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# ENGR110/210

## Perspectives in Assistive Technology



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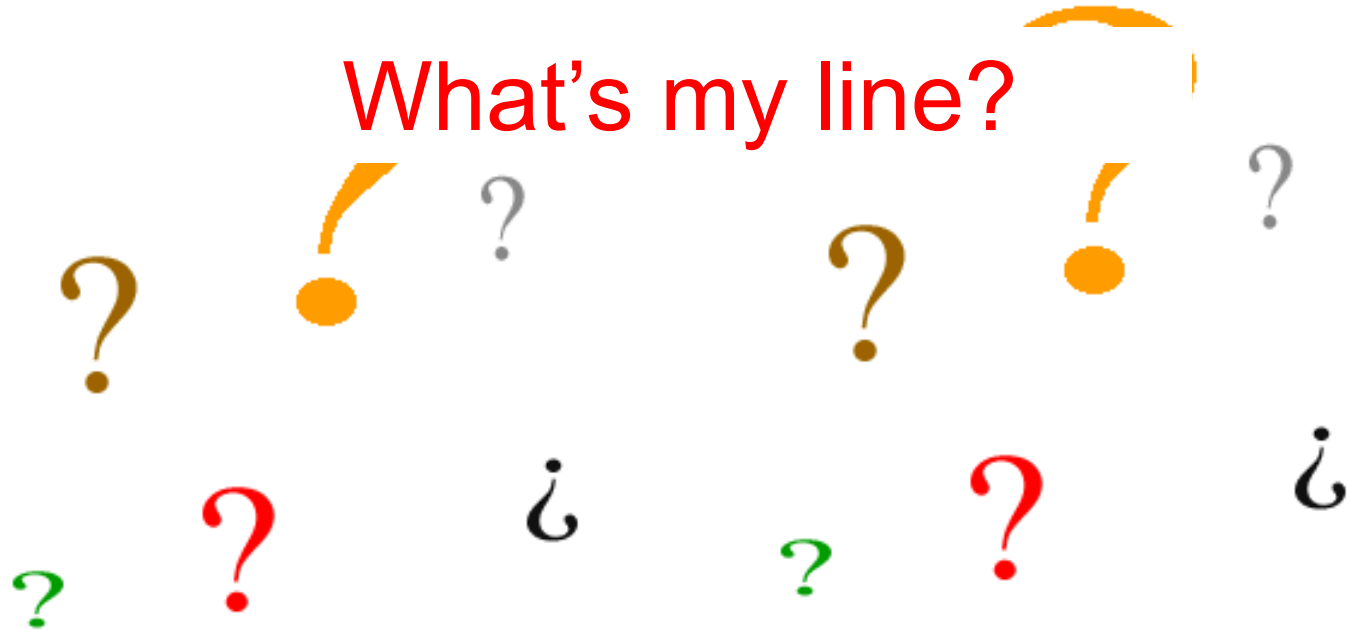


John Thiemer

# Questions?



What's my line?



# Announcement by Ben Strong



**VIA – Stanford Programs Director**

[2012 Exploring Social Innovation \(ESI\) Projects](#)

# Exploring Social Innovation

- **2-week program on social innovation (Mar 18-30)**
- **Social entrepreneurs in Stanford, Silicon Valley, and San Francisco**
- **25-30 Japanese participants**
- **Organized by VIA staff and student team (Stanford, Berkeley, & Japan)**



Social Innovation: *new ideas and solutions to improve lives*



## Program Goals:

- **E**xplore social innovation
- **D**esign solutions
- **T**ake action in

# 2 Project Types

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## **Partner-driven:**

*work in a small group on an issue presented by one of our partner organizations*

### Specifications:

Project must adhere to the stated mission of the partner organization

Must work together in a group of 3-4

Must respond to input and feedback of partner organization and advisors

## **Student-Initiated:**

*propose a project you want to work on and form a small group to help you develop this.*

### Specifications:

Project must have a clearly defined Vision , Mission–.Plan for Leadership and Sustainability

Must appeal to the interests of other students in the program

- Submit project proposal for review
- Recruit a team of 3-4 students

# 2012 ESI Partners

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**(two teams):**

***Project focus:***

**On operational aspects of the school, such as recruitment and fund-raising**



**(two teams):**

***Project focus:***

**1) to get more users on PIRIKA site. 2) encourage ongoing use of PIRIKA. 3) to change the negative perception of cleaning up trash.**



**(two teams):**

***Project focus:***

**To generate ideas for solutions to difficulties people with disabilities are facing everyday (see Wingle handout for more details).**

***... Create an impact beyond the 2 weeks***

# Timeline

- Jan - Feb** Field research on partner organizations
- Mar 18-24** Week 1 (in San Francisco)
- Mar 25** Design-thinking Bootcamp (at Stanford)
- Mar 28** Creating accessibility in the Workplace
- Mar 29** Teams Present Project Ideas (at Stanford)



# Team Mid-term Reports

- **Cover page** - include course name & year, project title, team name, team member's names, and **team member's photos**
- **Abstract** - one paragraph summary of objectives, approach taken, and results of the project so far
- **Introduction** - problem / need to be addressed, problem / need background
- **Objectives** - project goals and rationale
- **Design criteria** - background research, interviews with project suggestors and potential users, design specifications, brainstormed design alternatives (at least 3)
- **Methods** - what did your team do and why - include any sketching, prototyping, model building, preliminary testing, analyses of design alternatives

# Team Mid-term Reports

- **Results** - discuss specifics of your design alternatives such as features, benefits, aesthetics, cost, safety, reliability, usability, test results, feedback from users, etc.
- **Discussion** - include engineering challenges and suggestions to further develop and fabricate a chosen design
- **Timetable** - provide a timetable of tasks for the remainder of the quarter
- **References** - bibliographic citations and websites visited
- **Acknowledgements** - mention all individuals and facilities who helped you
- **Appendices** - detailed sketches, calculations, testing notes, relevant vendor information, etc. that are referenced in the main body of the report

# Team Mid-term Presentations

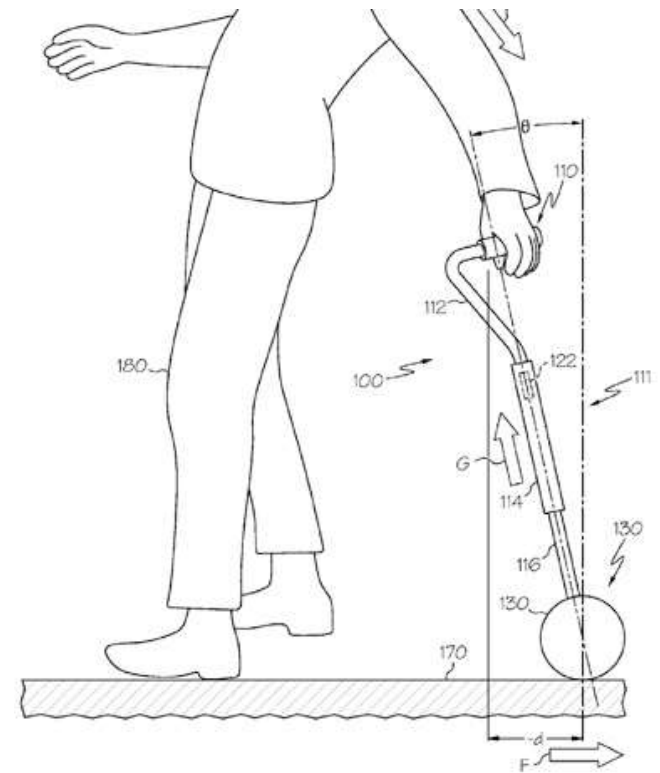
- Grade includes:
  - Quality of presentation
  - Process employed
  - Project visualizations
- Mid-term report due Monday, Feb 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in Dave's office
- See: <http://enr110.stanford.edu/assignment1.html>

# All Projects

- Updates
  - Continue to send updates, including photos
  - Report on Room 36 experiences
- Problems?

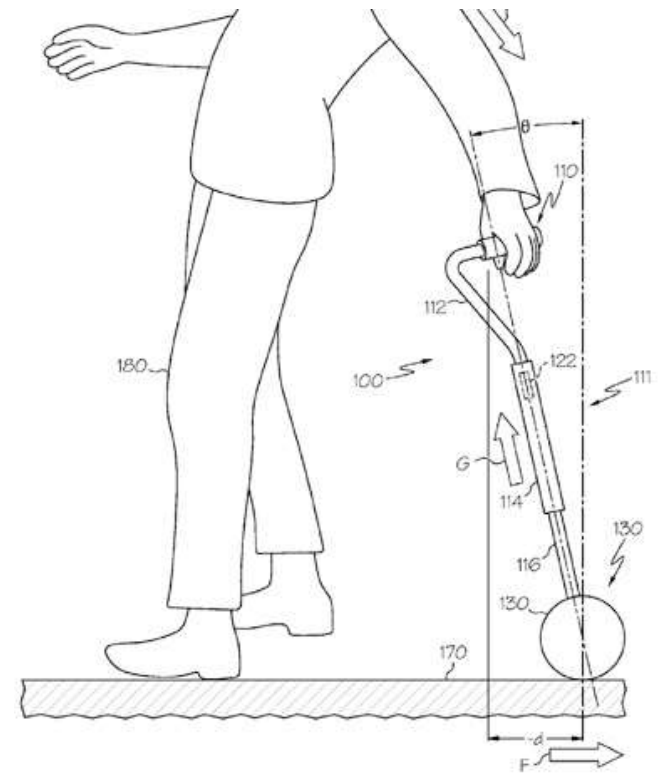
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Toyota and IIT have invented a robotic walking stick that offers users a way to right themselves when they begin to fall



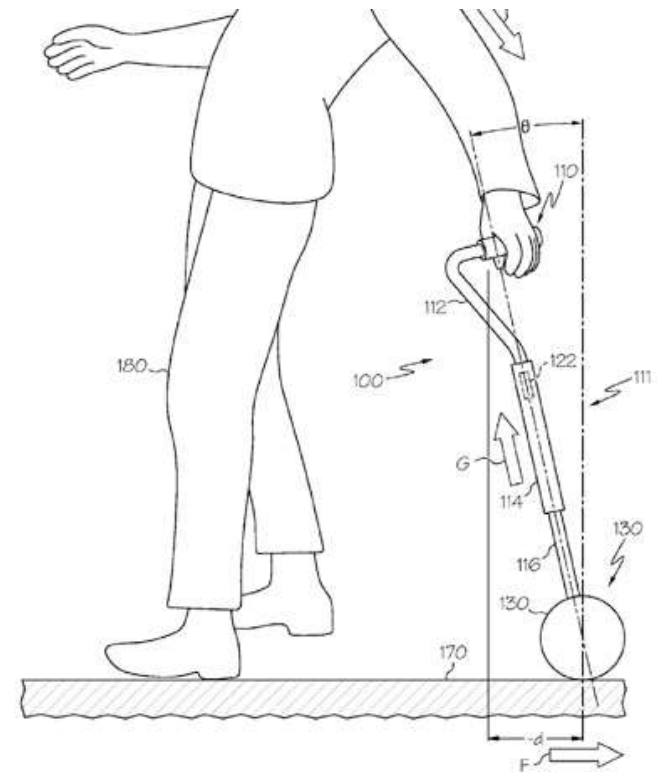
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The device consists of a bidirectional, chunky rubber wheel that is driven by motors at the foot of a stick that is packed with balance-sensing accelerometers.



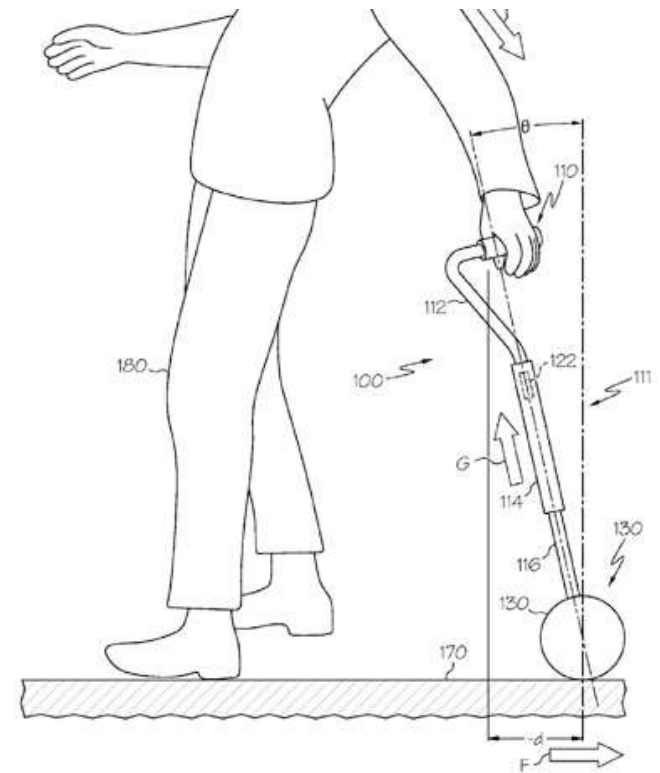
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The hand grip has a force sensor with which the user controls the strength of the wheels forward motion or backspin.



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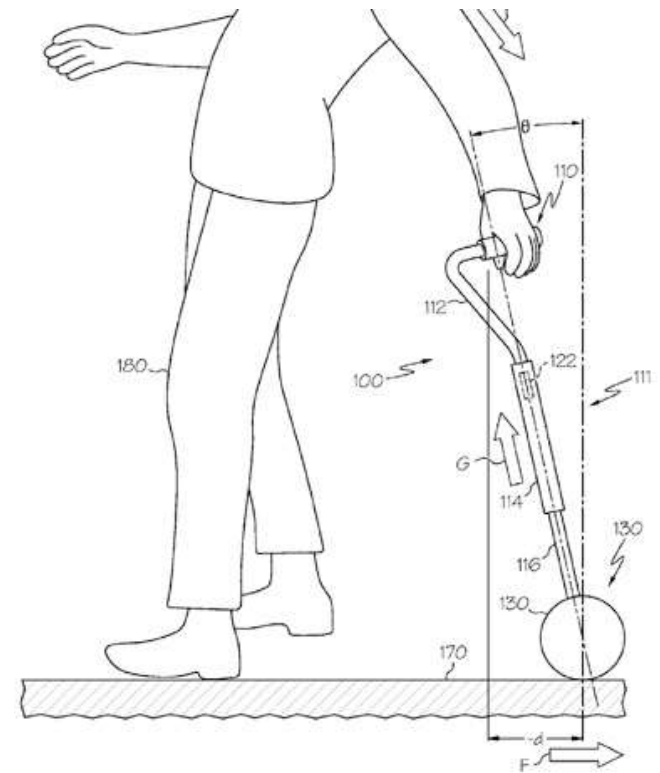
If the user starts to fall forwards, gripping the handle causes the wheel to slowly-but-strongly push back on the user's arm, hopefully righting them.





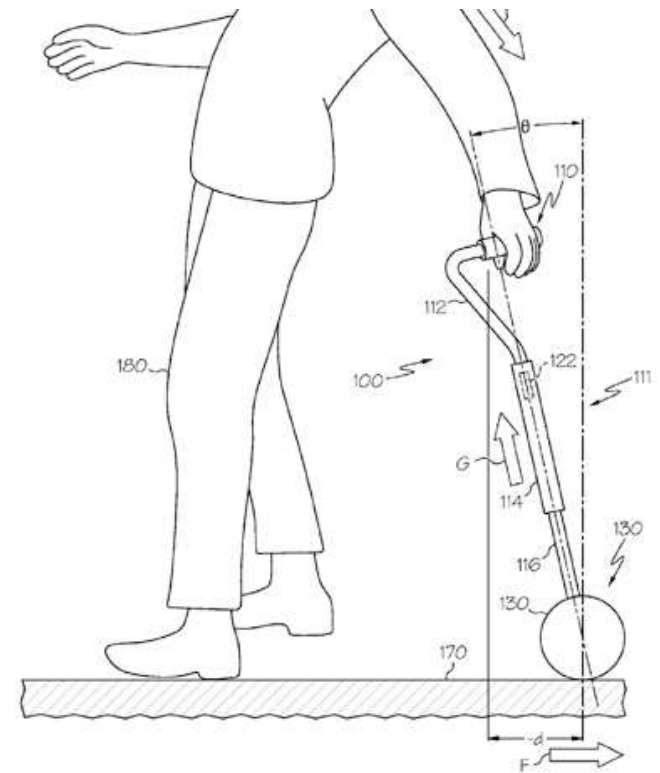
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If they start to fall backwards, the multi-axis accelerometers sense the direction needed to push them back upright.



# Robotic Walking Stick

Comment on the design, its potential usefulness, the user populations that may benefit, and chances for commercial success.



# Tuesday



Nancy Frishberg, PhD

*MSB Associates*

**What's up with the Telephone?**

# Today



Annuska Perkins

*Microsoft*

**Designing Inclusive User Experiences**

# Short Break

