# Blogging is Addictive! Social Media in Higher Education

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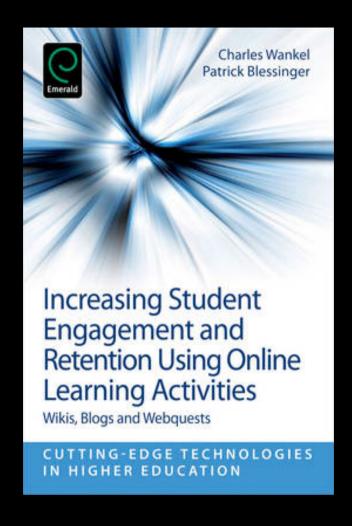
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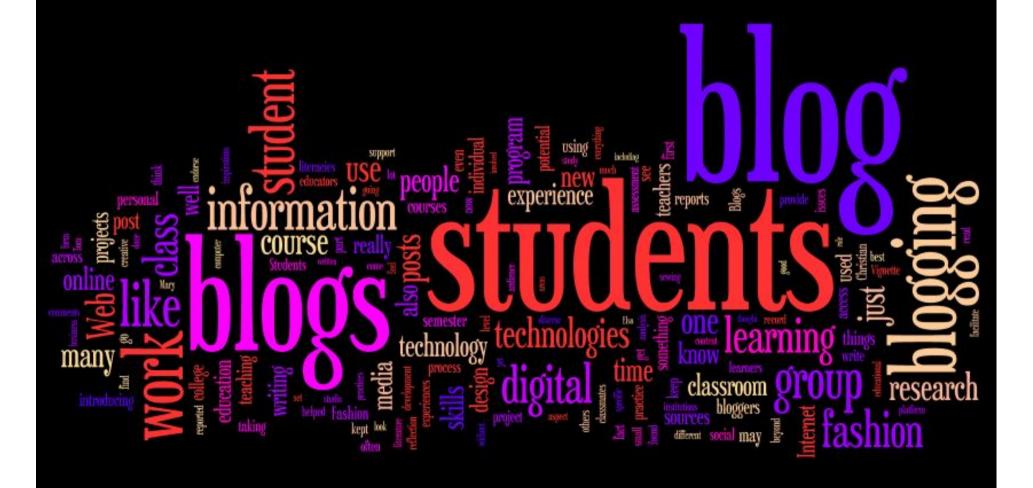
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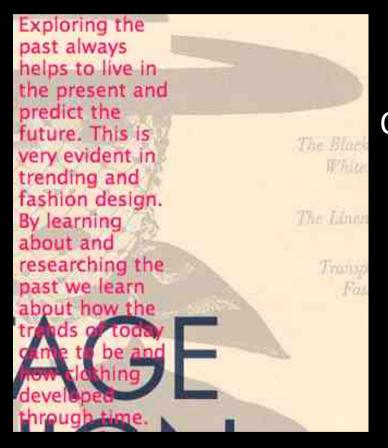


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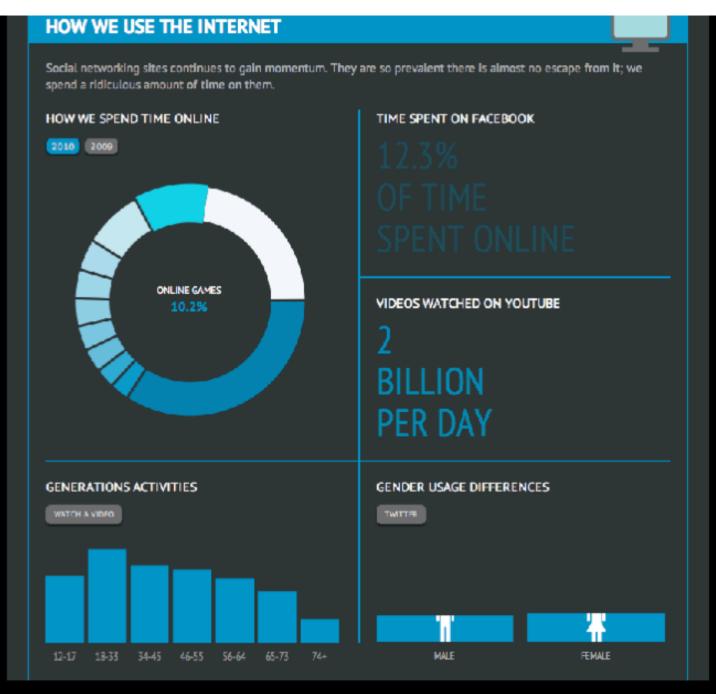
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## Why blog?



Public yet personal space New ways of teaching Offer students new voices & roles Foster constructivist learning Student-centred Develop literacies Encourage self-reflection Foster collaborations Allow for flexible learning Provide online portfolios



### Exemplars of good practice







Duke University
UMW
Cornell
Warwick
Hong Kong PolyU

I'm stuck for ideas



### Case Study

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#### **NEW** Curriculum

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Certificate Program in HistoricPreservation/Restoration (Interior Design)

Baccalaureate Degree in Music with Jazz Concentration



Network
Motivation
Independence
Subject knowledge
Visual awareness

Research
Evaluation & reflection
Writing styles
Digital literacies
Portfolio

#### Finding a Voice







Marios Schwab: Fashions of a new species

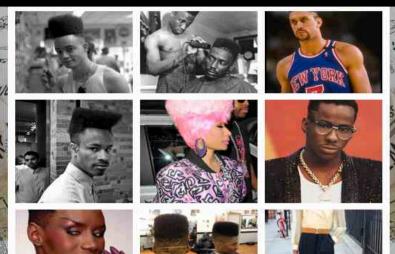
Marios Schwab present his take on Fall Winter for the Londoners yesterday which I thought was questionable. I personally didn't undertand the direction he was trying to go in with this season. From the review I read it said he was inspired by film legend Marlene Dietrich, and by aliens, and the clothes being a second skin if you will of the women.

I saw more of the alien part then the Dietrich aspect. Sure he had the cloche hats in the beginning, and a cloches hats here and there, and the gloves, and there was that coffee brown suit that looked somewhat Dietrich inspired, but it seems to me that he dropped the ball on this one. Or could he have been trying to be to literal. If that's the case, then I'm starting to get a better understanding of the direction he was going for.

With the alien portion of the collection I saw that aspect of the collection speaking more. The chiffon that was used, and the bead work, and the way the dresses seemed to stick to the girls all helped tell the story that Schwab was trying to write. Everything appeared very liquified, and it was very futuristic. Although it was costume it seems he focused more on wearability vs. wow factor. That doesn't mean that they feel flat in translation. Schwab was able to get his point across without trying to step outside the box.

Tell me what you think? You be the judge

http://www.style.com/fashionshows/complete/slideshow/F2012RTW-MSCHWAB?event=show2422&designer=design\_house1002&trend=&iphoto=0#slide=0



Fade is the the new black

Hey Followers, the next thing to top my liost as to how African Americans changed American Fashion is actually associated with being on top. It isn't a particular fashion although during its heyday it was the prevailing look among many African American men, some African American women, and even Peurrto Ricans. It was the geometric hairstyle known as the High top fade.

The sky rocketing haircut emerged in the latter part of the 1980's after the jheri curl had uncurled out of the of the scene as the new it hairdo. As I read on varoius websites, the high top fade started on the east coast, and it could be seen worn by black celebrities of the time such as Doug E. Fresh, and Bobby Brown, and even Kid and Play. As the High Top Fade grew in popularity it also grew to new heights as well. For some people, they lept it lower, and quite prim. While on the other hand you had those who were adopting fades the hairdo and it seemed to reach heights of over a foot.

In the mid 90's the high top fade had lost its height, haircuts became more subdued for African American men, but now as of late we have seen a resurgence of the icconic 80's hairstyle. With people proving that fashions never go out of style, they just simply recieve homage after a new generation comes through.

#### Bringing it all Together

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"WHEN THE BREATH WANDERS THE MIND ALSO IS UNSTEADY.
BUT WHEN THE BREATH IS CALMED THE MIND TOO WILL BE
STILL, AND THE YOGINI ACHIEVES LONG LIFE. THEREFORE
ONE SHOULD LEARN TO CONTROL THE BREATH."

#### Yoga Studio Design



-We like the idea of a more modern spaced out yoga studio based on the studio design tips in the previous post







#### Yogini Missior Statement

Our mission and goal is to provide our Yogini customers—with a wide selection of fashionable eco-chic yoga apparel and accessories within a upheat but comfortable atmosphere—where they will be given outstanding customer service and have additional training with our yoga classes. This will be achieved by our enthusiasm and commitment and love for fashion and yoga combined with our high standards of quality.

# Digital Journal









HERE'S A SNEAK PEAK OF THE EDITED PHOTOS FROM OUR FASHION SHOOT BY DONALD SCHWARTZ!

## An Ecosystem of Blogs

#### I'VE BEEN LACED UP TIGHT, NOW IT'S TIME FOR FLIGHT

EVEN THOUGH THIS SEMESTER IS ONLY HALF OVER, TALK OF OUR SENIOR FASHION SHOW HAS BEEN CIRCLING ROUND THE SWEATSHOP. IT SEEMS SO FAR AWAY STILL BUT NOW IS THE TIME TO PREPARE. SO FAR THE ONLY THING I KNOW I WANT TO INCLUDE IN MY COLLECTION ARE THE FOLLOWING: CORSETS, TULLE, CHIFFON, LACE, AND CRYSTALS. I THINK I WANT TO GO ALONG WITH A THEME OF FLIGHT SINCE ONE WE GRADUATE WE WILL HAVE TO BE THE LITTLE BIRDS LEAVING THE NEST TO CONQUER THE WORLD ON OUR OWN.





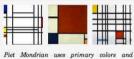


Piet Mondrian inspired fashion design



Thakoon Fall 2012

Thakoon Panichgul shows two examples of sleeve transformation going across the chest to change the shape of the design as well as colour blocking



Ptet Mondran uses primary colors and geometric shapes as modern art. For my "modern masterpiece" I have several designs showing rectangular shapes as well as using yellow black and white, previous posts have inspired my color palette being Bauhaus and up to date fashions.

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 $Piet\ Mondrian-\ A\ journey\ through\ modern\ art$ 

-inspires fashion and interior design

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Victoria Beckham Fall 2012/13

Victoria Beckham uses geometric colour



Vera Wang Fall 2012/13

Vera Wang also uses geometric cut out shapes to alter her design. She uses sheer fabrics to make these looks both playful and sexy

(Source: style.com)

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## I'm not really that into blogging...

So I haven't been able to get my photos up since my computer isn't allowing me and that my phone isn't sending them properly.

### **New Tricks**

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# Assignment briefs

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#### Better Off Red!

Posted by vinceashion in Art, Books, Colour, Education, Exhibitions, Fashion, Fashion designers, Film & TV, History of Fashion, Illustration, Magazines, Photography, Sewing

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Andy Warhol, Hero,
Jean-Paul Goude,
Maggie Cheung, Red,
Sewing, Valentino, YSL,
Zhang Yimou, Zhang
Ziyi



Exquisite beauties Maggie Cheung as Flying Snow & Zhang Ziyi as Moon duel in scarlet in Zhang Yimou's 2002 visually lavish film Hero to introduce our Sewing Techniques term project Better off Red!



#### Student Work



#### Fairytale fashions...

POSTED BY VMCFASHION IN COLOUR, EDUCATION, EMBROIDERY, EXHIBITIONS, FASHION

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At the end of last semester the **Couture** class visited the Burchfield Penney Gallery and then worked on a mini project to create **fairytale fashions**.

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Tags

Burchfield Penney,

Charles Burchfield,

Fairytale, Hillary Fayle



# Campus Life



#### Campus chic...

POSTED BY VMCFASHION IN EDUCATION, FASHION

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Tags



Welcome fashionable lovelles to Spring Semester 2012.

First in a series of campus chic snaps. Pop quiz- guess whose shoes!

# Crunchy numbers

4,329 films were submitted to the 2012 Cannes Film Festival. This blog had **18,000** views in 2012. If each view were a film, this blog would power 4 Film Festivals

In 2012, there were **119** new posts, growing the total archive of this blog to 122 posts. There were **693** pictures uploaded, taking up a total of 361 MB. That's about 2 pictures per day.

The busiest day of the year was June 26th with **161** views. The most popular post that day was **How does** your garden grow?.









# Where did they come from?



That's 118 countries in all!

Most visitors came from The United States. The United Kingdom & Australia were not far behind.

### Tips for Student Bloggers

#### How to blog:

Take a lot of photos
Draft posts & edit them
Use your phone to draft posts
Use a word-processing program for spell check
Make time & stay on top of it
Initial your posts in a group blog
Don't blog when you're angry

#### Visual design:

Keep it organised

Make your blog look appealing

If you have click-through links make that obvious

#### Content:

Use detailed photos and videos
Show the process of your work
Find your niche to differentiate your blog
Be critical but not offensive
Check sources to ensure legitimate information
Be yourself, it's a lot easier when you're not trying to censor yourself

# Thank You & Happy Blogging

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