

Andy Pressman: started **Rumors** six or seven years ago with two partners, who left

- 2 person shop
- Lives in Portland, clients in NY, employee and freelancers in NY—remote!

Research/strategy? Depends on scale...

-Talk to company and users

-starts with text—writing → information architecture

-explains the problem to himself first, steps back from what company presents to him

1) Book cover: research is the book itself, precedence is not necessary—contained within the book itself

2) Interface → broader audience?

HOW THE SPECIFIC THING IS USED, rather than how others like it look

Sees a lot of similarities between physical and digital

- As small shop, don't just do one (business decision—specialist, prescriptive...)
- Approach them similarly: interchangeability/continuity throughout all interactive design
- Structural integrity of webpage ~ book
 - “reader” of webpage
 - “user” of book”
- Both have a “moment of encounter” and also a “moment of encounter over time”

LANGUAGE ORIENTED

- How does text work? How is information presented?
- TYPOGRAPHIC STRUCTURES ON THE SCREEN—LANGUAGE RATHER THAN GRAPHIC FOCUS

Canadian Center for Architecture—bilateral?? Between web and physical space

- Show: how is information translated into data, and how is data translated into object?
 - → how can digital experience be incorporated into exhibit
- Website as a part of (not ancillary to) the exhibition—SIMULTANEOUS
 - Exhibition space is not solitary (like a book is)
 - Makes the presence of each visitor known to others, even if not physically together
 - → ERASED BOUNDARY BETWEEN PHYSICAL AND DIGITAL SPACES
 - Flatten the distance between two spaces → continuous loop

Design is not empty vessel, but also not invisible vessel (Crystal Goblet: mere container for information)

- **Poetic of design: design both frames information, but also has its own presence—balance! (also interesting to think of language-based design)**
 - Design not as expressive/distracting
 - Rather offers something in reading, space for interpretation
 - DESIGN HAS AMBIGUITY OF PLACE
 - USER IS SITUATED BETWEEN MEANING AND DESIGN, MIND HAS TO CONSIDER