New Directions for Biophilic Design Research

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Our partner cities in the Biophilic Cities Network are actively involved in fields promoting biophilic interventions in planning and design throughout the world. And are always seeking cutting edge research to support their work. We recently received an inquiry from a partner city representative asking for empirical research quantifying impacts of biophilic design on structures designed for people who reside in low income housing or homeless shelters, and government buildings that provide services to underserved populations. An excellent question, but one not easily answered in the current research milieu: much of the existing examples provide critical resources for underserved populations would be extremely convincing factor in producing more and greater examples. What might influence the course of research towards this type of work, which would likely positively influence the day-to-day lives of people in great need of a biophilic boost? It is an open question, one that could be tackled in many possible ways. I hope that someone reading this piece will write me an indignant e-mail because this work is already being done somewhere (and I look forward to writing a follow-up if this is the case!), but barring that, please consider this a call to the research community at large to take up this issue.


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