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# STEM to STEAM thru Synergy

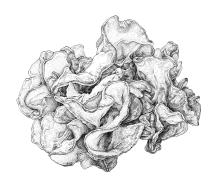
Bridging Morphology, Biomimicry, Sustainability, and Synergetics

Fourth Biennial Design Science Symposium 31 January – 2 February 2014 Rhode Island School of Design, Providence, RI



STEAM: integrative, interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary studies working together with the result being greater than individual parts (synergy) - The study of a structure's interconnected parts (morphology) leading to inspiration through nature (biomimicry) producing harmony, fulfilling the social, economic and environmental requirements of present and future generations (sustainability) results in cooperation for an enhanced effect (synergetics) and supports interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary study of multiple disciplines — Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Mathematics.

Event co-sponsored by: Synergetics Collaborative, Inc. (SNEC) & Edna Lawrence Nature Lab at RISD



Artist: Insil Choi RISD Major: Illustration Anticipated Graduation Year: 2014 Title: Jelly fungi (detail view) Dimensions: 15 x 20 in Material: Pen & Ink Image courtesy of the artist Work on view in the exhibition, Investigating the Lab Relationships between Art, Design, & Science

#### FRIDAY 31 January 2014

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Pre-Symposium Tours Edna Lawrence Nature Lab & Arthur Loeb Design Science Collection

9:00 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Exhibition: *Investigating the Lab Relationships between Art, Design, & Science*, co-curated by RISD faculty, Carl Fasano & RISD alumna, Sophia Sobers

12:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration

1:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. | Welcome & Panel Discussion: What is Design Science? Moderator: Joe Clinton, Design Science Historian & Engineer Panelists: RISD faculty, Peter Dean (Furniture Design), Amy Leidtke (Industrial Design), & Carl Fasano (Foundation Studies)

2:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Share & Tell Facilitator: Allison Chen, RISD BFA Candidate '15 Industrial Design Presenters: Thomas T. K. Zung, Design Science Historian, Principal & Architect, Buckminster Fuller, Sadao, & Zung; George W. Hart, Mathematician | Artist | Inventor; & Waldemar Bober, Poland-based Architect (Plus five additional sessions with fellow Design Scientists)

4:00 p.m. – 4:45 p.m. | Community Discussion: *Building a Design Science Community* Moderators: CJ Fearnley, Executive Director, Synergetics Collaborative, & Neal Overstrom, Director, RISD's Edna Lawrence Nature Lab Panelists: Sarah Kuhn, PhD, Professor of Psychology & Center for Women and Work, UMass Lowell; Sophia Sobers, RISD MFA '13 Digital Media; Jaime Topper, Brown MA Candidate '14 Humanities; David Kim, MFA Candidate '14 Digital Media; & Allison Chen, RISD BFA Candidate '15 ID.

5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. | Welcoming Reception & Exhibit Opening | Nature Lab Hosts: RISD STEAM & Brown STEAM Clubs

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#### SATURDAY 1 February 2014

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Registration

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. | Exhibition: *Investigating the Lab Relationships between Art, Design, & Science*, co-curated by RISD faculty, Carl Fasano & RISD alumna, Sophia Sobers

9:00 a.m. - 9:05 a.m. | Call to Order & Announcements

9:05 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Welcome & Introductory Remarks| Rosanne Somerson, Furniture Maker & Interim President, RISD

9:15 a.m. – 9:25 a.m. | Feature Presentation | Deborah A. Gist, EdD, Commissioner of Elementary & Secondary Education, Rhode Island Department of Education

9:25 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | Keynote Address | Dayna Baumeister, PhD, Biomimic & Co-Founder of Biomimicry 3.8

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break

10:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. | Keynote Address | Dennis M. Bartels, PhD, Executive Director, San Francisco Exploratorium

11:20 a.m. – 11:40 a.m. | Feature Presentation | Kavita Ramanan, PhD, Mathematician, Brown University

11:40 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Feature Presentation | Lefteris Pavlides, PhD, Architect & Professor, Roger Williams University

12:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m. | *Lunch (on own)* 

1:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m. AND AGAIN AT 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Concurrent Design Science Workshops, Tours, and Activities (sign up at the Registration Desk) Facilitators: George Hart, Bob Sanderson, Leftheris Pavlides, Chris Kitrick, Joe Clinton & Ed Popko, Dick Esterle, Gary Doskas, & more

5:45 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. | Announcements & Awards Ceremony Presenters: John Belt, Professor, SUNY Oswego, President, Synergetics Collaborative (SNEC), & Thomas T. K. Zung, Design Science Historian, Principal & Architect, Buckminster Fuller, Sadao, & Zung

6:00 p.m. – 6:40 p.m. | Film Screening Debut & Discussion

A Visit with Magnus (documentary | length: 30 minutes)

Christopher Zelov, Filmmaker, Author, & Founder of The Knossus Project



Inventor: Dick Esterle Title: *The Amazing Geometry Machine* Materials: Tubes, String, & *Space Chips* Photo courtesy of Dick Esterle

Description: The Amazing Geometry Machine is an invention of tubes & strings to form a dynamic model exhibiting symmetries in polyhedral assemblies. Polyhedra are built with tubes passing through a polyhedral core and colored loops of string through those tubes. The color loops of string define the edges of a resulting polyhedron. The polyhedra change shape and/or interpenetrate as a result of sliding the tubes inline (inline translation) depending on the pattern.

Workshop participants will experience building their very own *Amazing Geometry Machine (limit 20 participants/workshop – this workshop will run 2 times).* 

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#### SUNDAY 2 February 2014

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Registration

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | Exhibition: Investigating the Lab Relationships between Art, Design, & Science

Co-curated by RISD faculty, Carl Fasano & RISD alumna, Sophia Sobers

9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. | Welcome & Introductory Remarks

**Keynote Address** 

Richard Bresnahan, Master Ceramicist & Artist in Residence, St. John's University

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. | Break

10:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. | Feature Presentation *The Fly's Eye Dome,* Thomas T. K Zung. & Eric Goetz, Marine Transportation Designer & CTO, Goetz Composites

10:45 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. | Feature Presentation Don Briddell, Artist & Design Scientist

11:15 a.m. – 11:25 a.m. | Feature Presentation Student Biomimicry Design Challenge, Biomimicry 3.8

11:25 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. | Feature Presentation Student Solar Decathlon Design Competition, RISD and Brown student team

11:45 a.m. – 11:50 p.m. | Closing Announcements & Plans for the Fifth Design Science Symposium '16 | Exit Auditorium and Lobby by 12:00 p.m.

12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. | *Lunch (on own)* 

1:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. | Share & Tell | Nature Lab

Facilitators: Allison Chen, RISD BFA Candidate '15 Industrial Design, & Michelle

Site, Brown BS Candidate '14 Biology

Presenters: Sarah Kuhn, PhD, Professor of Psychology & Center for Women and Work, UMass Lowell; Hanna McPhee, Brown BS Candidate '14 Biologically Inspired Design; and Reed Burnam, RISD BFA Candidate '16 Industrial Design, plus seventeen fellow Design Scientists.



R. Buckminster Fuller, standing with his *Dymaxion Car* and *Fly's Eye Dome*. Photo credit: R. Stoller, Stanford University Archives.

Learn about Fuller's *Fly's Eye Dome* from two unique perspectives. First, hear from Thomas T. K. Zung, Principal & Architect, of the architectural partnership, Buckminster Fuller, Sadao, & Zung. Then, learn about the the recent historic renovation of the Dome from local Rhode Islander, Eric Goetz, Marine Transportation Designer & CTO, Goetz Composites.

<sup>\*</sup>The SYMPOSIUM FINAL PREVIEW is a preliminary schedule that is subject to change. See the SYMPOSIUM PROGRAM, available at the Symposium Registration Desk, for the most current details.