Ceramics 412, 417, 665 - Calendar – Fall 2011

(Aug. 18 (Thur))
Introductions, syllabus review and studio tour
Clay exercises: Clay stamp-making – create some clay tools

(Aug. 23 (Tue))
Lecture: Basic Ceramic Materials & Processes
Demo: Pinch and trapped air forms, clay tools

(Aug. 25 (Thur))
Demo: Cutting lids in closed forms and decorative techniques with underglaze and slip
Slide Lecture: Historical Pottery and Coil Pots

(Aug. 30 (Tue))
Demo: Coil building Techniques
* Throwing 101: Wedging, centering, pulling and shaping

(Sept. 1 (Thur))
Demo: Greenware surface techniques
* Throwing 101: Wedging, centering, pulling and shaping

(Sept. 6 (Tue))
Lecture: Small Environments and Slab Construction
Demo: Making a clay slab and soft slab techniques
* Trimming Thrown forms

(Sept. 8 (Thur))
Demo-leather-hard slab construction

(Sept. 13 (Tue) and Sept. 15 (Thur))
Demo: Bisque Surface Techniques
* Throwing 101: Collaring and handles

(Sept. 20 (Tue))
Lecture: Glazing 101
Glaze a piece for raku

(Sept. 22 (Thur))
*Demo and Slide Lecture: Heads in Clay

(Sept. 27 (Tue))
Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

(Sept. 29 (Thur), Oct. 4 (Tue), and Oct. 6 (Thur))
Work on: Glazing for Midterm
*Throwing pitchers and teapots

(Oct. 11 (Tue))
Midterm: Individual discussion with instructor
Bring: See Midterm handout for complete list

(Oct. 13 (Thur) and Oct. 18 (Tue))
*Slide Lecture: Object with a Twist Project
*Advanced glazing techniques

(Oct. 20 (Thur), Oct. 25 (Tue), and Oct. 27 (Thur))
*Slide Lecture: Ceramic Relief Pieces
*Demo: Relief methods
* Demo-Glaze Mixing

(Oct. 22 (Tue))
Demo: Kiln loading

(Oct. 24 (Thur))
No Class – Thanksgiving Holiday

(Oct. 27 (Tue))
LAST DAY OF WET CLAY – finish all projects

(Dec. 1 (Thur))
LAST BISQUE FIRINGS guaranteed for finals

(Dec. 6 (Tue))
Finish all glazing
LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE guaranteed for finals
LAST GLAZE RAKU and Cone 10

(Dec. 8 (Thur))
LAST LOW/ CONE 5 GLAZE
*Raku firings: Pieces must be glazed the class before

(Dec. 13 (Tue))
Classroom clean-up

(Dec. 15 (Thu)) see finals schedule for time
Final – Group “Show and Tell” of pieces
Bring: Something to share for a potluck.

Extra Credit- Ceramics Annual of America-Fort Mason Center-San Francisco
Show Friday and Saturday (10-8pm) and Sunday (10-6pm)
Instructor lead tour- Saturday 1 pm meet at the front