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I was given the task of creating rough models of artifacts that are going to go into the first floor west wing concourse area which will open in July 2015. The models were used to help the curators and others involved in the selection of the artifacts visualize them in the three cases. This meant that not only did I get to create the artifact models, but I also worked with the designer to lay out the cases and help finalize the selection of artifacts. The line drawings are going to be used for glyphs to represent the artifacts next to their labels along the text rails at the bottom of the case.

The first floor west wing is focused around Innovation and Inventions. Each of the three cases is based around a different area within the overall theme for the wing. The first and largest case contains Prototypes and Patents, while the smaller cases are for Trademarks and National Inventors Hall of Fame Members.

Skills:

Vectorworks 3D Modeling Case Layouts

Case Layouts

Designed the initail layout Minor modifications after collaborating with Designer and Curators



Smithsonian National Museum of American History:

"Artifact Models"



























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I was given the task of laying out the text and glyphs for each of the artifacts for each case's text rails. For the larger of the three cases, there was a lot of room for the text and glyphs to be spread out and have breathing room. However, for the two smaller cases the amount of artifacts that could fit onto the rails had hit their limits. It was a challenging to accommodate the amount of words that might want to be written and the amount of space we actually had. We managed to fit them all in there and include the cases main titles. The text that is seen here is not the final text, just the first draft that was sent to the editor before my internship ended.

Skills:

InDesign Text Layout

Vectorworks Glyphs

Text Rails

Designed Text Rail Layout Edited based on needs Managed Process



Smithsonian National Museum of American History:

"Case Text Rails"



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Senior Exhibition Concept:

As our final semester project, we are creating an exhibition that highlights a variety of time periods and their influences on culture. For our initial concept, we each chose a decade, which would then be judged to determine which concepts or combination of concepts would be chosen for the final exhibition.

Though the first time humans reached into space was in the late 1950s with the USSR sending Sputnik I into space, the full-blown race didn't really show until the 1960s. New advances in technology allowed for space travel, which gave way to an explosion of ideas and imagination. These new ideas exploded into film & television, architecture, fashion, and products. Film & Television showed off these advances in new technology, as well as possible future technology, such as 2001: A Space Odyssey, Star Trek, and The Jetsons. Architecture brought in the round shape and the flying saucer spaceship. This curving form can be seen in the TWA Flight Center at JFK airport in New York and Dulles Airport in Virginia, both of which were designed by Eero Saarinen, as well as the 1964 World's Fair. With Fashion, we wondered what would we wear in space, giving rise to mini-dresses, mini-skirts, boots, and accessories. Products were introduced such as Tang, TV Dinners, and Moon Pies. Toys, furniture, teapots, ashtrays, and more also were designed to reflect the trends in space exploration.

For my exhibition concept, the focus will be on this explosion and its impact on these areas of life. The exhibition is located in the area outside of the D-building, under the overhang. There will be items/objects representing the different areas that are hung from above at different heights. Each of these items/objects will be accompanied by an information podium in the form of a telescope that is wrapped around the four pillars (film & television, fashion, architecture, and products) under the overhang and one freestanding central podium for the history of the space exploration, which sparked everything else. These podiums not only give written information, but also reference images and film clips.

Skills:

Researched the cultural impact of space exploration in the 1960s

Illustrator

Page layout of concept







Senior Exhibition Concept: "1960s Exploration Explosion"







Designed by: Lauren Dawson, Vivian Warman, Corey Ring, Caitlyn Riedel-Ballard

The Movement 150 years of Design Innovation

"Why does design change and evolve? This exhibition, curated and organized by the Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design department, strives to answer this question by exploring how technological advancements and cultural shifts over time have continually driven design movements. Innovative designers inspired by these changes brought new design trends to market. These mass market objects promoted new philosophies towards living.

The students in the fourth semester VPED class were asked to explore design change through different historical eras by studying architecture, products, and fashion. These design objects became part of the story of each era, interpreting the revolutionary changes in each time period while highlighting the integration of different areas of design throughout the last one hundred and fifty years."

Atomic Age 1950's - 1960's

During the late 1950's and early 1960's revolutionary new technologies inspired the human race to reach for space. These dramatic leaps in human explorations spurred the imaginations of people all over the world. Film, Fashion, Products, and architecture, were used to help rationalize these new ideas integrating them into the fabric of daily life, and promising a brighter future of peaceful competition and shared prosperity.

Robert Goddard once said, "It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today and the reality of tomorrow." Media and design was the vehicle for bringing the promise of tomorrow to today.

Skills:

Worked with group to develop my original concept for a smaller space

Designed and built central rocket with a group member

Designed and built two platforms

Designed floor graphic

Worked with group on final construction



Senior Exhibition: "Atomic Age 1950's - 1960's"

Designed by: Lauren Dawson, Vivian Warman, Corey Ring, Caitlyn Riedel-Ballard

Floor Plan







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Senior Exhibition:

"The Movement"

Designed by: the Visual Presentation and Exhibition Design Students, Class of 2014











DIFFA Dining by Design Concept: "Urban Oasis"

Designed by: Lauren Dawson, Vivian Warman, Mitchell Lai, Corey Ring

FIT participates in the Design Industries Foundation Fighting AIDS (DIFFA) Dining by Design event in NYC to raise funds to fight AIDS. Each group develops a design, which is then judged and several are chosen to be built for the event.

Urban Oasis looks to the future of design through the inspiration of maverick contemporary urban architects. Diller Scofidio + Renfro, designers of New York City's High Line, are one of the hottest architecture firms in the world and presently working on three high-profile cultural institutions: The Culture Shed, the MoMA expansion, and the Lincoln Center. David Rockwell, founder of the Rockwell Group, is working with DS+R on the Culture Shed, and also working on a residential tower in the Hudson Yards to be completed in 2017.

Skills:

Created hand drawn rendering

Illustrator

Enlarge the drawing for the final product



DIFFA Dining by Design Concept: "Urban Oasis"

Designed by: Lauren Dawson, Vivian Warman, Mitchell Lai, Corey Ring









This project was to create a snack brand and its packaging. I chose natural rawhide bones for dogs that have health issues. These bones are a way for dogs to get some nutrients in a fun and delicious way. My inspiration came from the brown paper packaging of meat products, while using natural and organic materials.

Branding for this project: Brand Name: RAW

Concept: A rawhide bone that has a flavor that the dog will love, like beef, yet it has vitamins, minerals, and vegetables that will help with ailments, like hip dysplasia/arthritis and heartworm.

Variety:

Hip Dysplasia, which leads to arthritis (joint health; genetic; medium sized knotted bone with 2 in pack)

Heartworm (continuous treatment; miniature sized with 3 in pack)

Brand Position: Natural and Raw ingredients that are not harmful for dogs of all ages.

Target Consumer: Owners of dogs with health conditions, whether genetic or for a period of time.

Sold: Available for all price ranges (sold at Petco, Petsmart, and PetValu).

Skills:

Illustrator Package design

Researched

Design ideas Dog products Food packaging Typography



Snack Packaging: "RAW"



Motorola Solutions: "Time Efficient: Barcode"

Designed by: Lauren Dawson, Chihiro Fujiwara, Min Kyoung Kim

Motorola Solutions reached out to FIT to design a window display that would appear at National Retail Federation trade show at the Javits Center, NYC. They were looking for displays that would sell the OMNICHANNEL experience.

Our concept was one of the designs that was chosen to be built and displayed. The bottom right image is the actual window.

The theme of the window is based on the inventory management process to the satisfaction of the customer in a time efficient way. Two realistic mannequins holding Motorola Solution Devices (WT41N0 and MC9200) and a silhouetted shopper represent this concept. The boxes are staggered and symbolize the volume of product going to a variety of people and places in the world. The barcode is the universal tool used to identify the product and enables the Motorola Solutions' devices to create a more OMNICHANNEL experience.

There is a projector acting as a scanner to scan the barcode on the background every 30 seconds. The transparent acrylic in the center has 3 elements that are affected by the scanning of the barcode. The top element is a digital clock, which is moving at a faster speed than a normal clock to show the power of Motorola Solutions and the time efficiency of the process to get to the final destination. The second element is an outline of a map showing worldwide connectivity and the many places objects are shipped using a red dot that moves around the map every time the barcode is scanned. The third and final element is OMNICHANNEL words, which are activated by the scanner to change from one word to the next. Skills:

Concept statement

Worked as a cohesive group on concept development



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Taking in the many variables that go into construction, I decided to focus on the measurements and the reasons for those measurements. There are also a lot of different forms of construction from innovative to classic to modern, from high rises to one level, and from office buildings to homes. I chose to concentrate on home construction with stairs, ramps, porches, and the home itself in the form of a room.

The initial inspiration was M.C. Escher's "Relativity" through his stairs. It started with the idea of stairs, and then led to ramps, a house, and a porch.

Skills:

SketchUp Design Structure 3D Modeling Dimensions

Illustrator

Typography added to the final perspective views

Created hand-drawn rendering

Indesign Created a final concept book



Math Museum Exhibition Concept:





Math Museum Exhibition Concept: "Measuring for Construction"







Small Window Displays:

"Christmas Chocolate Factory"

Designed and Constructed by: Lauren Dawson, Sara Griffin, Annalisa Podwin, Mitchell Lai

The bay of windows is designed around "Max Brenner, Chocolate by the Bald Man" and the holiday season. We came up with the idea of a factory, much like Santa's Workshop, but instead for chocolate. Going from left to right, the viewer can see Santa's chocolate list, a chocolate vat, pipes carrying chocolate across the factory, finished chocolate products going across a conveyor belt, a machine that packages the chocolate, and the final wrapped chocolate presents.

Skills:

Illustrator Vinyl graphics Gear shapes Santa's list in first window Max Brenner logos Concept rendering

Fabrication Gears Santa's list in first window Vinyl graphics

Managed project

Worked with group on final construction



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Small Window Display: "Frank Lloyd Wright"

This project was to create a window display combining an artist and an accessory. I chose Frank Lloyd Wright as my artist and a fedora hat as my accessory. Frank Lloyd Wright was an inspirational architect in the 1940s-1960s. This window was designed around one of his houses, "Fallingwater," with its natural stone elements and cantilevers. A blueprint is in the lower part of the window. The architecture is accompanied by a fedora hat that could have been seen during Wright's time.

Skills:

Created rough sketch of concept

Sourced and printed graphic background and Falling Water blueprint

Built shelves out of foam core



Small Window Display: "Frank Lloyd Wright"







Photographic Series: "People in the Park"



This photo series was focused on the variety of people walking through Madison Square Park in New York City. Using a Hasseilblad camera provided by the school, I strove to capture the crisp and detailed quality of the scene around me.













Photographic Series: "Portraits in Italy"

For this photo series , the study abroad group in Milan, Italy photographed people in the area. I attempted to photograph the characters and who these people are. We had to ask their permission and even though they posed for the photos, their character shines through.



