

**Virtual Reality and Artificial Intelligence
How Disruptive Technologies Will Transform Media
B8688**

**Professor Sharad Devarajan
2019 Schedule:**

**Uris 142
Wed, Aug 28th 2:00pm – 5:00pm
Thu, Aug 29th: 9:00am – 5:00pm
Fri, Aug 30th: 9:00am – 5:00pm**

*****(Syllabus and speakers are subject to last minute changes)***

OVERVIEW:

How will virtual reality, augmented reality, artificial intelligence and other disruptive technologies shape the media landscape and transform society and our lives in the decade ahead? With billions being invested into companies like Oculus, HoloLens, Magic Leap, as well as AI and Neurotech companies, are we witnessing the birth of a new revolution in immersive experiences and are consumers ready? What are the ethical frameworks that startups, business leaders and marketers should explore around artificial intelligence and immersive technologies?

Each day a different area of new technology will be examined as we explore its impact across conventional media industries. The course is intended to offer students:

- i. Exposure to new technologies disrupting media (VR, AR, Virtual Beings, AI, etc.)
- ii. An entrepreneurial approach to the industry
- iii. The future of storytelling with immersive technology
- iv. Insights and learning from preeminent guest speakers

**Wed Aug 28th: 2pm to 5pm
DAY 1**

SESSION 1: 2:00pm – 3:30pm

- Course Overview
- Artificial Reality – an Introduction to XR

SESSION 2: 3:45pm – 5pm

Creating “Hyper-Reality” and redefining Location Based Entertainment
James Jensen, Chief Visionary Officer, THE VOID

Recommended Readings:

- TIME: These Guys Created a Real-Life Holodeck
<http://time.com/4095869/the-void/>
- The Verge: We Tried Ghostbusters: Dimension
<http://www.theverge.com/2016/6/29/12060066/ghostbusters-dimension-the-void-times-square-madame-tussauds-vr>
- Polygon: Welcome To The Void
<http://www.polygon.com/features/2016/5/5/11597482/the-void-virtual-reality-magician-tracy-hickman>

- The Verge: The Void is building a Star Wars virtual reality adventure
<https://www.theverge.com/2017/8/3/16084460/star-wars-secrets-of-the-empire-disney-the-void-virtual-reality>
- WIRED: I was a Stormtrooper for 15 minutes and it was awesome
<https://www.wired.co.uk/article/star-wars-vr-london-secrets-of-empire-void-experience>
- Techcrunch: Location-based virtual reality is increasing its footprint in the U.S.
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/05/26/location-based-virtual-reality-is-increasing-its-footprint-in-the-u-s/>
- Variety: Sandbox VR Raises \$68 Million for Location-Based VR Experiences
<https://variety.com/2019/digital/news/sandbox-vr-68-million-funding-1203120501/>
- Fast Company: Paul Allen's virtual reality "Holodome" went to TED looking for partners
<https://www.fastcompany.com/90335751/paul-allens-virtual-reality-holodome-went-to-ted-looking-for-partners>

**Thu Aug 29th: 9am to 5pm
DAY 2**

SESSION 3: 9:00am – 10:00am

Leading the Mobile AR Revolution

Aaron Luber, Google: AR/VR Commercialization - Daydream/ARCore

Required Readings:

- WIRED: Google Cardboard's New York Times Experiment Just Hooked a Generation on VR
<http://www.wired.com/2015/11/google-cardboards-new-york-times-experiment-just-hooked-a-generation-on-vr/>
- Techcrunch: For AR/VR 2.0 to live, AR/VR 1.0 must die
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/01/14/for-ar-vr-2-0-to-live-ar-vr-1-0-must-die/>
- Wired: Apple Bets the Future of Augmented Reality Will Be On Your Phone
<https://www.wired.com/story/arkit-augmented-reality/>
- VentureBeat: AR has a far bigger opportunity on mobile than VR
<https://venturebeat.com/2019/03/27/newzoo-ar-has-a-far-bigger-opportunity-on-mobile-than-vr/>
- Techcrunch: Zuck says augmented reality will flourish on phones before glasses
<https://techcrunch.com/2016/07/28/pokemon-not-magic-leap/>

Recommended Readings:

- WSJ: Google Is Bullish on Virtual Reality, But It Has a Long Way to Go
<http://www.wsj.com/articles/google-is-bullish-on-virtual-reality-but-it-has-a-long-way-to-go-1466654402>
- The Motley Fool: Google Is Aiming to Bring VR to the Masses
<https://www.fool.com/investing/2017/07/29/google-is-aiming-to-bring-vr-to-the-masses.aspx>
- Verge: Google is adding augmented reality to search
<https://www.theverge.com/2019/5/7/18528209/google-lens-ar-search-augmented-reality-camera-android-assistant-photos-app-io-2019>

- VentureBeat: Facebook wants Portal to be the king of video calls, but there's still work to do
<https://venturebeat.com/2019/08/06/facebook-wants-portal-to-be-the-king-of-video-calls-but-theres-still-work-to-do/>
- Inc: Apple Hopes to 'Transform' Augmented Reality Into a 'Mass-Market Phenomenon'
<https://www.inc.com/associated-press/apple-augmented-reality-future.html>
- DigiCapital: The reality of spatial computing – what's working in AR / VR in 2019
<https://www.digi-capital.com/news/2019/06/the-reality-of-spatial-computing-whats-working-ar-vr-in-2019/>

SESSION 4: 10:15am – 11:15am

Making the Magic – Taking Mixed Reality to the Masses

Rio Caraeff, Chief Creative Officer, Magic Leap

Required Readings:

- Wired: The Untold Story of Magic Leap
<http://www.wired.com/2016/04/magic-leap-vr/>
- Techcrunch: Magic Leap raises \$461 million in fresh funding from the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia
https://techcrunch.com/2018/03/07/magic-leap-raises-461-million-in-fresh-funding-from-the-kingdom-of-saudi-arabia/?utm_medium=TCnewsletter
- Techcrunch: Magic Leap Raises \$280 Million From NTT DoCoMo
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/04/26/technology/magic-leap-fundraising-docomo.html>
- Crunchbase: A Timeline Of Investor Interest In AR Startup Magic Leap, Which Has Raised \$2.3B
<https://news.crunchbase.com/news/a-timeline-of-investor-interest-in-ar-startup-magic-leap-which-has-raised-2-3b/>
- Techcrunch: Magic Leap and other AR Startups have a rough 2019 ahead of them
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/01/02/magic-leap-and-other-ar-startups-have-a-rough-2019-ahead-of-them/>

Recommended Readings:

- Techcrunch: AR startup Meta raises \$50M at around \$300M valuation, eyes up China
<https://techcrunch.com/2016/06/13/meta-raises-another-50m-as-it-gears-up-for-the-next-version-of-its-ar-headset-and-china/>
- VentureBeat: 'Meta Company is insolvent' as AR company faces patent infringement lawsuit
<https://venturebeat.com/2019/01/12/meta-company-is-insolvent-as-ar-company-faces-patent-infringement-lawsuit/>
- Bloomberg: Microsoft Wins \$480 Million Army Battlefield Contract
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2018-11-28/microsoft-wins-480-million-army-battlefield-contract>
- Engadget: How HoloLens is helping advance the science of spaceflight
<https://www.engadget.com/2019/07/20/hololens-augmented-reality-spaceflight-engineering/>

SESSION 5: 11:30am – 12:30pm

Lecture: Virtual Beings & The Quest to Create Virtual Life

Recommended Readings:

- Techcrunch: The makers of the virtual influencer, Lil Miquela, snag real money from Silicon Valley
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/04/23/the-makers-of-the-virtual-influencer-lil-miquela-snag-real-money-from-silicon-valley/>
- Techcrunch: More investors are betting on virtual influencers like Lil Miquela
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/01/14/more-investors-are-betting-on-virtual-influencers-like-lil-miquela/>
- CNN: Meet Magic Leap's almost-human AI assistant
<https://www.cnn.com/videos/business/2018/10/18/magic-leap-mica-avatar-kw-orig.cnn-business>
- Magic Leap: I Am Mica - Please don't ask me to switch on your lights
<https://www.magicleap.com/news/op-ed/i-am-mica>
- Gizmodo: This Company Is Betting the Future Is Personal AI Avatars, So It Made Me One
<https://gizmodo.com/this-company-is-betting-the-future-is-personal-ai-avata-1834810868>
- Google Duplex: A.I. Assistant
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D5VN56jQMWM&feature=share>
- TED: Fake videos of real people — and how to spot them
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o2DDU4g0PRo>
- Nick Bostrom, Oxford University: Are You Living In A Computer Simulation?
<https://www.simulation-argument.com/simulation.html>
- NYT: Are We Living in a Computer Simulation? Let's Not Find Out
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/10/opinion/sunday/are-we-living-in-a-computer-simulation-lets-not-find-out.html>

SESSION 6: 12:30pm – 1:30pm

Virtual Beings – A Startup Journey

Kasey Morrison, General Manager, Fable Studio

Required Readings:

- Variety: Former Oculus Story Studio Team Unveils New Company
<https://variety.com/2018/digital/news/oculus-story-studio-fable-1202668273/>
- Forbes: Fable Announces 'Virtual Beings' Conference
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/jessedamiani/2019/01/24/fable-announces-virtual-beings-conference-and-nlp-conversational-vr-experience-with-lucy/#5d9db49eab3a>
- Variety: Fable's Neil Gaiman VR Experience 'Wolves in the Walls' Gets Sequel at Tribeca
<https://variety.com/2019/digital/news/wolves-walls-tribeca-1203197492/>

Recommended Readings:

- Venture Beat: The inspiring possibilities and sobering realities of making virtual beings
<https://venturebeat.com/2019/07/26/the-deanbeat-the-inspiring-possibilities-and-sobering-realities-of-making-virtual-beings/>

- Techcrunch: Artie aims to bring you closer to your digital idols with autonomous AR avatars
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/12/06/artie-aims-to-bring-you-closer-to-your-digital-idols-with-autonomous-ar-avatars/>
- NYT: These Influencers Aren't Flesh and Blood, Yet Millions Follow Them
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/17/business/media/miquela-virtual-influencer.html>
- WSJ: Japan's Digital Pop Stars Blur Line Between Virtual and Reality
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/japans-digital-pop-stars-blur-line-between-virtual-and-reality-11566313048>

LUNCH: 1:30pm – 2:30pm

SESSION 7: 2:30pm – 3:30pm:

Lecture: VR/AR & The Future of Storytelling

Recommended Readings:

- Engadget: The struggle to adapt storytelling for virtual reality
<https://www.engadget.com/2016/06/23/the-struggle-to-adapt-storytelling-for-virtual-reality/>
- CNET: The best VR I experienced all year had no tech at all
<http://www.cnet.com/news/the-best-vr-i-saw-all-year-wasnt-vr-at-all/>
- Recode: Is storytelling the key to VR's future?
<http://www.recode.net/2016/5/25/11772502/virtual-reality-storytelling-app-cirque-samsung>
- TED Talk: Chris Milk: The birth of virtual reality as an art form
https://www.ted.com/talks/chris_milk_the_birth_of_virtual_reality_as_an_art_form?language=en
- Techcrunch: Vrse CEO Chris Milk talks VR storytelling
https://techcrunch.com/2016/05/10/vrse-ceo-chris-milk-talks-vr-storytelling-and-the-road-to-virtual-realitys-citizen-kane/?ncid=mobilerecirc_recent
- Techcrunch: Why Minecraft predicts the future of collaborative work
<https://techcrunch.com/2016/08/01/why-minecraft-predicts-the-future-of-collaborative-work/>
- Bloomberg: Facebook's really big plans for virtual reality
<http://www.bloomberg.com/features/2016-facebook-virtual-reality/>
- NYT: Virtual Reality Gets Naughty
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/10/28/style/virtual-reality-porn.html?smprod=nytcore-ipad&smid=nytcore-ipad-share>
- The Guardian: VR could change human consciousness
<https://www.theguardian.com/technology/2015/oct/16/chris-milk-virtual-reality-future-questions>
- WSJ: The Future of Therapy: Becoming Someone Else in VR
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/the-future-of-therapy-becoming-someone-else-in-vr-1523888616>
- WSJ: Virtual Reality, Now With the Sense of Touch
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/virtual-reality-now-with-the-sense-of-touch-1522764377>
- Engadget: VR films aren't the future of storytelling

<https://www.engadget.com/2018/01/24/edward-saatchi-vr-interview/>

- Techcrunch: Maker of VR hit 'Rec Room' announces \$24M in funding
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/06/12/against-gravity-is-building-a-vr-world-that-wont-stop-growing/>
- CNN: Audiences experience 'Avatar' blues
<https://www.cnn.com/2010/SHOWBIZ/Movies/01/11/avatar.movie.blues/index.html>
- Inverse: 'Game of Thrones' Post-Series Blues Are Real, and Here's How to Beat Them
<https://www.inverse.com/article/55994-life-goes-on-after-game-of-thrones-i-promise>
- Engadget: 'Vader Immortal' is the Star Wars VR game I've been waiting for
<https://www.engadget.com/2019/05/22/vader-immortal-review-oculus-quest-vr/>
- CNET: Oculus Quest may have its first killer app with Beat Saber
<https://www.cnet.com/news/oculus-quest-may-have-its-first-killer-app-with-beat-saber/>
- Fortune: The Fall and Rise of VR: The Struggle to Make Virtual Reality Get Real
<https://fortune.com/longform/virtual-reality-struggle-hope-vr/>

SESSION 8: 3:45pm – 5:00pm

The Quest for the Next *Pokemon GO!* – An AR Game Startup Story: *Shopkins Shop n' Seek*
Speaker: Carlin West, Founder, Carlin West Agency; Former EVP, 4Kids! Entertainment

Recommended Readings:

- Toybook: Carlin West Agency, Blipd Launch Shopkins: Shop N' Seek App
<https://toybook.com/carlin-west-agency-blipd-launch-shopkins-shop-n-seek-app/>
- BrandChannel: Passing \$1B in Sales, Shopkins Eyes World Domination
<https://www.brandchannel.com/2017/06/05/shopkins-eyes-world-domination-060517/>
- Techcrunch: The Pokémon Go Influence on New Tech
<https://techcrunch.com/2016/08/13/the-pokemon-go-influence-on-new-tech/>
- NYT: Pokémon Go Brings Augmented Reality to a Mass Audience
http://www.nytimes.com/2016/07/12/technology/pokemon-go-brings-augmented-reality-to-a-mass-audience.html?_r=0
- Techcrunch: Hype check Pokémon Go says more about Pokémon than it does about AR
<https://techcrunch.com/2016/07/09/pokemon-go-ar-hype-check/>
- Techcrunch: Pokémon Go Has Now Crossed \$1 Billion in Revenue
<https://techcrunch.com/2017/02/01/report-pokemon-go-has-now-crossed-1-billion-in-revenue/>
- WSJ: A Year After 'Pokémon Go,' Where Are the Augmented-Reality Hits?
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/a-year-after-pokemon-go-where-are-the-augmented-reality-hits-1499284437>
- NYT: Pokémon Sleep Wants to Make Snoozing a Game Too
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/05/29/business/pokemon-sleep.html>
- VentureBeat: Pokémon Go creator Niantic raises \$190 million in a funding round it doesn't need
<https://venturebeat.com/2019/01/03/pokemon-go-creator-niantic-raises-190-million-in-a-funding-round-it-doesnt-need/>

Fri Aug 30th: 9am to 5pm
DAY 3

SESSION 9: 9:00am – 10:15am

Lecture: The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence, BMI's and the Disruption of Humanity

Recommended Readings:

- NPR: 'Like A God,' Google A.I. Beats Human Champ Of Complex Go Game
<http://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2017/05/23/529673475/like-a-god-google-a-i-beats-human-champ-of-notoriously-complex-go-game>
- The Atlantic: How the Enlightenment Ends
<https://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2018/06/henry-kissinger-ai-could-mean-the-end-of-human-history/559124/>
- DailyMail: Ray Kurzweil - Singularity Will Create Super Humans
<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/sciencetech/article-4319436/Singularity-create-super-humans-Google-expert-claims.html>
- Fortune: Elon Musk 'Artificial Intelligence Is the Greatest Risk We Face as a Civilization'
<http://fortune.com/2017/07/15/elon-musk-artificial-intelligence-2/>
- NatGeo: Meet Sophia, the Robot That Looks Almost Human
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/photography/proof/2018/05/sophia-robot-artificial-intelligence-science/>
- NYT: The Real Threat of Artificial Intelligence
<https://www.nytimes.com/2017/06/24/opinion/sunday/artificial-intelligence-economic-inequality.html?mcubz=3>
- TED: My daughter, my wife, our robot, and the quest for immortality
https://www.ted.com/talks/martine_rothblatt_my_daughter_my_wife_our_robot_and_the_quest_for_immortality/transcript?language=en
- NYT: Is Ethical A.I. Even Possible?
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/03/01/business/ethics-artificial-intelligence.html>
- NYT: Efforts to Acknowledge the Risks of New A.I. Technology
<https://www.nytimes.com/2018/10/22/business/efforts-to-acknowledge-the-risks-of-new-ai-technology.html>
- New Yorker: The Doomsday Invention. Will artificial intelligence bring us utopia or destruction?
<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2015/11/23/doomsday-invention-artificial-intelligence-nick-bostrom>
- NYT: Good for Google, Bad for America – Peter Thiel
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/08/01/opinion/peter-thiel-google.html#click=https://t.co/XdDvxUSG7a>
- WSJ: AI Pioneer Fei-Fei Li on Building Benevolent Machines
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/ai-pioneer-fei-fei-li-on-building-benevolent-machines-11552906800>
- Forbes: Superstar VC's Bet On American and Chinese Artificial Intelligence
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/richkarlgaard/2018/05/04/superstar-vcs-bet-on-american-and-chinese-artificial-intelligence/#79dd6595a251>

- VOX: Why an AI arms race with China would be bad for humanity
<https://www.vox.com/future-perfect/2019/8/10/20757495/peter-thiel-ai-arms-race-china>
- NatGeo: How Humans Are Shaping Our Own Evolution
<http://www.nationalgeographic.com/magazine/2017/04/evolution-genetics-medicine-brain-technology-cyborg/>
- NYT: The CRISPR Quandary
<https://www.nytimes.com/2015/11/15/magazine/the-crispr-quandary.html>

SESSION 10: 10:45am – 12:00pm

Brain Machine Implants, the Connectome and the Creation of the New Mind

Louis Kang, MIT Media Lab

Recommended Readings:

- NYT: With \$1 Billion From Microsoft, an A.I. Lab Wants to Mimic the Brain
<https://www.nytimes.com/2019/07/22/technology/open-ai-microsoft.html>
- Techcrunch: Facebook is exploring brain control for AR wearables
<https://techcrunch.com/2019/07/30/facebook-is-exploring-brain-control-for-ar-wearables/>
- WSJ: Elon Musk's Neuralink Shows Off Advances to Brain-Computer Interface
<https://www.wsj.com/articles/elon-musks-neuralink-advances-brain-computer-interface-11563334987>
- CB Insights: 21 Neurotech Startups To Watch: Brain-Machine Interfaces, Implantables
<https://www.cbinsights.com/research/neurotech-startups-to-watch/>
- Wired: Brain-Machine Interface Isn't Sci-Fi Anymore
<https://www.wired.com/story/brain-machine-interface-isnt-sci-fi-anymore/>
- Bloomberg: Elon Musk's Neuralink Gets \$27 Million to Build Brain Computers
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/articles/2017-08-25/elon-musk-s-neuralink-gets-27-million-to-build-brain-computers>
- Techcrunch: Thomas Reardon and CTRL-Labs are building an API for the brain
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/11/01/thomas-reardon-and-ctrl-labs-are-building-an-api-for-the-brain/>
- Medium: Stanford's "Virtual Human Agent" lecture
<https://medium.com/connectome-blog/couger-gives-lecture-on-virtual-human-agent-at-stanford-university-851e116d4a12>
- WaitButWhy: Neuralink and the Brain's Magical Future
<https://waitbutwhy.com/2017/04/neuralink.html>

LUNCH: 12pm – 1:30pm

SESSION 11: 1:30pm – 2:15pm

Investing in a Virtual Future

Peter Rojas, Partner, Betaworks; Co-Founder, Gizmodo, Engadget

SESSION 12: 2:30pm – 3:15pm

Lecture: Key Takeaways

FINAL PROJECTS: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

- Final Student Rapid Fire “Elevator Pitch Presentations”

ADDITIONAL READINGS

- Digi-Capital: AR/VR/XR startups raise record \$3.6 billion in last 12 months
<https://www.digi-capital.com/news/2018/04/ar-vr-startups-raise-record-3-6-billion-in-last-12-months-as-market-transition-accelerates/#.WsJJosaZNE4>
- Forbes: 5 Ways Apple AR Is Going To Change Everything
<https://www.forbes.com/sites/chariefink/2017/07/05/5-ways-apple-ar-is-going-to-change-everything/#38e068b03c08>
- Techcrunch: The Reality Ecosystem: What AR/VR/XR needs to go big
<https://techcrunch.com/2018/08/16/what-ar-vr-xr-needs-to-go-big/>
- VentureBeat: Mobile AR could hit \$60 billion by 2021 thanks to Apple and Facebook
<https://venturebeat.com/2017/06/06/how-apple-and-facebook-could-drive-mobile-ar-over-60-billion-by-2021/>
- Bloomberg: China’s Virtual Reality Market Will Be Worth \$8.5 Billion
<https://www.bloomberg.com/news/features/2016-05-15/china-s-virtual-reality-market-will-be-worth-8-5-billion-and-everyone-wants-a-piece>
- The Verge: Hollywood Is Quietly Using Ai To Help Decide Which Movies To Make
<https://www.theverge.com/2019/5/28/18637135/hollywood-ai-film-decision-script-analysis-data-machine-learning>
- The Verge: HBO launches ‘Recommended by Humans’ tool to help you escape algorithm nightmares
<https://www.theverge.com/2019/8/6/20757370/hbo-recommendation-algorithm-netflix-streaming-euphoria-game-of-thrones-succession>
- VICE: Virtual Reality Journalism Puts You Inside the Refugee Crisis
https://creators.vice.com/en_us/article/8qveaa/virtual-reality-journalism-puts-you-inside-the-refugee-crisis
- Wired: How *The NY Times* Is Sparking The VR Journalism Revolution
<https://www.wired.com/2015/04/virtual-reality-journalism-nyt-mag/>
- The Verge: CNN launches global VR journalism unit and new 360-degree mobile content
<https://www.theverge.com/2017/3/8/14852256/cnn-virtual-reality-vr-news-team>
- NYT: Can Video Games Fend Off Mental Decline?
<https://www.nytimes.com/2014/10/26/magazine/can-video-games-fend-off-mental-decline.html>
- WIRED: The Doctor Prescribes Video Games And Virtual Reality Rehab
<https://www.wired.com/story/prescription-video-games-and-vr-rehab/>
- Wired: The Art of Immersion: Why Do We Tell Stories?
<https://www.wired.com/2011/03/why-do-we-tell-stories/>

SCHEDULE OF READINGS & SLIDES

Course Readings are indicated in the session descriptions above and subject to change or amendments.
Lecture Slides are not distributed so please be sure to take whatever notes you feel are relevant.

GRADING

Class Participation: 50%

IMPORTANT NOTE – Please be advised that as this is a block week class, class participation requirements are taken very seriously and can materially impact student grades.

- Attendance is mandatory (email in advance if you are unable to attend class)
- Complete class readings, come prepared to engage with the class and speakers
- Students are expected to engage in classroom dialogues
- *Prepare smart, challenging questions for speakers*
- Keep all laptops, ipads, phones, etc. off during class and speakers
- Be on time and NEVER walk-in late in the middle of a guest speaker
- No food allowed while guest speakers are visiting
- Respect other students & speakers
- Visitors and non-enrolled students are not permitted to attend classes
- **“Cone of Silence”** Confidentiality is to be maintained by all students: guest speakers are encouraged to speak candidly and openly in “off the record” discussions with students and their dialogues with the class are to remain in confidence.

Group Presentation: 50%

Students will work in groups of 6 to 8 people, to present a final “Elevator Pitch” project during the last class accompanied by a brief 5 slide deck. The presentation by groups should be no longer than 5 minutes followed by 2 questions from the audience. Groups will work together, and be graded together, on the creation of an original VR/AR/AI or other disruptive tech/media product or business and present the business strategy and marketing plan.