

Week 2

Tuesday, February 8, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

(check for updates at: <http://web.mit.edu/allanmc/www/specialproblems2005.html>)

- Discuss Michael Asher text
- Share our assignments from last night
- Visit Carrie's studio
- Visit MIT Museum?

- Read in class:

From: Hans Toch and Clay Smith, eds.
by Marshall H. Segall, Donald T. Campbell
and Melville J. Herskovits
Social Perception
CHAPTER 14: THE INFLUENCE OF CULTURE
ON VISUAL PERCEPTION

<http://web.mit.edu/allanmc/www/socialperception14.pdf>

and

From: Hans Toch and Clay Smith, eds.
by Warren J. Wittreich And Keith B. Radcliffe
Social Perception
CHAPTER 17: DIFFERENCES IN THE PERCEPTION
OF AN AUTHORITY FIGURE AND A NONAUTHORITY
FIGURE BY NAVY RECRUITS

<http://web.mit.edu/allanmc/www/socialperception17.pdf>

Assignment:

Download and read this excerpt from:

Jean Baudrillard
The System of Objects
B. THE NON-FUNCTIONAL SYSTEM,
OR SUBJECTIVE DISCOURSE:
II. A MARGINAL SYSTEM: COLLECTING

<http://web.mit.edu/allanmc/www/ baudrillard.collecting.pdf>

Assignment:

Think of a type of object that you have collected. Use some of Jean Baudrillard's thinking and write (at least) 500 words to analyze what you get out of this collecting. If you think you never have collected anything, think again.