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Philosopher Graham Harman to join SCI-Arc

*Harman, Ph.D. Appointed to the
School's Liberal Arts Faculty as
Distinguished Professor of
Philosophy*



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Los Angeles, CA (February 23, 2016) -- SCI-Arc is pleased to announce the appointment of Graham Harman, Ph.D. to its Liberal Arts Faculty. Harman, widely known as a key figure in the contemporary speculative realism movement in philosophy and for his development of object-oriented ontology, will join SCI-Arc's community in fall, 2016 as Distinguished Professor of Philosophy.

A prolific writer, Graham has twelve books to his name, including *The Quadruple Object*, *Guerrilla Metaphysics: Phenomenology and the Carpentry of Things*, and *Weird Realism: Lovecraft and Philosophy*, as well as numerous appreciations and critiques within the fields of philosophy, literature, science, art, and architecture. He is currently ranked as one of Art Review's 100 most influential figures in the art world, and is editor of the Speculative Realism book series at Edinburgh University Press.

"We are thrilled and honored that someone of Graham's stature and reputation will join our faculty," said SCI-Arc Director Hernan Diaz Alonso. "This appointment clearly demonstrates our mission to deepen the school's Liberal Arts agenda to one of architecture as a human endeavor."

Chair of the B.Arch. Program, Tom Wiscombe, said of his appointment, "Graham is a unique and notorious figure in philosophy and the arts. His fresh metaphysical project offers a way of understanding reality not as a product of the human mind, but rather as a cornucopia of independent and vibrant objects, large and small, human and non-human. Graham is irreverent, with as many adversaries as acolytes; he is at home in the battlefield of ideas. His remarkable imagination and style, and his ability to leap in and out of realms of ideas and aesthetics will be huge assets for our school. In the coming years, Graham will no doubt engage and provoke the speculative design culture of SCI-Arc, as well as being a crucial contributor to our Liberal Arts Program."

Graham had this to say about his appointment: “During my lectures over the years, I have rarely felt as challenged and inspired as I do when speaking at schools of architecture. Along with the chance to give whatever I can to the SCI-Arc community, I see this move as a remarkable learning opportunity.”

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About SCI-Arc

Southern California Institute of Architecture (SCI-Arc) is dedicated to educating architects who will imagine and shape the future. It is an independent, accredited degree-granting institution offering undergraduate and graduate programs in architecture. Located in a quarter-mile-long former freight depot in the Arts District in Downtown Los Angeles, the school is distinguished by its vibrant studio culture and emphasis on process. SCI-Arc’s approximately 500 students and 80 faculty members, most of whom are practicing architects, work together to re-examine assumptions, create, explore and test the limits of architecture. SCI-Arc faculty and leadership have garnered more than 500 national and international design awards and recognitions, including Progressive Architecture awards, American Institute of Architects (AIA) awards, and the prestigious Jencks and Pritzker architecture prizes. SCI-Arc is ranked 1st in computer applications and 2nd in design in the *2013 America’s Best Architecture Schools* survey from DesignIntelligence, and #1 graduate and undergraduate architecture school in Western U.S. SCI-Arc is located at 960 E. 3rd Street, Los Angeles, CA 90013. www.sciarc.edu