Psychology 330: Sensation and Perception  
Summer 2015  

Short paper #2  

Due: 1:00 pm Wednesday June 3rd by email to rabrams@wustl.edu  

Write a one page critical description of an online demonstration that demonstrates or purports to demonstrate a principle or phenomenon related to perception that we have discussed in class. It is acceptable to use a demonstration even if it is given a name other than the one that we have used.  

Be sure to include the following in your description:  

- The URL (that’s the web address) of the demonstration. Include enough information so that I will be able to reach the page that has the demonstration.  
- Brief description of the demonstration (i.e., “What is it?”)  
- Description of the perception or phenomenon that is being demonstrated (i.e., “What does it look/sound/feel like?”)  
- Summary of the explanation provided about the demonstration (i.e., “Why do they say it happens?”)  
- Analyze the demonstration in one or more of the following ways:  
  - Mention some feature of the demonstration or explanation that is especially good--something about it that makes it an effective demonstration.  
  - Mention some feature of the demonstration that is bad--either incorrect or inadequate. Discuss why this is a problem and how it might be fixed.  
  - Discuss why the explanation is either inadequate, incomplete or misleading.  

NOTE: The score for a late paper will be reduced by 10% of the value of the assignment for each day (or portion of a day) late.