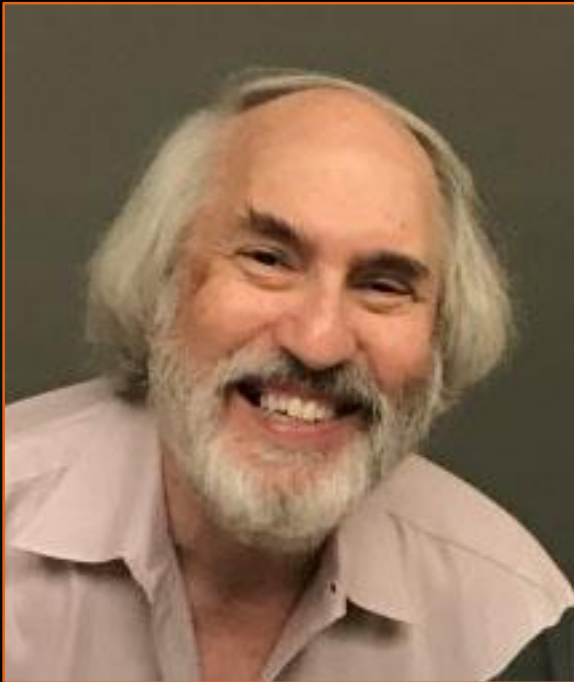


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Film Screening – Full Picture



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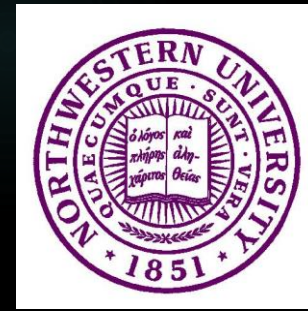
## Perspectives in Assistive Technology



David L. Jaffe, MS  
Instructor

17  
Years

# About Me



- Education:

- University of Michigan - BS in EE
- Northwestern University - MS in BME



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- Employment:

- Hines VA Hospital
- VA Palo Alto Health Care System - RR&D



Hines VA Hospital



VA Palo Alto RR&D

- Stanford:

- ME170, ME218, ME294, ME310, BioE141, assistive technology projects



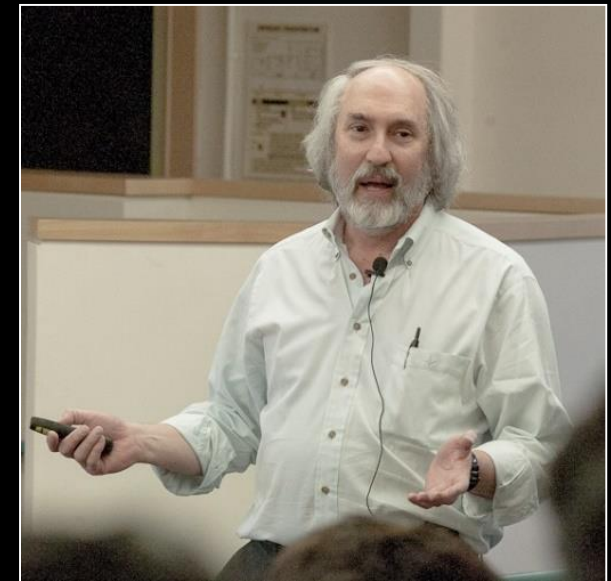
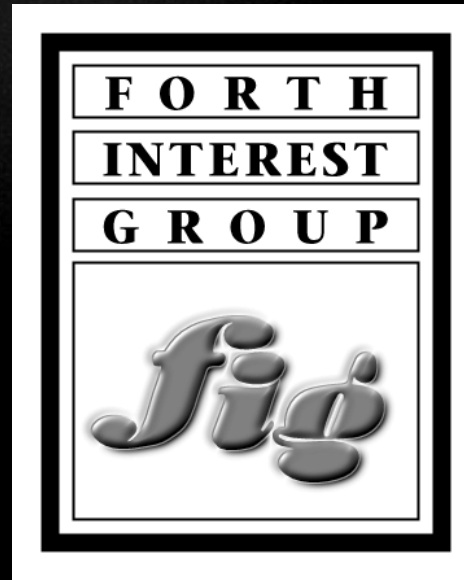
VA Palo Alto

# My Passions

- ▶ Inspired by “Watch Mr Wizard”
- ▶ Early home computer adopter - 1975
- ▶ Forth programming language devotee, embedded systems
- ▶ Teaching human aspects of technology and engineering

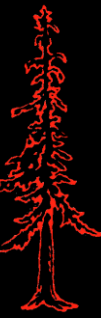


My computer - 1978





# Perspectives in Assistive Technology



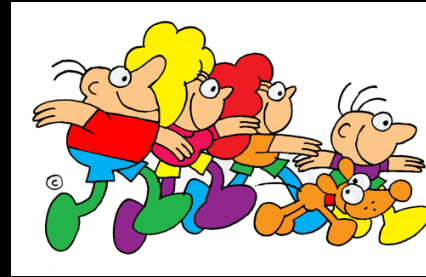
- ▶ This Stanford course explores the design, development, and use of technology that benefits people with disabilities and older adults.
- ▶ Team projects address challenges / problems experienced by people with disabilities and older adults in the local community. (3 credit units)
- ▶ Teams consist of 3 or 4 students from various disciplines & years.

# Student Activities



- ▶ Practice working in a team
- ▶ Practice working in the community
- ▶ Follow a process to address & solve a problem
- ▶ Practice communication skills
  - ▶ Reports
  - ▶ Oral presentations
  - ▶ Individual Reflection

# Course Objectives



- ▶ Gain additional **engineering confidence** in applying your knowledge and skills to address real problems in the world.
- ▶ Focus on **critical thinking** and **communication skills**, **working as a team**, and **interacting with individuals in the local community**
- ▶ Learn about the design, development, and use of technology that benefits people with disabilities and older adults
- ▶ **Practice leadership & organization**



# Skills Exercised

- ▶ Independent & critical thinking
- ▶ Analysis
- ▶ Problem-solving
- ▶ Working in a team
- ▶ Working in the community
- ▶ Public service
- ▶ Service-learning
- ▶ Designing, fabricating, testing, analyzing, iterating
- ▶ Communicating: reports, presentations, class participation
- ▶ **Leadership & Organization**



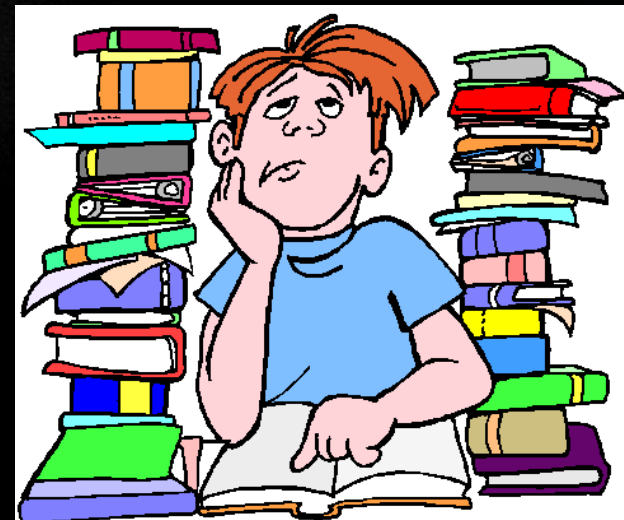
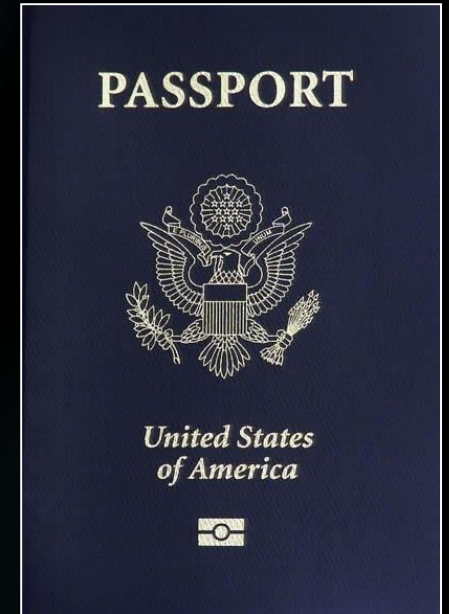


# What this Course isn't

- ▶ Not a d.school course
- ▶ Not a course in Design Thinking or Product Design
- ▶ Not just about good ideas and using Post-it notes
- ▶ Not about starting a company
- ▶ Not about commercializing a device or product
- ▶ Not about business or marketing or manufacturing
- ▶ Projects typically not with big companies or in foreign countries
- ▶ No finals, exams, problem sets, or quizzes
- ▶ No books to buy
- ▶ Some weekend reading
- ▶ No boring lectures



"Not that there is anything wrong with that"





# What this Course is

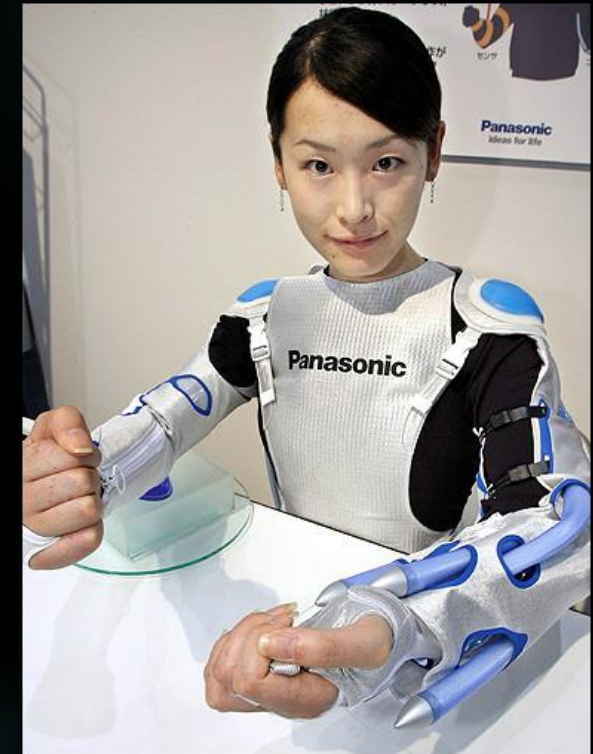


- ▶ Technology and people
- ▶ Assistive Technology in its many forms
- ▶ Engineering design-development process:

- ▶ Understanding the problem
- ▶ Brainstorming
- ▶ Prototyping, testing
- ▶ Refining, iterating
- ▶ Communicating



- ▶ Working on a project
- ▶ Partnering with local community
- ▶ Previewing students' professional life



# Course Structure

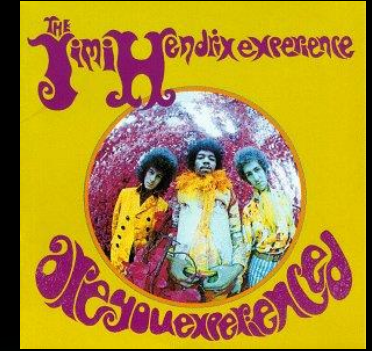


- ▶ A **twice-weekly in-person in-classroom sessions** exploring perspectives in the design and use of assistive technology by engineers, designers, entrepreneurs, clinicians, and persons with disabilities - a field trip, a film screening, and an assistive technology faire.
- ▶ Opportunities for **thought, reflection, and discussion**
- ▶ A **project experience** that includes problem identification, understanding, brainstorming, design, fabrication, testing, and reporting - benefitting individuals in the local community





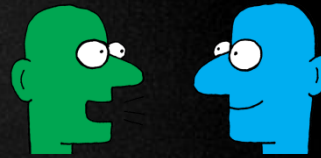
# Student Experience



- ▶ Gain an appreciation for the **social, medical, and technical challenges** in developing assistive technologies
- ▶ Learn about assistive technology concepts, design strategies, ethical issues, and **interaction of people with technology**



For students working on a team project:



- ▶ Engage in a comprehensive **project experience** that includes working with real users of assistive technology to identify challenges, prototyping solutions, performing device testing, practicing iterative design, and communicating results
- ▶ **Employ engineering and design skills** to help people with disabilities and older adults increase their independence and improve their quality of life





# Thursday, March 9th



*Wheelchair Fabrication in Developing Countries*

Ralf Hotchkiss - Whirlwind Wheelchairs International

# Tuesday, March 14th



*End-of-term Student Team Project Presentations*

Nine Project Teams

# Thursday, March 16th



*Student Team Project Demonstrations*

Nine Project Teams



# Student Projects from 2022



STUDENT  
PROJECT  
GALLERY

# Student Team Projects 2022



- ▶ Forty-three students enrolled
- ▶ 31 worked on team projects
- ▶ 4 worked on individual projects

# Accessible and Inclusive Playground Attractions



Explore designs to create new play and educational experiences incorporating multiple senses, actions, and outcomes for all playground users and visitors, especially those with visual impairments and diminished fine motor skills.



# Dog Feeding Aid



Explore designs that would enable a wheelchair user with CP to independently feed his service dog..

# Ski Pole Project



Explore designs for a new or modified ski pole that would enable a skier with limited forearm range of motion to better participate in skiing.

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# Accessible and Inclusive Playground Attractions - Spring Quarter



Explore designs to create new play and educational experiences incorporating multiple senses, actions, and outcomes for all playground users and visitors, especially those with visual impairments and diminished fine motor skills.

# Wearable Storage Pack



Explore designs for a wearable storage pack that would enable a wheelchair user with CP to independently and safely store his phone, wheelchair gloves, and other miscellaneous objects.

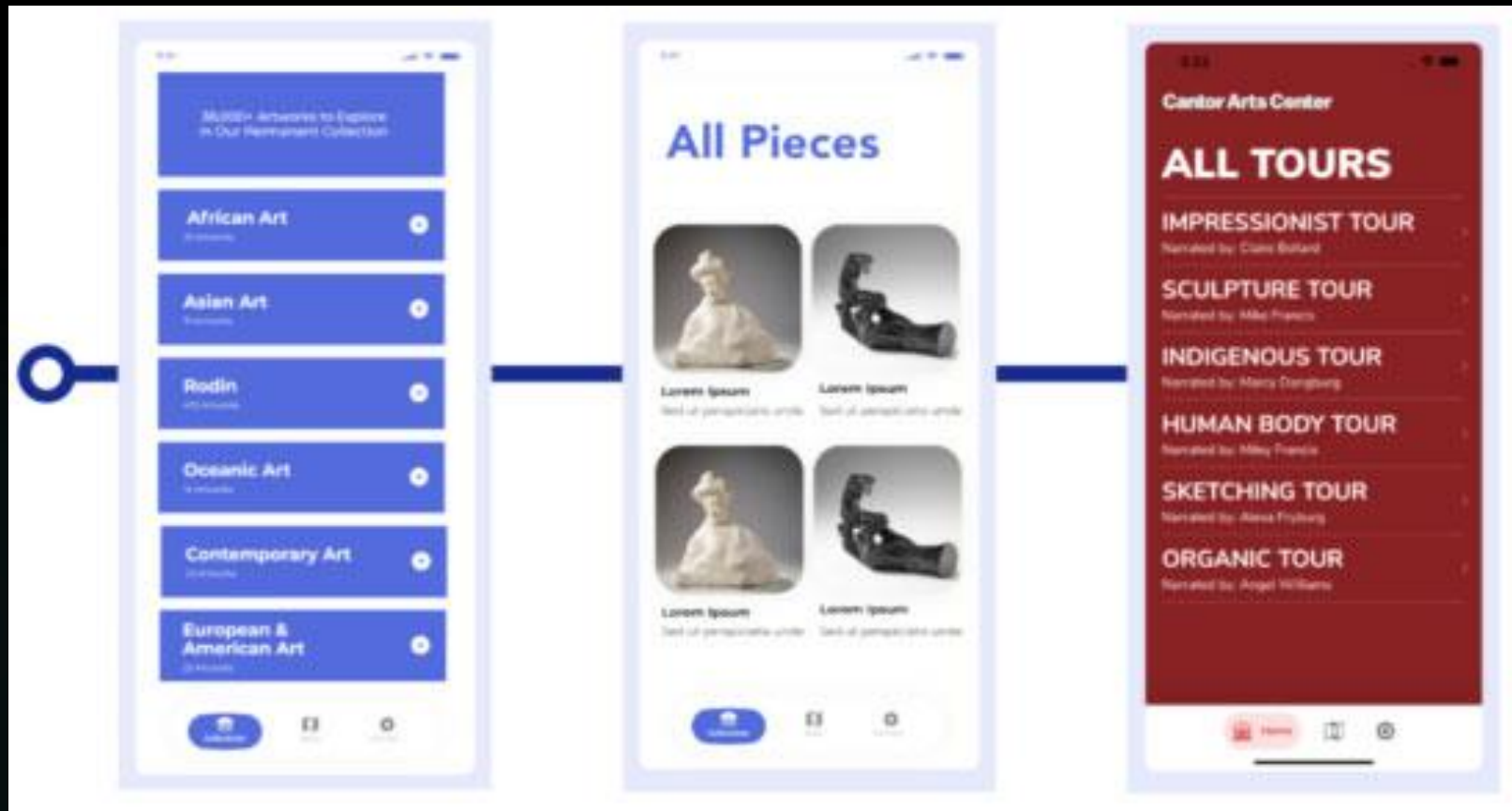
# Belt Buckle Project



Explore design solutions that would make it easier for a wheelchair user with CP to buckle himself into his wheelchairs independently.



# Exhibition Engagement Tool



Develop a tool - possibly an app - that will allow blind visitors and visitors with low vision to better engage with artworks on display.

# A Day at the Cantor Arts Center



Document the experience of a blind person or person with low vision as they navigate the Cantor Arts Center, including entering and exiting the building, moving through gallery spaces, locating facilities like restrooms and the cafe, and engaging with artworks on display.

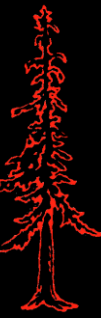
# Designing Your Afterlife



Explore ways to preserve one's essence after death.



# Flip-Flops for Mary



Explore designs that would allow a woman who uses a prosthetic leg to wear flip-flops.

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