

Dear ACS member,

Now that we are all settled in our new year activities, we would like you to consider again our **call to host the first ACS Conference**. Please, find the necessary information about it below this note.

Thank you.

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ACS Organizer Committee Member

Call for Proposals

Inaugural Multidisciplinary Conference on Architecture, Culture and Spirituality

Tentative Date: Spring or Fall 2009

Location: TBD

The Forum for Architecture, Culture and Spirituality announces a call for proposals from ACS members to serve as Conference Chair(s) for a 2 – 3 day inaugural conference scheduled for the spring or fall of 2009. Proposals should include descriptions of the conference theme and potential session topics, location, dates, letter of support from host institution, budget and funding sources. Please submit proposals as an attached PDF file to Thomas Barrie (tom_barrie@ncsu.edu) before April 15 2008.

This multidisciplinary conference will address a wide range of issues germane to the significance, experience and meaning of the built environment. Fields as diverse as architecture and related design disciplines, philosophy, history, theology, anthropology, spiritual traditions and cultural studies, environmental and cultural sustainability, phenomenology and hermeneutics, and alternative medicine, psychology and neuroscience will be engaged to discern the connections between place and spirituality. We are particularly interested in proposals that seek to explore the interrelationship of symbolism, ritual, experience and place. It is our intention to publish proceedings or an edited volume following the conference.

All questions should be directed to Thomas Barrie at (tom_barrie@ncsu.edu)

*The **Mission** of the **Forum for Architecture, Culture and Spirituality** is to support the development and dissemination of architectural and interdisciplinary scholarship, research, practice, and education on the cultural significance, experience and meaning of the built environment.*

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