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Trahan Architects announces Victor F. “Trey” Trahan, III, FAIA to serve as the 2021 Walton Critic at The Catholic University of America

New Orleans, LA/ New York, NY—Trahan Architects, a global architecture firm with studios in New Orleans and New York City, announced today that its CEO and Founder Victor F. “Trey” Trahan, III, FAIA will serve as the 2021 Walton Family Distinguished Critic in Design and Catholic Stewardship and Professor in Residence, or Walton Critic, at The Catholic University of America (CUA).

The Walton Critic program, a central part of the Sacred Space and Cultural Studies graduate concentration offered at the CUA School of Architecture and Planning, started in 2008. Trahan’s residence is made possible by the Clarence Walton Fund for Catholic Architecture. Past Walton Critics include Daniel Libeskind, Antoine Predock, Alberto Campo Baeza, Juhani Pallasmaa, and Rick Joy.

Julio Bermudez, Director of the Walton Program, says, “I am excited to have renowned architect Trey Trahan teaching at CUA this fall. His sensibility, award-winning design skills, and commitment to social responsibility will invite our students and community to consider fundamental ethical issues of architecture concerning the many challenges facing our society today.”

As the 2021 Walton Critic and Professor in Residence, Trahan will direct a design studio considering the interaction between the built environment, peace-making, and (social, racial, and environmental) justice. He will also participate in the life of the school through teaching, reviews, and creating a dialog with students and faculty. During his residence at CUA School of Architecture and Planning, Trahan will also deliver a public lecture entitled “Peace Architecture: Designing for Healing and Connection” on Monday, Sept. 20th, at 5 p.m. EST.

“It is an honor to be chosen as the 2021 Walton Critic and contribute to such an important institution. This opportunity at CUA aligns two things that are vitally important to me—spiritual practices and design,” said Trahan. “I’m looking forward to connecting with the students, faculty, and academic community at large to explore the practice of Peace Architecture.”

Trahan Architects was founded by Trahan on the belief that the mindful design of everyday spaces can elevate the human experience. It is a multi-disciplinary firm ranked the number one design firm by Architect 50, the annual ranking by Architect magazine, the official publication of American Institute of Architects, which topped the list by building “dramatic, sumptuous and well-detailed projects.” Trahan Architects

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