# What is COM 232 about?

... defining formulae to communicate visually and verbally.

... applying the visual elements of communication.

... preparing you for the creative side of communication.

... balancing critical thinking with execution skills.

# Asking the right questions is important.

... creative questions?

... political?

... pragmatic?

... ethical?

There are no stupid questions, only stupid answers?

## How do ideas become visual?

### Do emotions have a shape?

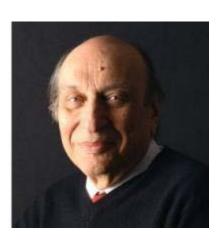


### I Love NY 3D Poster by Oded Ezer

Source:

http://s3files.core77.com/blog/images/l\_heart\_milton\_01.jpg





# What do we take for granted?

### Are designs ideological?

Or are they functional?

### TOUCHING WIRES CAUSES INSTANT DEATH



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**Newcastle Tramway Authority** 

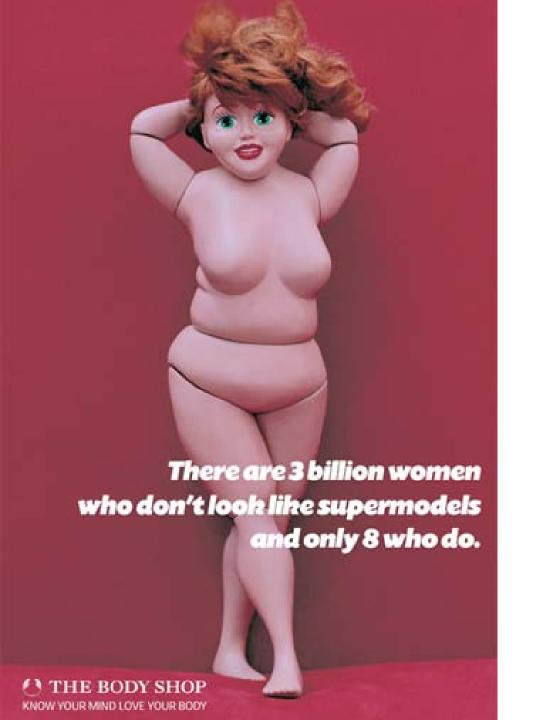


Shepard Fairey's Obama.

# How do we evaluate beauty?

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=knEIM16NuPg

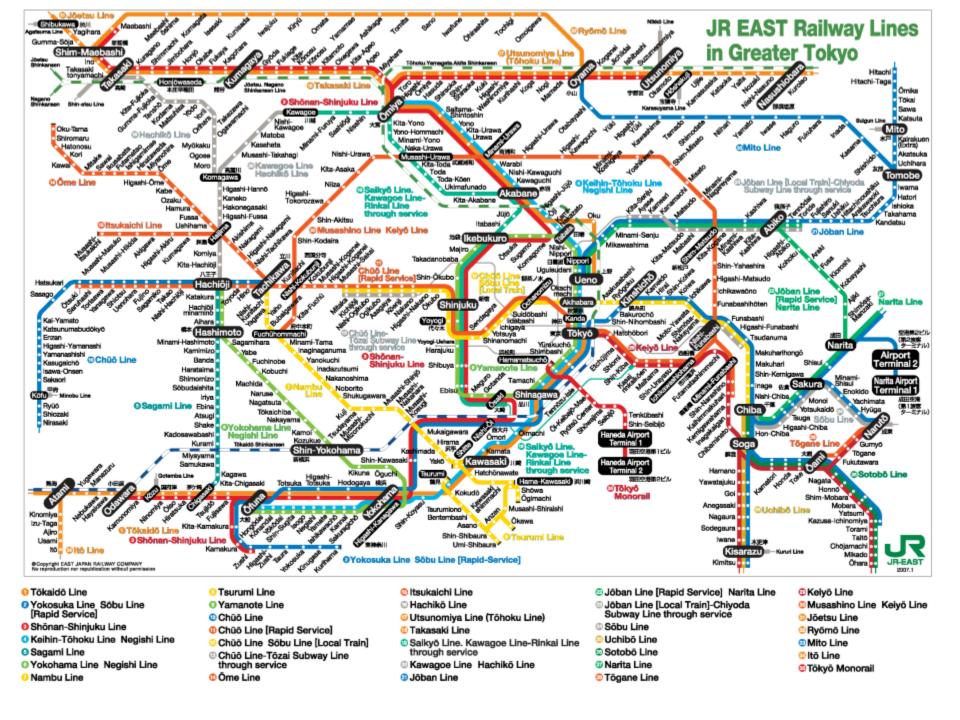
### What is sexy?



### Source:

http://anybody.squarespace.com/anybody\_vent/2009/6/21/rem embering-ruby.html

## What kinds of information are communication?



What are ethical and which are unethical?

Who decides?



How to develop alternative ways of seeing (hence, communicating?)









In China, drinking unsafe water is common, especially in poorer and remote villages. There about 300 million people with no access to clean drinking water and hence their lives are severely threatened. Greenpeace raised awareness by targeting city slickers. The solution? Floor stickers designed to resemble puddles of water placed in Beijing's commercial and tourist districts. The copy reads: "Every 17 minutes, a child in China dies from drinking polluted water."

## How do you heighten one's senses?



British Royal Mail sold this set of 10 stamps with an attached sheet of 76 stickers featuring cartoon eyes, mouths, mustaches, hats, ties, boots, and horns for purchasers to apply to the stamps.

Will you mail this letter to your prime minister?

# How do you present new perspectives?



### Our survival depends on theirs. To help, log on to wwf.org

Advertising Agency: Ogilvy & Mather, Gurgaon, India

Creative Director: Richa Sharma Art Director: Puran Choudhary Copywriter: Hari Om Prakash Illustrator: Puran Choudhary

Source: http://adsoftheworld.com/media/print/wwf\_man?size=\_original

How do you destroy preconceived mindsets?



### What should you expect from this class?

### **Visceral challenges:**

Redefine your existing value systems and learning methods. Intra- and interpersonal relationships.

### **Corporeal:**

Hands-on experimentation with materials, methods, execution of ideas, etc ...

### **Technological:**

Techniques, comping techniques, drawing, etc

### What should you really expect from this class?

### Hardship:

Incapability to communicate visually.

Computer software knowledge in

Adobe Photoshop, InDesign and
Illustrator

### **Challenges:**

The professor expects a lot. Professionalism. High level craftsmanship. Punctuality.

Access to computer technology

Basic skills in drawing.

Keenness to learn. This class is only as good as your enthusiasm for participating in it.

You will gather book knowledge but a greater part is self-knowledge and shared knowledge within your peers. If you're early, you're on time.

If you're on time, you're late.

If you're late, you're left behind.

### What are the things the professor hate?

Habitual late comers

Students who do enough to get by but not enough to be outstanding...

Students who never explore enough

Late comers (15 minutes and beyond...

30 Minutes and beyond considered an absent

3 absences equal a letter grade drop

A portion of your final grade is allocated for studentships.

What do you have to unlearn and relearn?