whereas Spanish architect **Alberto Campo Baeza** was recognized with an honorary FAIA for his exceptional work and contributions to architecture and society on an international level. We should all feel proud of having such illustrious individuals as members of our group.

### ARTICLES/NEWS (GENERAL)

#### What Science Can Learn From Religion

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/01/opinion/sunday/science-religion.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=4&pgty=collection](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/01/opinion/sunday/science-religion.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=4&pgty=collection)

Faith might have a few things to teach the sciences. Hostility toward spiritual traditions might actually hamper empirical inquiry.

#### Simpsons Visit Prada Marfa

<https://hyperallergic.com/479862/the-simpsons-take-a-trip-to-prada-marfa/>

A recent episode of "The Simpsons" featured the family making a stop at the Prada "store" in the high-toned Marfa art community in Texas.

#### How Hell Has Shaped Us

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2019/01/21/how-the-idea-of-hell-has-shaped-the-way-we-think>

The concept of hell has helped shape the human psyche for millennia, but it has overshadowed the role of heaven in the human imagination.

### **The Meaning of Life in a World without Work**

*As technology renders jobs obsolete, what will keep us busy? Author Yuval Noah Harari examines 'the useless class' and a new quest for purpose.*

<https://getpocket.com/explore/item/the-meaning-of-life-in-a-world-without-work>

### **24 Cognitive Biases That Are Warping Your Perception of Reality**

<https://www.visualcapitalist.com/24-cognitive-biases-warping-reality/>

We are each entitled to our own personal world view. Unfortunately, when it comes to interpreting information and making objective sense of reality, human brains are hard-wired to make all kinds of mental mistakes that can impact our ability to make rational judgments. In total, there are 180+ cognitive biases that mess with how we process data, think critically, and perceive reality.

## **ARTICLES/NEWS RELATED TO ACS ISSUES**

### **College Education and the Pursuit of 'Vocation'**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/02/opinion/sunday/vocation-college-higher-ed.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=collection](https://www.nytimes.com/2019/02/02/opinion/sunday/vocation-college-higher-ed.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=2&pgtype=collection)

There is a growing movement to focus college students' pursuits on "vocation" instead of education for a career. How vocation might better prepare students to make the right life choices.

### **Go to Church Online?**

[https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/23/opinion/letters/church-internet.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream\\_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=3&pgtype=collection](https://www.nytimes.com/2018/12/23/opinion/letters/church-internet.html?rref=collection%2Ftimestopic%2FReligion%20and%20Belief&action=click&contentCollection=timestopics&region=stream&module=stream_unit&version=latest&contentPlacement=3&pgtype=collection)

Some proponents of virtual religion argue that it is not isolating and actual offers some positive outcomes for people who choose to practice their religion online.

### **Vatican Conference Considers Re-Purposed Religious Buildings**

<https://cruxnow.com/church-in-europe/2018/11/30/coping-with-an-era-when-its-a-church-one-day-a-barbershop-the-next/>

Has God left the building? A recent conference sponsored by the Vatican considered how to transition sacred spaces that are no longer used for worship, and what it means to congregations.

### **The Entire Universe fits in one image with a math thick**

<https://www.businessinsider.com/entire-universe-picture-logarithmic-map-2017-6>

The universe is enormous — so vast that it's almost impossible to picture what it might look like in one image. But musician Pablo Carlos Budassi managed to do it by combining logarithmic maps of the universe from Princeton and images from NASA. He created the image below, which shows the observable universe in one disc:

## **CONFERENCES**

**Faith in Design conference** (Harvard University) -- GSDCF & JewSD

March 8, 2019 (10am–6pm)

This is a day-long conference exploring the intersection of faith and design. The conference will dive into this area through panel sessions bringing together design practitioners, professors, and thinkers (to be announced and updated on the website).

.Can religion and design coexist?

What does it mean to bridge the divide between our design lives and our spiritual lives?

Do you need faith to design?

**Tickets & More Information:** [faithindesign.co](http://faithindesign.co)

### **Symposium on Fear and Wonder**

<http://bustler.net/events/11804/fear-wonder-ii-symposium>

An ensemble of directors, conceptual artists, video game designers, and storytellers will gather for an expedition through an atlas of imaginary worlds, fictional cities, and speculative geographies in Los Angeles, March 15.

### **VI International Conference on Contemporary Religious Architecture «Architectures for a new liturgy. Actions on the religious heritage after Vatican II»**

Porto (Portugal), 10 and 12 October 2019.

The objective of this conference is to reflect on the footprint left by the renewal of the Catholic liturgy after the Second Vatican Council, especially in buildings of high heritage value. Also, on the regulations issued by the different agencies responsible for their custody or on the relevance of contemporary artistic interventions in them.

In these actions have been frequent dichotomies that cause tensions between the new and the old, between what should be preserved and what the use demands, between tourist consumption and everyday events, between the provisional and the definitive, between the urban and the rural, etc.

We would like the conference to be an appropriate occasion to revisit those architectures where an open and serene dialogue between commissioners, architects, users, artists and patrimonial leaders has generated high impact works — and exchange points of view on these

issues.

On <https://sites.google.com/site/arquiteturareligiosa2019/> you will find all the information about the event.

The call for papers will be open until **March 15, 2019.**

### **Borders and Crossings 2019**

#### **Conference**

4th to 6th July 2019

Leicester, United Kingdom

**Website:** <https://bordersandcrossings2019.wordpress.com/>

**Contact person:** Tim Hannigan

This is the 2019 edition of the regular gathering for all scholars interested in travel writing. Proposals from any discipline, focusing on any period or region, are welcome, from established researchers, ECRs and postgraduate students alike.

**Organized by:** University of Leicester

**Deadline for abstracts/proposals:** 25th March 2019

### **Navigating the Tides of Aging Together**

#### **Conference**

24th to 26th October 2019

Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada

**Website:** <https://CAG2019.ca>

**Contact person:** CAG Administration

Submit your abstracts for CAG2019: Navigating the Tides of Aging Together, Canada's premier multidisciplinary conference in aging, taking place October 24-26 in beautiful Moncton, New Brunswick, Canada.

**Organized by:** Canadian Association on Gerontology

**Deadline for abstracts/proposals:** 15th April 2019

## **ART/DESIGN WORK**

### **Turrell Skyspace Closes for Construction**

<https://hyperallergic.com/482190/james-turrell-indefinitely-closes-moma-ps1-skyspace/>

Artist James Turrell has indefinitely closed his 'Meeting' skyspace at MoMA PS1 in New York because of nearby construction scaffolding.

### **Restoring a 'Sanctuary of Stillness'**

<https://ny.curbed.com/2018/10/1/17923520/louise-nevelson-chapel-of-good-shepherd-restoration>

The sculptor Louise Nevelson's Chapel of the Good Shepherd at New York's Citicorp Building is undergoing an extensive restoration.

### **A Tiny Chapel Wins National Design Award**

<https://www.aia.org/showcases/6094643-st-pius-chapel-and-prayer-garden>

A small chapel and prayer garden in New Orleans has won a national award for interior design selected by the American Institute of Architects.

### **A Cathedral-Inspired Design**

<http://bustler.net/news/6955/palassis-architects-cathedral-like-cadogan-song-school-in-perth>

A diminutive school for music takes the form of a miniature cathedral of glistening white and natural wood.

## **COMPETITIONS / NOMINATIONS**

### **Design a Retreat to Enjoy a Cup of Tea**

<https://teamakersguesthouse.beebreeders.com/>

Design a place for enjoying tea and re-connecting with nature. The Teamaker's Guest House design competition is looking for entries that help people to slow down and enjoy that natural world.

### **Design a New House for Santa**

<https://houseofsanta.volzero.com/>

Kris Kringle wants a new house in the Arctic, and he's looking for a designer with some ice-breaking ideas.

## **FILMS/VIDEOS**

**Treeline: A Story Written in Rings** (2019). Patagonia Films

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YCEaYInJbos&feature=youtu.be>

Follow a group of skiers, snowboarders, scientists and healers to the birch forests of Japan, the red cedars of British Columbia and the bristlecones of Nevada, as they explore an ancient story written in rings. Watch the film, available in full for the first time.

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