NEW IDEAS AND NEW ADVENTURES

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Over the past week, the Original Work process continued, and at the end of my last interview, Dr. Rose Jones, the Director of Evaluation at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science agreed to be my mentor through the rest of the year in ISM. At the interview, after hearing the Original Work plan that was prepared, Dr. Jones explained that there would not be sufficient time before the due date to complete an ethnographic research survey like the one detailed in the Original Work proposal. She suggested that instead, joining her in a research project studying Perot Museum visitors would provide more opportunities to learn about different methods of anthropological survey and processes used by anthropologists to carry out research. This Original Work idea allows more gathering of knowledge about the field of anthropology as a whole rather than researching rates and patterns of homelessness only. The work done previously for Original Work should transfer to the new project well, as it has consisted of research about anthropological methods of data collection and synthesis only. This week was productive, as it resulted in a more realistic Original Work idea and a mentor. Looking forward, the new Original Work plan is exciting to me, as is working with Dr. Jones at Perot.