**Working with Fieldnotes: Exercise I**

**Assignment:**

Today we are going to practice working in our field journals. For this exercise, I would like you to pick a location on campus that you can go to for the next 30 minutes and write. Once you have a location identified in your head, write it down here.

Location: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Now, without giving it much thought, please pick two of the following issues:

* Economics
* Politics
* Colonialism and conquest
* Natural environment
* Preservation and sustainability
* Culture
* Sports
* Or any other issues you might think of related to your work.

Write your issues here:

Issues: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Now that you have a location and a set of issues, please go to your location and take 30 minutes to write in your journal or on the back of this page. Please begin by *describing* the space you find yourself in. Then, write about your *interpretation* ofthe place you’re at through the lens of the two issues you picked. Finally, take a few minutes to *evaluate* your thoughts by reflecting about your opinion of the things you’ve seen/heard/felt over the last 30 minutes.

**Reflection:**

In small groups, share your writings by reading them out loud.

Finally discuss the following questions:

* What did you find challenging?
* What did you find enlightening?
* What did you learn?
* What would you do different next time?

Description:

Interpretation:

Evaluation: