**GEOG 360: HUMAN GEOGRAPHY**

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**Data Collection Exercise 3 (DE3):** In- and Out-of-place in Public Spaces

Approach the person(s) politely and ask if they are willing to answer a few questions for you for your class project on the way people use different areas of campus. Tell them that you will ask some information about them, but their answers will remain confidential and they may decline to answer any individual question. Try to make the interview as conversational as possible.

Write up a script for yourself for approaching people. Hand in your script, interview questions, and transcription of answers to them in one file.

Interview guide: (should take about 10 minutes)

The following questions should be used as guides for designing your questions.

1. Tell me about why you decided to use this space to …[enter information on what you observed them doing]. For example: Why did you decide to use this location to have your lunch? …to hand out flyers? …to practice juggling?
2. What is good about this location for …[enter information on what they are doing]?
3. What do you like about being in this location? What kind of feelings or emotions do you associate with using this space?
4. What do you dislike about being in this location?
5. Excluding classrooms, what is your favorite place to spend your time on campus and why?
6. Do you think there are locations on campus which promote participation in democratic processes or campus citizenship (for example, participation in activities that allow campus members to give voice to their concerns)?
   1. If so, which locations are used for this purpose?
   2. How do you think they support the practice of democracy or citizenship?
7. Design & ask a question similar to question 6 about public spaces on campus that are good for commerce (economic practice), spectacle (cultural practice) or sociability (interacting with others).
8. Design a question about how technology may be changing how people use public spaces on campus.