What types of questions do you have about the structure and function of neighborhoods?
What forms of analysis do you see as being useful to your own work?
What types of analytic approaches do you see as being useful to your own work

The structure of neighborhoods is something that interests me because it is something that varies so widely depending on where the neighborhood is. For example, in Chicago my neighborhood is pretty well defined by school boundaries, some political boundaries, and geographical boundaries. Other neighborhoods don't always have such clear definitions. Most of the time, neighborhoods don't have political representation, because of that I think it can be difficult to push for social reform and other desired changes on that level. I do however, find neighborhood analysis to be one of the more important forms of analysis within a city.

Growing up in Chicago, I always understood the vast differences between each neighborhood within the city. Of course, Chicago is one of the most segregated cities, but the logic still stands for other cities. The neighborhood level is where the most can be learned and understood about each group of people. Analysis on any other level generalizes the characteristics of the people. These generalizations can be useful for some analyses, but these generalizations can harm a group of people when their perceptions of the city are ignored. This is what I hope to illuminate in my analysis of women's experience in the city in my final project.

History listens to the most dominant group or peoples. This is the same for the city, cities listen to the most dominant group or peoples. Cities don't listen to minority groups very often, but analysis at the neighborhood level can help at separating minority voices from majority voices in public discourse. This is why I want to dissect women's views of the city into their own category, because they are often ignored by the city. In the society I live in, and in most societies, women cannot be geographically separated from men. This is where the neighborhood level of analysis I wish to complete cannot be based on a geographical characteristic. My analysis must be based on shared traits and experiences. I will be looking at the neighborhood of women.

In my own work I think I will find it useful to combine quantitative and qualitative methods of analysis. I want to illustrate the opinions of people who live in a space rather than just the factorized characteristics of a place and people.