THE LYCEUM COMPETITION 2011:
*Earth Curvature: a Local - Global Rest Area*

The Lyceum Fellowship is an annual by-invitation design competition for prestigious travel grants and recognition awards. For more information on the Lyceum and to see past competitions, visit the website (lyceum-fellowship.org).

The Lyceum Fellowship invites architecture students to submit design proposals in response to the program entitled “Earth Curvature: a Local - Global Rest Area” by 2011 Program Author and Jury Chair, Wendell Burnett of Wendell Burnett Architects in Phoenix. The program asks students to design a zero-energy rest area, including a café and lodging, off I-80 in the Great Salt Desert. The rest area engages a proposed Land Art Installation entitled “Earth Curvature.” The author describes the installation as “341 logarithmically decreasing spaced poles forming a straight line in space intersecting the curvature of the earth at the site, which is a water-leveled surface where objects go over the horizon between 2.9 and 3.2 miles depending upon your height above the surface of the earth. A passive audience of continuous traffic (365 days a year 24 / 7) engages the art piece at high speed and in a span of 20-40 minutes more readily experiences the curvature of the earth.”

A limited six-week design competition phase will be proceeded by a four-week design problem to address the architectural experience of space and time and to introduce digital design tools for developing topography from temporal data.

While all 4/584 studio participants will complete an individual design proposal in response to this program, competition awards are available only to students having at least one year of study remaining so that a travel award may be completed prior to the final year of study. Students must have a relatively current version of Microsoft Windows installed on their computer before the beginning of the term.

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