

Course Schedule

SART*4660-01/4670-01 Topics in Extended Practices Special Topics: *Stupidity*

Gareth Long, Fall 2016

Week 1

Monday September 12

Course overview:
Grading breakdowns
Syllabus / Schedule
Announce class trips

Youtube Show & Tell
Lecture: Introduction
Assignment #1: *Quick & Dirty*

Wednesday September 14

Gareth away
Topics for presentations presented (online)

Films: Fischli/Weiss,
Der Lauf der Dinge / The Way Things Go, 1987
(30 minutes)

Martin Creed,
Thinking/Not Thinking (Work #1090), 2012
(3:00)

Defining terms: what is stupid?
To be discussed Sept. 26

Readings Assigned:
Avital Ronnell, "The Uninterrogated
Question of Stupidity"
David Jenemann, "Stupider and Worse:
The Cultural Politics of Stupidity"

Week 2

Monday September 19

Youtube Show & Tell (volunteer)
Topics for presentations chosen &
dates assigned (dumb luck)
Critiques for Assignment #1: *Quick & Dirty*
Reading assigned:
Caitlin Haskell, "Knowing Stupidity"

Wednesday September 21

Youtube Show & Tell #1
Critiques for Assignment #1: *Quick & Dirty*
Readings Assigned:
Claire Colebrook, "The War on Stupidity"
Lisa Heldke, "Farming Made Her Stupid"
Tyson E. Lewis, "Rethinking the Learning
Society: Giorgio Agamben on
Studying, Stupidity, and Impotence"
Assignment #2: *Slow Learner*

Week 3

Monday September 26

Youtube Show & Tell #2
Presentation 1 & 2
Group-led discussion: Definition of terms
Reading discussion:
"The Uninterrogated Question
of Stupidity"
"Stupider and Worse: The Cultural
Politics of Stupidity"

Wednesday September 28

Youtube Show & Tell #3
Discussions for Assignment #2: *Slow Learner*
Reading discussion: Colebrook, Heldke, & Lewis

Week 4

Monday October 3

Youtube Show & Tell #4
Presentations 3 & 4
Work-in-Progress updates for
Assignment #2: *Slow Learner*

Wednesday October 5

Youtube Show & Tell #5
Work-in-Progress updates for
Assignment #2: *Slow Learner*
Readings Assigned:
Ariel Evans, "Skolar cat hidez bahind hiz nollege:
Methodologies of Stupid (NSFW)"
Nicholas Carr, "Is Google Making Us Stupid?"

Week 5

Monday October 10

NO CLASS

Wednesday October 12

Youtube Show & Tell #7
South Park Day!
Reading Assigned:
Alexandre Singh & Brian Dunphy, "South Park"

Course Schedule, *Stupidity*, continued

Week 6	Monday October 17 Youtube Show & Tell #8 Critiques for Assignment #2: <i>Slow Learner</i>	Wednesday October 19 Youtube Show & Tell #9 Critiques for Assignment #2: <i>Slow Learner</i> Assignment #3: <i>Final Project</i>
Week 7	Monday October 24 Youtube Show & Tell #10 Presentations 7 & 8 Reading discussion: Evans & Carr Readings Assigned: Jonah Lehrer, "Why Smart People are Stupid"	Wednesday October 26 No class meeting in lieu of field trip Field trip to see COMEDY TBC
Week 8	Monday October 31 Youtube Show & Tell #11 Presentations 9 & 10 Film: The Jerk Readings Assigned: Mieke Ball, "Not So Stupid" Robert Musil, "On Stupidity"	Wednesday November 2 Youtube Show & Tell #13 Literary Supplement: Aristophanes Pope Dostoyevsky Flaubert Beckett, etc.
Week 9	Monday November 7 Youtube Show & Tell #14 Presentations 11 & 12 Reading Discussion: Ball & Musil	Wednesday November 9 Youtube Show & Tell #15 Work-in-Progress updates for Assignment #3: <i>Final Project</i> <i>Reading Assigned:</i> Genese Grill, "Musil's 'On Stupidity': The Artistic and Ethical Uses of the Feminine Discursive
Week 10	Monday November 14 No class meeting in lieu of field trip Field trip to Oakville Galleries will be Friday November 11	Wednesday November 16 Work session for Final Project Lab workshops if needed
Week 11	Monday November 21 Youtube Show & Tell #16 Presentations 13 & 14 Reading Discussion: Joshua Decter, "Stupidity as Destiny"	Wednesday November 23 Youtube Show & Tell #17 Film: The Idiots
Week 12	Monday November 28 Youtube Show & Tell #18 Critiques for Assignment #3: <i>Final Project</i>	Wednesday November 30 Youtube Show & Tell #19 Critiques for Assignment #3: <i>Final Project</i>
Week 12 (continued)	Friday December 2 Youtube Show & Tell #20 (everyone) Critiques for Assignment #3: <i>Final Project</i> (if needed) Stupid Conclusion	