

Your Research Journal must be a two columned journal, and you must make entries every time you do any research work carried out for this course and your project. I have included a model below that should help you get started. These journals must be maintained throughout the semester, and they will be included in our in-class peer collaboration, so don't write anything that you don't want others knowing. You may maintain your journal in either a hardcopy or electronic copy, but if you keep the journal electronically, you must bring a printout to class on February 24th for in-class discussion, and you must submit a hardcopy or printout at the end of the term. The minimum materials to include for each entry are:

1. Date, time, location
2. Activity
3. Clear notes regarding the activity and your experience of it

<p>Sun Jan 10 2010 1400-1600 Library</p> <p>1700 Starbuck's</p>	<p>Read Geertz's "Local Knowledge: Fact and Law in Comparative Perspective" today. It's a required reading for anthropology of law. Geertz's general approach as an anthropologist is interpretive or hermeneutic, and in this article he sets out to examine the idea of a distinction between "fact" and "law" and the effect of this distinction on people in a given society. We discussed the distinction briefly in class on the first day; it's a fundamental element of the American legal system, that is we can think of it as an influential cultural construction that has significance for law in an objective sense as well as in an analytical sense. [More description for myself of Geertz article: purpose, questions, information/data, conclusions]</p> <p>After leaving the library, I met with my research partner and we discussed our next steps over a cup of coffee at the Starbuck's on 13th St & 16th Ave. We looked ahead at the assignments list, and made some decisions about how to divide the labor for the assignments and final project. First thing we decided is to continue on our own for the bibliographic work; and we are going to split the work on the mapping and proxemics. We will both be in the field site and will be alert to both assignments, but I will be responsible for the mapping and she will do the proxemics. We'll meet up early in the week their due and compare, agree the final forms. We also decided it might be best to try to get information at the same time regarding social organization and start thinking about how to chart the social relations and social structure(s) we observe and want to document to include in our research.</p>
<p>Tues Jan 12 2010 1700-2200 Library</p>	<p>Read for Anthropology of Law today, mostly from the required readings for tomorrow's class meeting.</p> <p>Re: Moore: she discusses the intellectual inheritance in the West, i.e. from Greeks (Plato, Aristotle) thru the Middle Ages and to some contemporary scholarship. She sees linkages in the types of thinking and analytical categories that are used to conduct research and think about information/evidence/data... [more analysis for myself on Moore's Part I]</p> <p>Re: Donovan: he basically is writing an introduction to the field of "legal anthropology" [More notes to self regarding Donovan's Intro and chaps 1,2]</p>
<p>Fri Jan 15 2010 1300-1430 [Field site]</p>	<p>Met with the personnel manager of the Company I'm researching. Gave her the introduction letter, she will read and sign and I'll pick it up next week. She gave me tentative permission to interview employees, but she has some additional questions</p>

and concerns that she wants to discuss with me and my research partner after she reviews the letter and our Précis (which she asked for a copy of). She also requested that any employees we interview be accompanied either by her or her administrative assistant. She is very worried that our approach is unfair to the Company and believes that the way we have constructed the research and are asking questions is biased and presents the Company in a bad light. She said that if she feels we conduct our research inappropriately, she will end the Company's participation and get in touch with catey and the Chair of the Anthropology Department.

We might need to rethink our approach and the way we have designed our project, and look for issues of bias and perspective that we did not consider, or did not consider thoroughly enough. We should also speak with catey about this, and see if he has any ideas for us.