# Design + Social Change

University of San Francisco

Art + Architecture / Spring 2012 Art 21851 / Art 390–04 Lone Mountain Rossi Wing, B01 Wednesdays, 11:45–3:30 p.m. Stacy Asher / sjasher@usfca.edu





### **DIG DEEP. POWER UP.**



#### Freedom, Emory Douglas, woodcut print

Emory Douglas worked as the Minister of Culture for the Black Panther Party from 1967 until the Party disbanded in the 1980s. The San Francisco Chronicle reported that Douglas "branded the militant-chic Panther image decades before the concept became commonplace.

As a teenager, Douglas was incarcerated at the Youth Training School inOntario, California; during his time there he worked in the prison's printing shop. He later studied commercial art at San Francisco City College.

#### Design and Social Change

Designers and visual communicators can be culturally aware by creating work that is socially responsible and influences positive change in society. Designers in the forefront of social change are currently using their design-thinking skills to develop and execute their own solutions to social problems-pushing the boundaries of what design can do. This course will demonstrate to students the power of design to leverage their sense of humanity and ability to fashion a more humane and just world. Students will be assigned specific historical events or social movements to research and reveal relevant examples of how design can sway public opinion, organize, inform, protect and restore the environment.

## re-form or reform?

# Help... What can a designer do?

# generosity

# DESIGN WON'T SAVE THE WORLD

GO VOLUNTEER AT A SOUP KITCHEN, You pretentious fuck.

#### http://www.usfca.edu/library/thacher/

#### January 27–March 4, 2012

Richard Kamler: A Retrospective feb. 02

This retrospective of San Francisco artist activist, **Richard Kamler**, presents drawings, objects, photographic documentation and sketchbooks that trace his four-decade career with art as a socially-engaged practice. Works on view include iconic pieces from each decade, including selections from "Impact Drawings," "Out of the Holocaust: Drawings and Environments," and SFMOMA-sponsored "The Desert Project" (1970s); "Maximum



Security 1-8: Installations" (1980s); "Table of Voices" and "Bison Project" (1990s); and "Seeing Peace" and "Las Mujeres de Juarez" (2000s). To create these works, Richard Kamler has collaborated with groups as far reaching as death row inmates, interfaith communities and the United Nations. Richard Kamler retired from USF's Department of Art + Architecture in 2011.

#### Scott Tsuchitani



Peter Selz, Museum of Modern Art, ''The Art of Engagement''

Tom Ferentz

Judith Selby Lang

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http://artasiamerica.org/artist/detail/187



My Geisha Fantasy #1: Billboard Liberation

II×I4 inches (h × w × d), 2004, Fuji Lightjet C-Print

Four Decades of Art Activism A fishbowl conversation moderated by Richard Kamler with Tom Ferentz, Judith Selby Lang, Peter Selz and Scott Tsuchitani (see full description below). Fri, Jan 27, 7-9 pm

Intersection for the Arts, 925 Mission (at 5th Street)

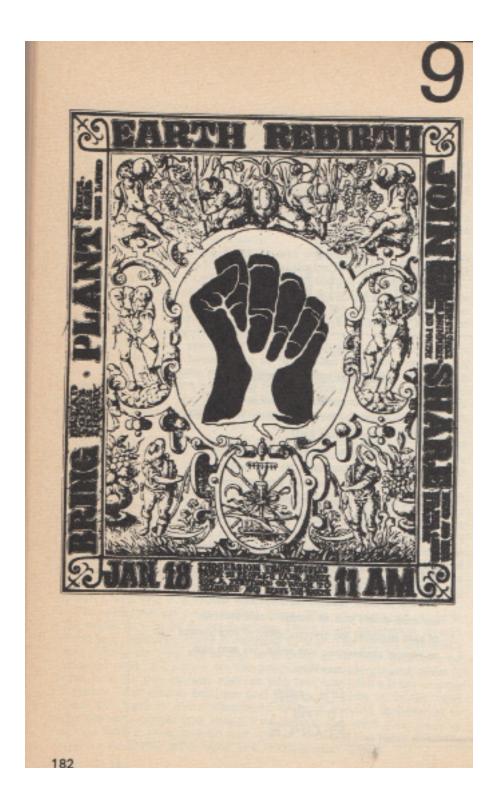
Richard Kamler and Robert Atkins in Conversation Thurs, Feb 2 and Wed, Feb 8, 2:30-3:30 pm McLaren 250, USF (at Clayton)

Opening Reception and Birthday Celebration Thurs, Feb 2, 4-6 pm Thacher Gallery

Meet the Artist Saturdays, Feb 4, 11, 18 and 25, 11 am to 1 pm Thacher Gallery This course will survey an array of visual styles, communications and design projects that date from the turn of the century to the present in the form of artistic posters, non-commercial advertisements, web sites, outreach and political propaganda.

Students will also enage with San Francisco based design firms that are socially responsible, local artist / activists that incorporate design into their propaganda and learn how the work they do is making a positive and significant impact on the world.







**Emory Douglas** / the Black Panters Revolutionary Art of Emory Douglas / the Center for the Study of Political Graphics



http://www.goodbysilverstein.com/#/beliefs



design + social change...
what needs to change?
change = ?

## design

## = form + content

We must

be the change

we want to see

in the world.

—Gandhi

change/CHānj/

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### Field Trips

Gap Inc. Mine Brute Labs

complete field trip waivers





Facebook and Google / Secret Revealed

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLXa1kEMooU&feature= player\_embedded

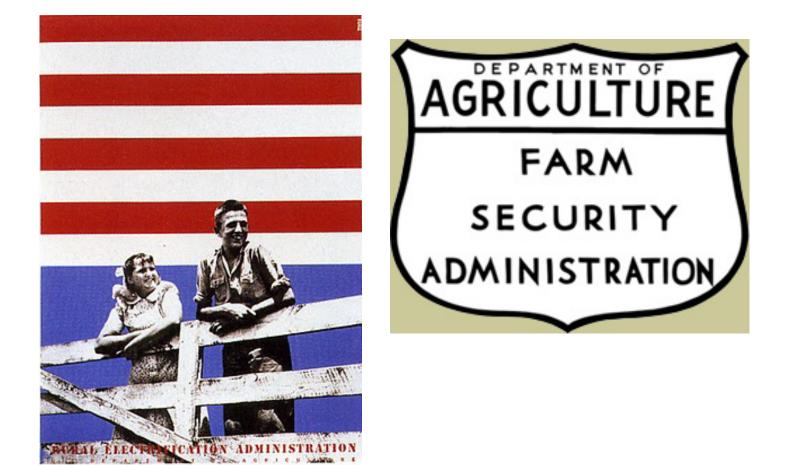
### Project 01 Determine area of study...

What are you interested in researching?

Assign by the end of class.



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01. The Russian Avant Garde / Constructivists

02. Marinetti and the Futurists / John Heartfield and the AIZ

03. WWII Propaganda / Rosie the Riveter, Duck and Cover and Sinking Lips,

04. Public Works Administration\*

pending field trip to CCA's exhibition of WPA artwork
 05. Black Panthers / the Vietnam war protests\*

06. Haight Ashbury and the Summer of Love / the Ad Council / Early Anti-litter campaign 07. Anti-Nuclear and the Peace Symbol / The Vietnam War and Anti-War Propaganda

08. Amnesty International, Human Rights / Civil Rights / Women's Liberation

09. Gay Rights / Harvey Milk / Proposition 06

10. Labor Unions and Labor Rights / Cesar Chavez / Human trafficking today

11. First Things First Manifesto – 1964 / First Things First Revisited – 2000

12. Adbusters / Billboard Liberation Front

13. Anti-war propaganda / 911 /

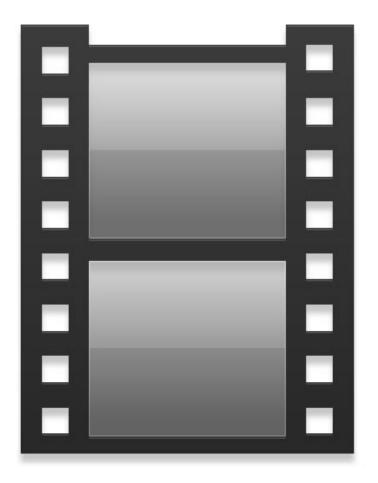
Patriotism: the 2008 Election - Shepard Fairey and the HOPE campaign / 2011 Wall Street Reform

14. Re-cycle symbolism / Ecology and Green Culture / Sustainable Design / Naomi Klein and No-Logo

15. The Open Source Software movement /WWW and social media / Democracy Now / Freedom?

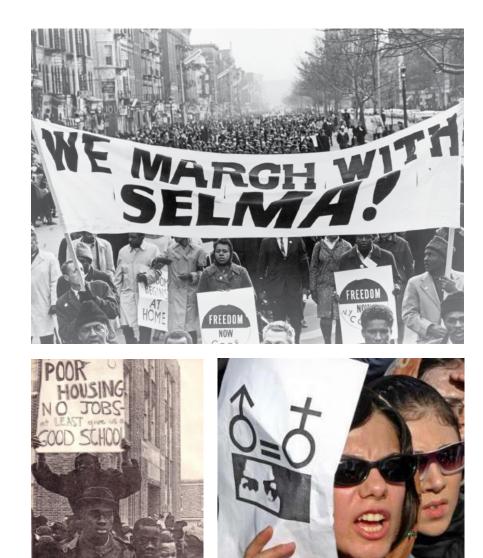
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http://www.adbusters.org/campaigns/occupywallstreet/posters

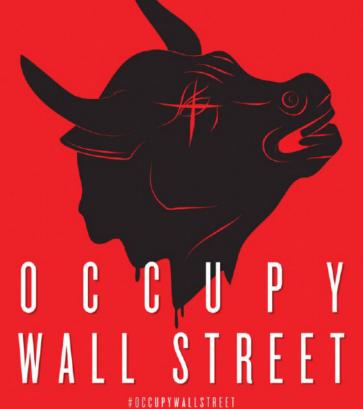


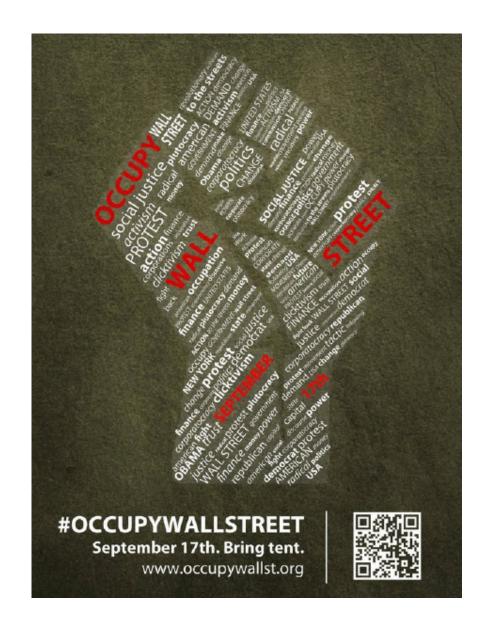




http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2011/10/05/occupy-san-francisco\_n\_997262. html#s391801&title=Occupy\_San\_Francisco

# THE 99% WILL BE HEARD







### NYU WALKOUT in solidarity with **OCCUPY WALL STREET**

### 4PM - Wed, October 5 Washington Sq. Park @ the fountain

We will meet in the middle of Washington Square Park and march together to City Hall, where we'll join the Community/Labor March in Solidarity with Occupy Wall Street, endorsed by

dozens of NYC unions and community groups including the United Federation of Teachers SEIU 32BJ and SEIU 1199, the Transit Workers Union Local 100, Make the Road New York, New Yorkers Against Budget Cuts, the Alliance for Quality Education, and more!

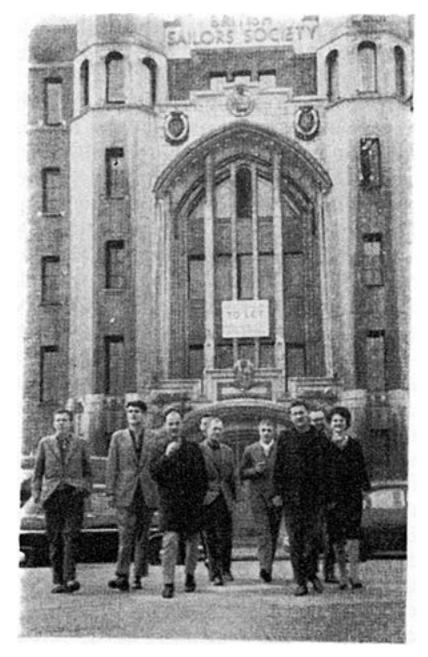


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## situationist international







EXPLORING WHERE TECHNOLOGY AND RESISTANCE MEET. Workshop and skillshare topics include: radical media · game design for social change · gender, race and technology · tools for activists · know your digital rights · security culture · social networking for radicals · open hardware · securing cellphones · p2p and anonymous networks · pirate radio · location privacy · wikileaks and social movements · technology and worldwide resistance · and much, much more · ·

### WWW.HACKMEET.ORG



