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A Faculty Seminar

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**“The Classical World-View and the Physiology of
Sight”**

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**Light refreshment to be served.
Public Cordially invited.**

ABSTRACT The circle has been a privileged shape from Homer’s flat earth through Plato to the modern age. Why? By the same token, the development of three-dimensionality and artistic perspective (or lack thereof in e.g. Greek ikons) has raised the same question. Those and other phenomena are best explained not by intellectualizations, but are predetermined by the physiology of our organs of sight and the neurology of vision, as the paper will demonstrate.

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