

Hello,

We are going to have an action-packed class next session, and I would like everyone to be prepared for that, so that we can get through the material without having to rush. Please take a close look at these readings in preparation for our discussions with Dr. Friedman and also about "practical matters":

- Friedman, Alan (2007). [The Extraordinary Growth of the Science-Technology Museum](#). In Curator: The Museum Journal. January, 2007. pp. 63-76.
- Friedman, A. (2000, July/August). [Expanding audiences: The audio tour access project at the. ASTC Dimensions](#) (Journal of the Association of Science and Technology Centers), 7–8.
- [Unsuccessful SBIR Phase 1 Proposal](#), entitled, Use of interactive touch models for controlling accessible exhibits.

Also: I would like everyone in the class to start thinking seriously about your final projects. I want to get involved in working with each individual or group as you develop the themes for your projects. As you know, my background is in the design field, and I think that I can be of use to you, either as a sounding board for your ideas, or technical adviser. I can help you to determine what programming environment to work in (if any), get started with selecting hardware, develop program logic diagrams, etc . For those of you who are not programmers, I am willing to show you how, as long as you agree to work in a programming environment that I am familiar with. It is my expectation that everyone will contact me and arrange for meetings outside of class to discuss your projects as they begin to take form. You should to take the initiative here; I am not going to insist that you speak to me before going ahead, but I strongly recommend it. If you speak with me and get my approval for your plans and keep me abreast of your project, you will have a much better chance of getting an A in this class. I don't want to spend too much class time discussion individual projects, because there is so much other material that I want to cover, and time is limited. So, call me or email to set up your meetings. I would prefer if you can come to my office for this, but if you object, I can also meet you at ITP.

Steve