Known throughout the world as a prolific type foundry, House Industries has made a considerable impact on the world of design. House Industries fonts scream from billboards, wish happy whatever from tens of thousands of greeting cards, serve as the basis for consumer product logos and add elements of style to a wide range of mainstream media. In their illustrious career, House artists have mastered a large cross-section of design disciplines. Their typography deftly melds cultural, musical and graphic elements. What ultimately shines in the House Industries oeuvre is what always conquers mediocrity: a genuine love for their subject matter.

Monday, February 6, was the opening of the exhibit, Fanatical Mechanical, in the Guggenheim Gallery. The opening ended up one of the greatest turnouts in Gallery history with 300+ in attendance. After the opening, crowds of people went to hear Rich Roat, the Co-Founder of House Industries, speak about the company’s process, projects, and passion for what they do.

Every fall, the sophomore level graphic design students are invited to visit the Mercedes Benz Classic Center located close-by in Irvine, CA. They are taken on a guided tour of the showroom, repair facilities, and gift shop, while taking pictures and noting the style and class for which Mercedes Benz is so well known. Soon after, the students begin work on creating posters for the Center. They had to design a poster that displayed the beauty of the classic Mercedes cars found at the Classic Center and pay homage to either Art Deco style or Art Nouveau style. The challenge was to successfully unite strong visual imagery with compelling use of language in an interesting and dynamic composition to promote the Mercedes Benz Classic Center, rather than the just the car itself. Professors Eric Chimenti and Tony Pinto worked with the Classic Center to craft the poster assignment into a competition where the Center would actually choose their favorite posters in the end. The winning poster designers would receive a small model replica of a classic Mercedes Benz automobile. Most of the students were relatively new to the software, so the poster is a true test of inherent design ability and problem solving techniques.

The winners for 2011 were:
Valerie Rustad and Taylor Peck

Other finalists included were:
Spencer Thordarson, Michelle Jonas, Wes Eramo and Ryan Mick.
Interterm in New York City
with Ambitious, BFA in Graphic Design student, Susanna Davidov

During the 2011 Winter holiday vacation break, my mother decided to take my little brother and I to Cuba. We spent two amazing weeks exploring the country, meeting amazing people, eating delectable food and embracing every single aspect of the Cuban culture.

As I was sitting on the beach one day with my family talking about the semester to come, I had an epiphany: why Studom, if what I don’t want to go back to Chapman for interterm? My mom thought the relaxed Cuban vibes were making me lose my mind. I was soon able to reassure her that I was not losing my mind, but ambitious to try something new. I have a crazy obsession with traveling and experiencing new and exciting things. I decided that I didn’t want to go back to Chapman’s Interterm, but I would rather experience a winter in New York City.

On the beach that day, I remembered that a friend of mine who goes to New York University has the same schedule we do here at Chapman. Immediately after returning to the hotel in Havana, I logged onto the internet, which is extremely difficult (and expensive) to do as a tourist in the internet, which is extremely difficult (and expensive) to do as a tourist in a communist country, to see if I could attend NYU for their interterm, or winter session. After sending several e-mails, and going through a special application I was finally accepted. It was official...I was going to attend NYU and take a silk screening and print making course.

In a weeks worth of time, I found a living arrangement, bought a one way ticket to New York and had my father ship a box of clothes from Los Angeles to New York for me. Late at night on January 2nd I got onto a plane leaving Cuba...January 3rd I got onto a plane leaving Cuba...January 3rd I arrived in New York for me. Late at night on January 3rd I ended up with a bag full of business cards of people I had met and that I should stay in contact with.

Somewhere I was also able to take the time and explore the city. I forced myself to try to walk everywhere I went to try to see as much as I could. I ate amazing food, saw great night life, visited incredible city monuments and overall experienced the city to its fullest.

Even though I only got a little taste of New York, it’s not the last that they will see of me. I plan on going back the Summer of 2012 to fulfill one of the design internships I was offered and hopefully continue to experience the city where ANYTHING is possible.

Written by Susanna Davidov

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In this course we examined several well known and obscure silk screen and print making artists as well as developed a great understanding of the techniques they used. We were taught how to create silk screen from the most basic way of using a paint brush and drawing fluid to registering and photo emulsion.

Most of my pieces that I created were inspired by visuals or lifestyles that I had the opportunity to observe in my month in New York. Living in Alphabet City, I was constantly surrounded by creatives of every sort. I found silk screening and print making a very enjoyable artistic process. I found a happy medium between mass produced graphic design prints and one of a kind hand done pieces. Silk screening and print making still gave me the opportunity to develop a series of prints from my designs, but also gave me the satisfaction that each and every piece is somehow going to be different in one way. I took it upon myself to make the most of my month in New York.

While I was not in class, I forced myself to become extremely disfunctional, but familiar with the professional/design community. With help from friends in NY and pushing myself to meet people, I was able to meet unpredictable people. Some of the people I met have their own clothing lines, lifestyle shops, branding companies, and several other ambitious careers.

I took the time to talk to each one of these people, ask them questions about themselves and also ask personal questions that would guide me in the right direction. Every single person that I met gave me valuable and logical advice. I also showed these professionals some of my work which led to internship opportunities for this upcoming summer.

In my short month I also had the unbelievable experience of going to the NY Google office building. My cousin is a very important person with Google and asked me to come eat lunch with her. While eating lunch at the food truck...ON THE 6TH FLOOR...I had a chance to meet Craig, the editor of the creative lab at Google. The creative lab is where anything that requires a graphic designer comes from. Craig was able to give me amazing advice as to how to get a job at Google, and how to find my true passion in life. After a great lunch, I got the full tour of the office building that is a full arena. While thinking how tiring it would be to have to walk through this building every day, a clan of workers on razor scooters zoomed by me on their way to a meeting.

That is when I solidified my decision that I want to one day become a Google: Towards the end of my month in the city, my house and roommates had to move to Costa Mesa, ERGO Clothing.

New Visiting Professor
Branding Specialist Yasmine Say

The Graphic Design Program is pleased to announce that Yasmine Say, from London, will be joining us in the Spring and Fall of 2013 to bring her Olympic branding expertise to teach graphic design at Chapman. She is a strategy-focused Brand Communications Specialist and Graphic Designer with over seven years experience in marketing communications, branding and design. We are excited to be the only school in the United States to have an innovative international branding perspective in our own department.

Pictured right is Yasmine competing in her first marathon. She is excited to take on another marathon in O.C. next May.

Holiday Cards

Design students were able to design Chapman University holiday cards, based off of the Class of 2012 commemorative poster finalists featured in the last issue of Compost. Deans and various academic units sent the beautiful cards to donors, friends and faculty of Chapman.

The cards featured were designed by:

Alia Labelle BFA in GD ’12
Ivana Wong BFA in GD ’13
Anton Warkentin BFA in GD ’12
Breethn Sasaki BFA in GD ’12
Rebecca Olivia Shead BFA in GD ’12
Marian Huang BFA in GD ’12

Spring Visual Thinkers Series

Jeff Campbell & Scott Avery

Every semester the Art Department invites professional designers to come speak about their experience and work in the design world. This unique series aims to intellectually stimulate undergraduate students to think innovatively about the interdisciplinarity of creativity, inspiration, and the practice of art. We were lucky enough to have Jeff Campbell from Lithographix, Inc. and Scott Avery from Cenevo to lecture at our Visual Thinkers Series this spring.

Jeff has worked for 25 years at Anderson Lithograph as a production manager and sales executive. Jeff has produced many award winning print pieces for companies including ExxonMobil, Hewlett-Packard, HJ Heinz, Pfizer, Pepsico, Amgen, Fraser Papers, Envision, Chevron, UPS, Fedex, California Water Service, Disney, and Chivers Regal. He currently sells high-end printing for Lithographix.

Scott worked as a Proofreader/Platemaker before becoming an apprentice as a 4 color film stripper, working on electronic stripping devices such as Gerber, Sytex and Macintosh computers. He has over 20 years of experience in pre-press and is responsible for managing pre-press through the entire manufacturing process. Avery currently works at Cenevo.
Second Year students now evaluated by all Graphic Design faculty to see if they are qualified to continue in program.

For the first time in the history of Chapman’s Graphic Design Department, the sophomore BFA class prepared a design show in the Guggenheim Gallery. Opening at 5-30 on Monday, March 19, the show entitled “Hello My Name Is...” was the students’ introduction to the design world. The show featured portfolios from: Elizabeth Wright, Will Schonfeld, Diana Goldberg, Rachel Becker, Taylor Peck, Sheryl Almany, Wei Evan, Zac Oomsksy, Chris Skols, Spencer Thordarson, Michael Rogers, Casey Wyman, Amanda DeFrancis, Michele Iman, Nicole Panosinos, Grace Lawery, Katie Kland, Amanda Norris, Ryley Schachter, Grace Wilson, Valerie Rustad, Doma Edwards, Kathryn Ferens, Victoria Weng, Zach Guenther, Mike Genburski, Liz Mule, Candace Larson, Margaux Powell.

Chapman University’s Guggenheim Gallery hosted its Spring Graphic Design BFA Portfolio Assessment Show, Rogue Designers, the week of March 26-30. This was the first year that the students design work was presented in professional portfolios prepared to industry standards. The portfolios presented were produced by: Alana Michaels, Ariel Roth, Ariel Ximenes, Ashley Hawthorne, Chase Coughing, Emma Diener, Ivana Wong, Katrina Alonso, Logan Merriam, Maria Reisinger, Maria Scirca, Susanna Davide, and Tavish Ryan. Along with the switch to portfolios only, the juniors are now required to participate in the AIGA Portfolio Review in late April.

Designer Career Paths Featuring Dani Bartov, Adrienne Grace, Amy Jo Levine, and Leo Circo

Wednesday, April 25 7:00 PM in the Irvine Lecture Hall

Moderated by Chapman instructor Tony Pinto, the Designer Career Paths lecture, for the second year in a row, featured four designers who spoke about the different areas of design that they work in. Designer Career Paths was created to show design students the various paths they can take in the design world. The featured presentations provide knowledge of the designers’ background and current professions, advice to get to the professional level, and also allows students to network and make contacts with influential figures in the interested profession. Admission was free and anyone was welcome to attend. This year’s speakers were:

In-House
DANI BARTOV Creative Director, Princess Cruises

Design Firm
AMY JO LEVINE Owner/Partner, Visual Asylum

Ad Agency
LEO CIRCO Creative Director, Saatchi & Saatchi

Freelance
ADRIENNE GRACE 10 Year Freelance Designer

All sophomores in the Graphic Design program designed a poster for the event. The winning poster was designed by Diana Goldberg.

Other finalists featured are Grace Lawery, Taylor Peck, Gracie Wilson, Mary Petrie, and Kathryn Ferens.

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Taking the Design World by Storm

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DWIGHT BLAIR, BFA in GD, ’08, Owner and Designer, Marvessa Creative Studio

SERA BURKE, BFA in GD ‘09, Art Director, Perfectholiday brand design

KELSEY CHAPMAN, BFA in GD ‘10, Graphic Designer, Audigy Group Portland

MICHELLE GUILEMET, BFA in GD ’07, Head Graphic Designer, Ocen Inc.

SARA HAHN, BFA in GD ’10, Marketing Art Director, Palm Springs Life Magazine

MICHAEL HAIN, BFA in GD ‘01, Senior Designer, Zther Interactive

MIKAEL HEDMAN, BFA in GD ’04, Graphic Designer, Chapman Walters Intercoastal Corp.

MOLLY HERVEY, Minor in GD ’03, Art Director, PSB Integrated Marketing

ELIZABETH (LEWIS) HODSON, BFA in GD ’03, Art Director at Hungry Girl, Inc.

JESSICA JARVIS, BFA in GD ’08, Designer, VDIO

GENNIFER LEWIS, BFA in GD ’08, Web Marketing Specialist, Paul’s TV

IAN SWANSON, BFA in GD ’03, Graphic Designer, Surfrider Foundation

PAUL SWEENEY, BFA in GD ’05, Front End Web Developer, Atomic Online

SELITA (LIMTIACO) TOLENTINO, BFA in GD ’03, Graphic Designer, Lakeshore Learning Materials

JEFF WERNER, BFA in GD ’07, Freelance Interactive Designer

ELIzABETH PHILLIPS, BFA in GD ’11, Marketing Director/Graphic Designer, Duk Design

KRISTEN ADAMS, BFA in GD ’08, Graphic designer, Ellison in Orange County

NINA TORINO, BFA in GD ’09, Freelance designer and illustrator.

JOSHUA GARDNER, BFA in GD ’03, Designer, Modal Design Agency in Irvine, California.

KIMMY KIRKWOOD, BFA in GD ’10, Junior Art Director, VOX. Associate Owner/Design, Kimmy Design

KYLE PIDOT, BFA in GD ’10, Graphic Designer, prAna Living

DARREN MCARDEL, BFA in GD ’08, Typeface Designer

KYLE FLOYD, BFA in GD ’10, Graphic Designer, LF Sportswear

JESSICA MEISTER, BFA in GD ’08, Coordinator of Brand Presentation, Tommy Hilfiger in the greater New York area

WENDY LEE OLDfIELD, BFA in GD ’04, Senior Graphic Designer, BDS Marketing
Meet One of Our Part-Time Professors

Joseph Gerges

Why did you choose to teach at Chapman? Chapman's high standards and reputation are world renowned. The opportunity to be a part of such an esteemed institution was one that was hard to pass up. Did I mention it was only a 15-minute drive?

What do you consider some of your greatest artistic accomplishments? Most recently, I completed a documentary called "Solo: An Artist's Life." Capturing an important stage in my personal work as an artist, I pulled together over 200 hours of footage over a three-year period to produce a piece of film that was a catharsis for me, but also received some awards and traveled around the festival circuit to boot. I tend to walk a thin line between being an artist and a filmmaker/designer with credits including work with Paramount Studios’ "SouthPark," Badoonga, and Uncut'; Comedy Central’s "SouthPark," and Universal Studios. My art has been exhibited in solo shows in Los Angeles and Atlanta along with over 50 group shows across the U.S. and internationally with features in New American Painting, Art and Antiques, Art in America and in LA Art Scene amongst others.

What important lessons do you expect your students to execute in their career? I would hope that students realize that what will set them apart as designers and as individuals has nothing to do with the programs they know or the speed at which they can cycle through hotkeys. Personal success is all about tapping into a spirit of creativity and design that is exclusively and uniquely their own. It takes a lot of personal struggle, a true desire to push the boundaries of design, and some sleepless nights!

Are there any interesting projects you are currently working on now? Just the most important project ever… baby girl #2. Our two-year-old daughter, Sienna, and the rest of our family welcomed her new sister in May.

GD Works with Argyros School of Business

Chapman Students compete together in Business Plan Competition

There were, of course, many struggles along the way, ranging from unfortunate business names they refused to revise, such as Assetracker, to not hearing back in time for deadlines. Worst of all, we were told that our work was going to be judged as well, since we were in intricate part of the business. We were told that the winners would be receiving some sort of award… but it never happened.

At the competition and awards ceremony not only were we not even mentioned in the program under the business plans, but some of the business plans didn’t even use our designs in their presentations. The most noted was TargetMe, a plan to identify TV viewers by their smart phones and deliver relevant television advertisements based on viewer’s interests and activities regardless of the network or show. The designers created easy to understand infographics that explained the operation of TargetMe so that it didn’t have to be fully explained to the judges in the 15-minute constraint. However, they chose not to use the info graphic or any of the graphic design work in the presentation, and the first question that the judges asked TargetMe was, "How does it work?" He struggled immensely with his nerves and had a hard time explaining his own plan, something that he could have explained easily and visually by simply adding the designs into his presentation.

It’s no surprise that the two business plans who won, SweetTreats and Badoonga, were the two plans that used all of the graphic design work we provided. I myself even designed and re-made the SweetTreats presentation.

It was a disappointment in the end when after the business awards were given out that we still had no recognition, however Brent Clay, the man behind SweetTreats was great to work with and my fellow designers and I who worked with him for the competition are continuing to help him out as he starts this new business.

Hopefully next year we will be a part of the competition, or at least be added to the program.

Written by Alana Michaels

BABY SHOWER

Graphic Design Club threw a surprise baby shower for Professor Claudine Jaenichen on leap day. The students decorated one of the classrooms in Moulton Center with streamers and a slideshow of celebrity babies. They even brought desserts and snacks, and waited quietly for her arrival. When she came into the classroom everyone yelled "Surprise" and "Congratulations!"

Claudine was so surprised and happy to celebrate this special moment in her life with her students, faculty, and alumni. After the initial shock of everyone surprising her, people settled down and played baby shower games, decorated onesies, and ate a lot of cake pops and other goodies.

Written by Alana Michaels

Upcoming Fall 2012 Events

- Orientation Klin Pizza Party
- Semester Kick-Off (TBA)
- LazerJoust
- Halloween Party
- November Potluck
- Sweet Exchange
Full-Time Professor Update

Professor Chimenti created and designed the logo for the first (and perhaps annual) Wilkinson faculty/student soccer match. The design was submitted to Logo Lounge, an international repository of logo design, and can be seen on his Behance Portfolio and at Logo Lounge. His information graphic for the table of contents for the London Olympic study abroad trip from the summer 2011 was submitted to the international information design website Visual.ly and was featured on the front page. He also created a series of covers for Dr. Mark Axelrod’s Ebook – Kissed in Venice.

Professor Jaenichen had a very eventful semester. She and her family welcomed their newest addition, a beautiful baby girl named London. To add to the excitement, Claudine successfully completed her 6 year probationary period and was granted tenure here at Chapman University. This brings greater stability and potential for the future success and growth of the program.

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