Matthew Vollkommer Ethnographic Project Outline

1. Topic: UGatheists: Secular Student Alliance
2. Location: SLC 253
3. Interview Subject: I will interview a student member. Other people I will try to target during the ethnographic project follow:
   1. Advisory Board:
   2. Board of Directors:
   3. Staff
   4. Student Members
   5. Faculty Members
   6. Student Leaders
   7. Faculty leaders
   8. Who appears to be in charge or a leader amongst the members
   9. Anyone who gives a speech
4. Questions:
   1. What do you consider yourself (i.e. ignostic, agnostic, atheist, etc.)?
   2. Where you raised in a religious environment?
      1. If yes… Why did you leave?
      2. Do you miss anything about your old religion? (i.e. culture, holidays, people, tradition)
   3. Why did you join the group?
   4. Do you have any rituals? Even any playful ones?(bricolage)
   5. Do you observe any religious holidays observed by society? (i.e. Christmas)
   6. Who would you consider your group’s founders(i.e. common ancestor, founding fathers, Tylor)
   7. What symbolism is used throughout your organization and why? (Geertz)
   8. What is the history behind this organization (Assad)?
   9. What do you believe is fundamental to a secular life? (Weber)
   10. “God is society writ large.” –Durkheim. Do you agree with this quote?
       1. Are you still a religious group in the sense of communal organization, just with one less god than monotheists?
       2. What does religion mean to you?
   11. Is it possible to be an ethical atheist?
   12. What determines your moral code?
       1. Is this established by the group?
       2. Are there common books, magazines or blogs read by members?
   13. Any comments you would like to make as a follow to this interview?