

## PHILIP BESS

### Educational Credentials:

1981 M.Arch. University of Virginia  
1976 M.T.S. Church History, Harvard Divinity School  
1973 B.A. Philosophy, Whittier College

### Teaching Experience:

2004 - Present University of Notre Dame, Professor of Architecture  
1999 - 2003 Andrews University, Professor of Architecture  
1993 - 1999 Andrews University, Associate Professor of Architecture

### Recent Courses Taught:

ARCH 60311 Foundations and Theory / Fall 2017, 2018  
ARCH 70311 Urban Elements and Principles / Fall 2017  
ARCH 81151 Urban Design II / Fall 2017, 2018  
ARCH 81153 Upper Level Graduate Studio / Spring 2019  
ARCH 81162 Thesis Studio / Spring 2019  
ARCH 83311 After Urbanism / Spring 2018, 2019  
ARCH 83321 A Survey of Form-Based Codes / Fall 2017, 2018

### Professional Experience:

1985 - present **Thursday Associates**, Chicago, Illinois and South Bend, Indiana  
2004 Director, Wasilla Special Needs Housing Charrette, Wasilla, Alaska  
2002 Director, Aycock Neighborhood / War Memorial Stadium Charrette, Greensboro, NC  
2001 Village Design Consultant for CDC Arcadia Land Use Study, Grand Traverse Regional Land Conservancy, Arcadia, MI  
2000 Coordinator, Save Fenway Park Charrette, Boston, Massachusetts  
1986-88 Director, Urban Baseball Park Design Project, Society for American Baseball Research  
1981-1984 **Murphy/Jahn Architects**, Chicago, Illinois

### Selected Publications:

#### Books:

2006 *Till We Have Built Jerusalem: Architecture, Urbanism and the Sacred*, Wilmington, DE: ISI Books.  
2000 *Inland Architecture: Subterranean Essays on Moral Order and Formal Order in Chicago*, Oxford, OH: Interlalia Design Books.  
1991 / 1999 *City Baseball Magic: Plain Talk and Uncommon Sense about Cities and Baseball Parks*, Minneapolis, MN: Minneapolis Review of Baseball / Knothole Press.

#### Articles and Book Chapters (recent):

2018 "Chicago 2109: The Metropolitan Region as Agrarian-Urban Unit." In *Localism in the Mass Age: A Front Porch Republic Manifesto*, edited by Mark T. Mitchell and Jason Peters, 195-207. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books.  
"Henry George's Land Value Tax: An Idea Whose Time Has Come?" *American Affairs*, Volume II, Number 1: 56-75.  
2017 "Imagining The Sustainable City: *The Notre Dame Plan of Chicago 2109*." In *Religion and The Good of The City / Report 3: The Future Conditions of The City*, edited by Milton Friesen, 10-19. Hamilton, Ontario (Canada): Cardus Social Cities.

- “City Stories of Nature and Grace, or An Urban Pilgrim’s Progress.”  
*Communio: International Catholic Review*, Volume 43.4:  
558-595.
- “Climate Adaptation Implications in *The Notre Dame Plan of Chicago 2109*,” unpublished refereed paper presented at the Notre Dame Environmental Change Initiative working conference “Adapting to Climate Change” (with Will Dowdy)
- 2016 “Century of Progress? Chicago After Daniel Burnham.” In *Religion and Innovation: Antagonists or Partners?*, edited by Donald A. Yerxa, 194-212. London, UK: Bloomsbury Academic.
- 2015 “Even Mother Nature Has An Agent.” *First Things*, July. Accessed 4/8/19: <https://www.firstthings.com/web-exclusives/2015/07/even-mother-nature-has-an-agent>
- 2014 “Building on Truth.” *First Things*, January, Number 249: 47-53.  
“Metaphysical Realism, Modernity, and Traditional Cultures of Building.” In *Why Place Matters*, edited by Wilfred M. McClay and Ted V. McAllister, 130-148. New York, NY: Encounter Books.
- 2012 “Seaside and the Sacred.” In *Visions of Seaside*, edited by Dhru Thadani. 530-541. New York, NY: Rizzoli International Publications
- 2011 “Suburban Origins / Suburban Legacies,” *Comment*, Spring: 59-68.  
“A Realist Philosophical Case for Urbanism and Against Sprawl,”  
*Public Discourse*, July. Accessed 4/8/19:  
<https://www.thepublicdiscourse.com/2011/07/3379/>

**Research and Awards:**

- Fall 2019 Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study
- May 2015 Doctor of Humane Letters *honoris causa* from The Dominican School of Philosophy and Theology, Berkeley, California.
- Sept. 2013 - 2013-14 James Madison Program William E. Simon Visiting Fellow in  
June 2014 Religion and Public Life, Princeton University
- June 2012 - \$200K grant for “*After Burnham: The Notre Dame Plan of Chicago*  
June 2014 2109,” from The Historical Society, Boston University
- 1987-1989 The Graham Foundation (\$5K) and the National Endowment for the Arts (\$36K) – grants for *The Urban Baseball Park Design Project of the Society for American Baseball Research*, which became *City Baseball Magic*

**Service:**

- 2004-2014 Notre Dame School of Architecture Director of Graduate Studies
- 2005-2013 & Notre Dame School of Architecture Committee on Appointments  
2015-Present and Promotions
- 2015-2018 University of Notre Dame Ad Hoc Committee on Faculty Governance
- 2010-2013 University of Notre Dame Provost’s Advisory Committee

**Professional Memberships:**

- Congress for the New Urbanism
- Fellow, Notre Dame Institute for Advanced Study
- College of Fellows, Dominican School of Philosophy & Theology, Berkeley, CA
- Fellow, James Madison Society, Princeton University
- Board of Advisors, National Civic Art Society