



The Astrosociology Research Institute (ARI)

## Call for Articles

*Astrosociological Insights* Newsletter

Winter 2020 Edition

Dear ARI Members, Supporters, and Followers,

ARI is pleased to announce an open call for our next issue of ***Astrosociological Insights***, which is the only newsletter dedicated to astrosociological topics and the development of astrosociology as an academic field. ***Our Winter 2020 newsletter will focus on issues related to space architecture, specifically regarding space societies/settlements. Spacecraft architecture is also important, especially in terms of how it affects the travelers and their social interactions.***

Please send contributions to Michael Dodge at [mdodge@astrosociology.org](mailto:mdodge@astrosociology.org) by **December 31, 2019**. (Please cc to [jpass@astrosociology.org](mailto:jpass@astrosociology.org)).

### Editorial Guidelines:

- Shorter pieces should be between 500 and 1000 words.
- Longer contributions should not exceed 1500 words (without permission).
- All submissions must be in MS Word format, and *should use numbered endnotes for references*.
- For guidelines on English language usage, please consult style manuals such as APA, MLA, or the *Chicago Manual of Style*.
- Please include a recent photo and a brief biographical byline or statement of professional affiliation.
- All editorial decisions are final and any submission not included remains eligible for consideration for the next issue unless otherwise stated or withdrawn for consideration by the author.

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**Overview:** Astrosociology examines *astrosocial phenomena*, defined as the social, cultural, and behavioral patterns related to outer space, which include the efforts of humans as we research, engage in, and are affected by space-related activities. Also, astrosociology has included the arts since at least 2006. Understanding this dimension of outer space is critical to our long-term success as we strive to develop human spacefaring societies on Earth and venture outward from our home planet. As a collective endeavor, astrosociology brings together a broad spectrum of academic disciplines to create individual and collaborative research that furthers this understanding.

This issue welcomes articles focusing on space architecture, of course, but it is open to any research topic relevant to astrosociology, and encourages authors to emphasize areas of interdisciplinary collaboration among the physical/biological sciences, the social sciences, the humanities, as well as the literary, performing, and visual arts. Specific to this issue, we also encourage authors to explore how the issues related to space architecture impact on the human condition. Of course, photos are highly encouraged along with the corresponding narratives.

### Prompting Questions:

#### Space Architecture

- How do you define *space architecture*?
- Why are you a space architect?
- Why is space architecture important?
- In a spacecraft or habitat, how important is open living space?
- How important is making the architecture mimic recognizable terrestrial interiors?
- What comforts from home should be replicated in a space habitat on the Moon? On Mars? Beyond Mars? In an artificial habitat?
- What are the most important issues regarding space architecture?
- Provide examples of how you would make the interior of a space habitat more amenable to everyone's working and leisure cycles.
- Consider what outside natural conditions affect your architectural model and how you would rectify any problems that would exist.
  - Discuss how the physical and natural sciences aid and complicate your

work. Examples: gravity, life support, radiation, object impacts...

- How much does architectural design on Earth help and hinder space-based designs? How different are the two?
- How do the other social sciences and humanities impact on your work?
- Why is it important for the two branches of science to collaborate more?

**Submissions:** *While the upcoming issue of the newsletter focuses on specific topic(s), it is an open call for submissions on any research topic pertaining to astrosociology although it should, in part, incorporate and address questions similar to the ones posed above.* We welcome and encourage contributions from both public and private stakeholders, researchers, practitioners, developers, and scholars in the aerospace fields, physical and natural, sciences, social and behavioral sciences, arts, and the humanities.

Read back issues of our newsletter on our Virtual Library page at [http://www.astrosociology.org/vlibrary.html#VL\\_Newsletter](http://www.astrosociology.org/vlibrary.html#VL_Newsletter). It appears in the section called “**Issues of Astrosociological Insights Newsletter.**” If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us.

ARI’s official Twitter account: @astrosociology (posts by Dr. Jim Pass). Additionally, Dr. Pass’ posts are also available on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/astrosociology/>), LinkedIn, and Instagram.

We thank you for your continuing interest in astrosociology and for exploring the human dimension of outer space with us.

Sincerely,

*Michael Dodge*

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