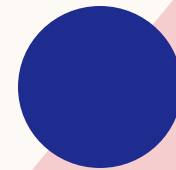


PRECISIONISM

City Tech Fall 2024
Art of the United States

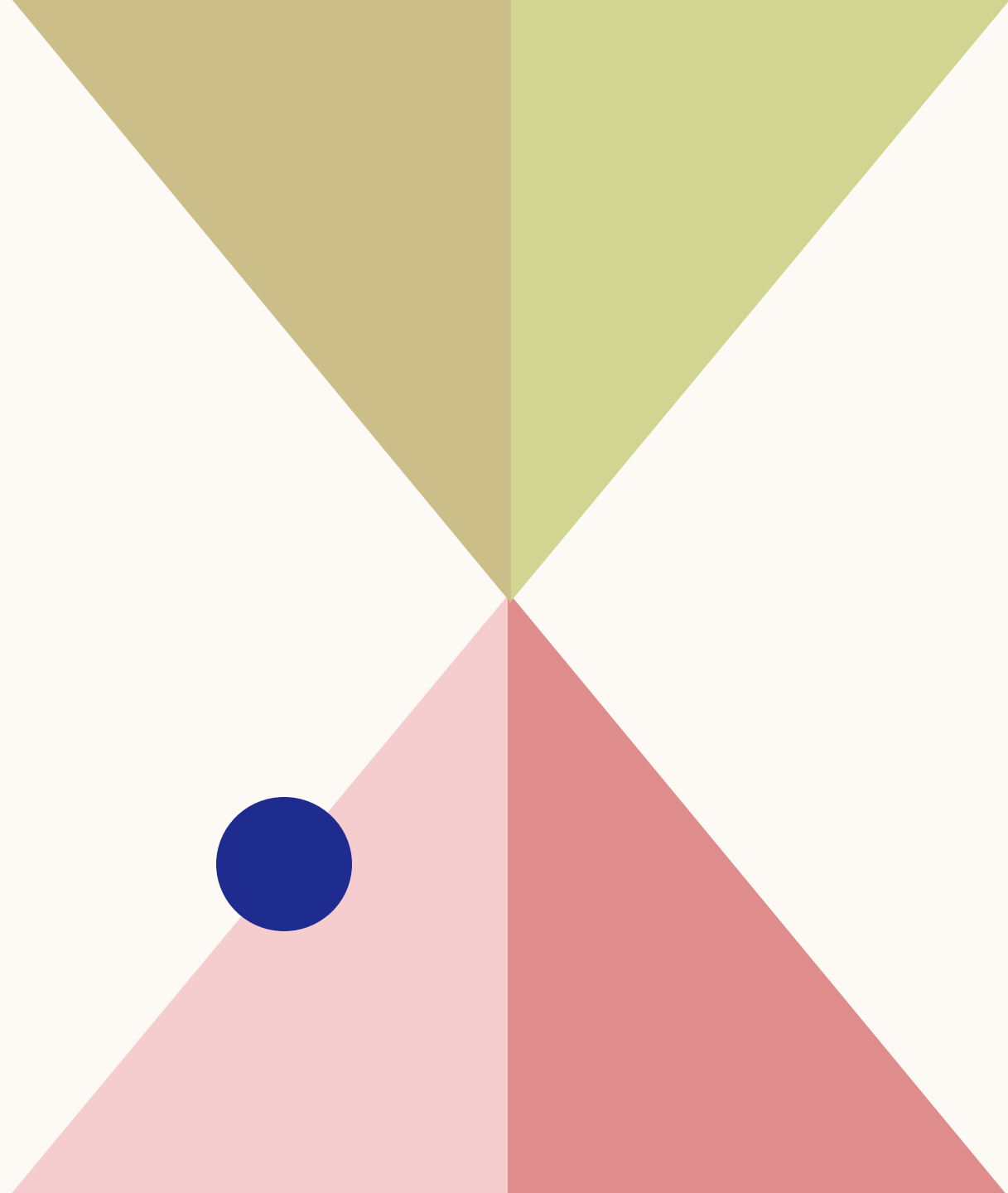
CHARACTERISTICS OF PRECISIONISM

- Applied from the 1930s to painting
- Sharply defined, geometric forms, flat planes
- the precision of line and form is important
- Analogous to European Purism and Futurism, which reflects the machine, but employs Americans themes
- Post WWI artists of Precisionism chose subject matter that glorified modern technology



Precisionism offered a reduced, formal aesthetic of clarity, geometry and order:

- An idealized world where absolute order could be
- Devoid of figures





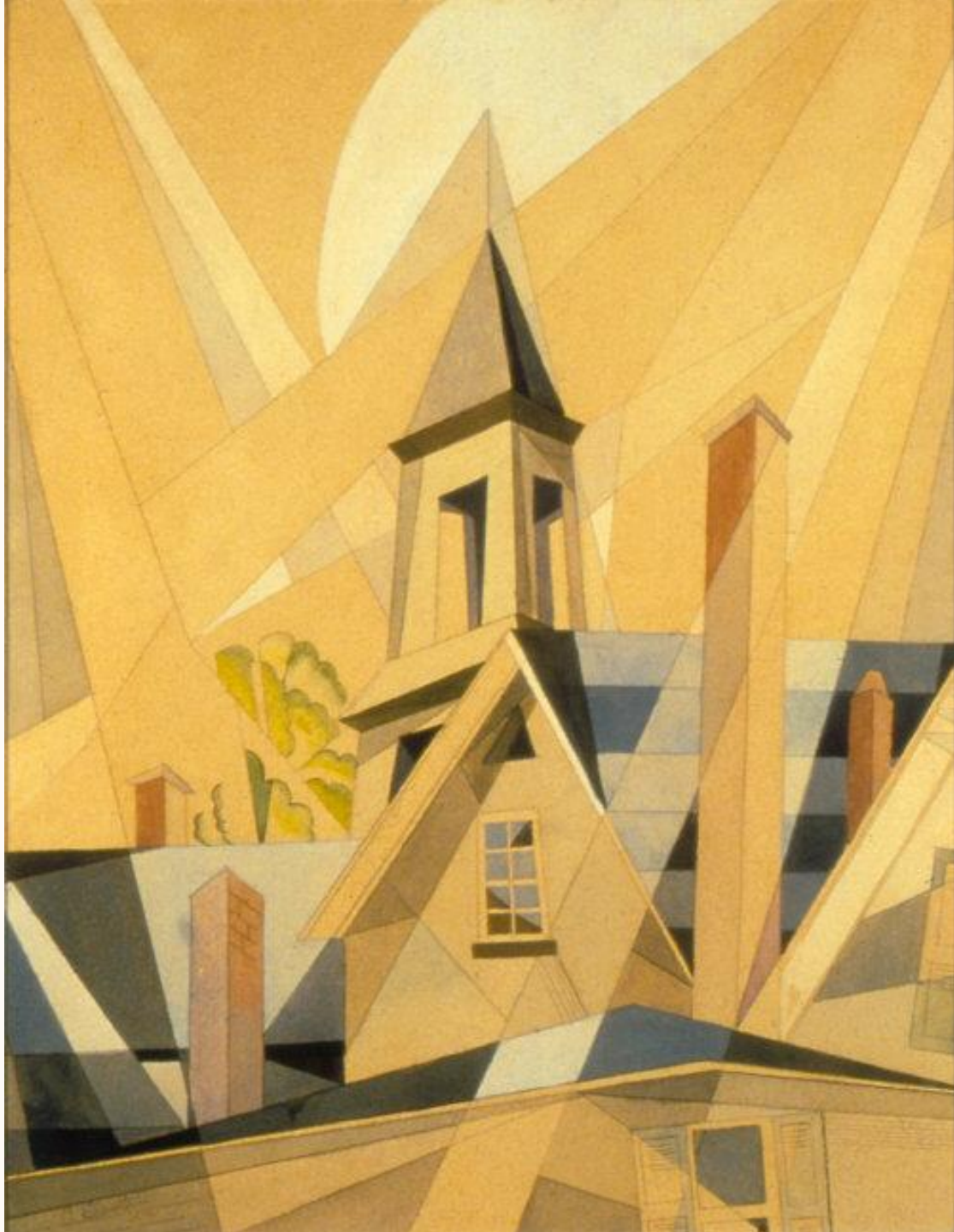
**BASED ON
CUBISM?**



Georgia O'Keefe,
*White Flower on
Red Earth*, 1943



Georgia O'Keeffe, *A Street*, 1926



Charles Demuth,
Church in Provincetown
No. 2, 1919



I Saw the Figure 5 in Gold was inspired by the poem, "The Great Figure," written by Demuth's friend, William Carlos Williams

**Among the rain
and lights
I saw the figure 5
in gold
on a red
firetruck
moving
tense
unheeded
to gong clangs
siren howls
and wheels rumbling
through the dark city.**

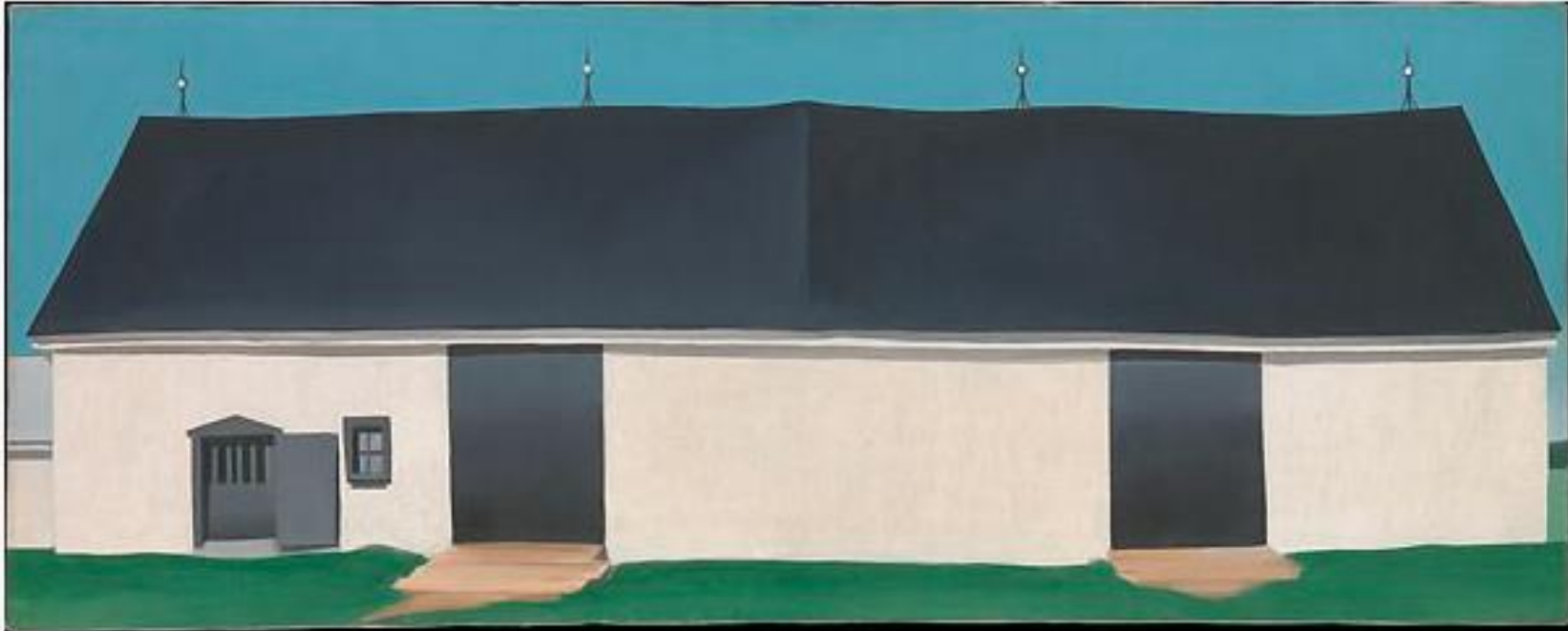


Charles Demuth, *I
Saw the Figure 5 in
Gold*, 1928





GEORGIA O' KEEFFE, *WHITE CANADIAN BARN II*, 1932





Paul Strand, *From the El*, 1915



Charles Sheeler, *Doylestown House – The Stove*, 1917

HOW TO FIND SCHOLARLY SOURCES?

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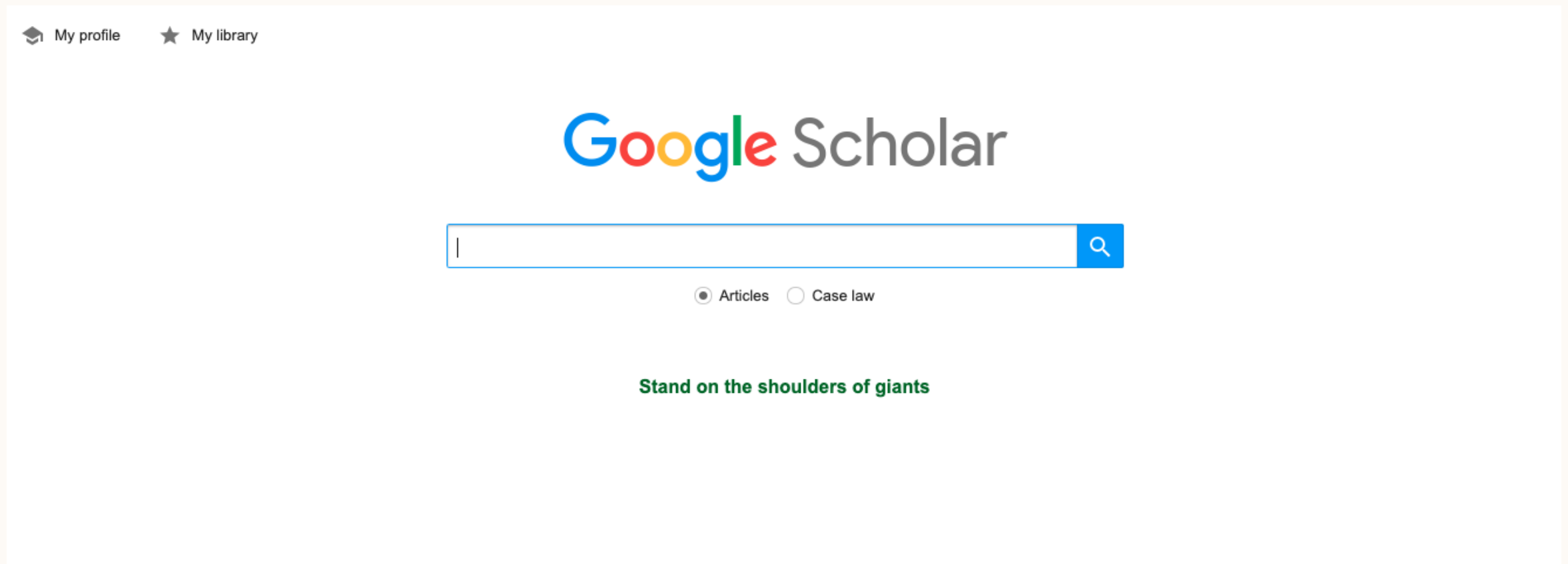
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- Announcements
- Syllabus
- Zoom link for class sessions
- Weekly Readings
- Assignments
- Class Lecture Powerpoints
- Bibliography for Course
- City Tech Library
- Tools

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GROUP DISCUSSIONS: FINAL PRESENTATION TOPICS

REMINDERS

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