

COURSE ANNOUNCEMENT:

Technology and the Young

ATLS 4519/5519 CSCI 4830/7000

Professor: Mike Eisenberg

Time/Place: MWF 2-2:50, ENVD 234



This course is an exploration of what it means to design innovative technological artifacts for children and teenagers. Rather than focus exclusively on a narrow topic such as “classroom computing”, we instead take a broader and more inclusive view. We will survey foundational writing about the evolution and history of childhood, and about the nature and growth of technology. In the latter portion of the course we will look not only at present-day technology, but also at various (sometimes controversial) emerging technologies and how they might impact the lives of young people. The intent of the course is to provoke creative, unorthodox thinking about what kinds of children’s technology we can design—and perhaps more importantly, *why* we would want to design it.

This course is open to both undergraduate students (ATLS 4519/CSCI 4830) and graduate students (ATLS 5519/CSCI 7000).