

UNIV 298 – “Place and Perseverance”

Response Paper: **How do neighborhoods affect me?**

Due: Friday, February 5 (prior to beginning of class)

Instructions:

Write a 2 page (double spaced) essay that describes the neighborhood(s) you grew up in and how it might have influenced who you are today. Consider the following questions:

- What was your neighborhood like?
 - Describe this however you see fit. You can discuss:
 - Racial or ethnic demographics
 - Socioeconomic characteristics
 - Rural, urban, suburban etc.
 - Businesses or resources
 - Physical or environmental characteristics
- Describe human interactions
 - Do you feel people get along in your neighborhood?
 - Were there any communal spaces or other popular public spaces?
- In what ways do you think who you are today can be attributed to the type of neighborhood you grew up in?
 - What specific factors or neighborhood characteristics do you think might have had an impact on your life?
 - Were these impacts positive or negative?
- Based on people you’ve met through SURF or other students at CI, how do you think your neighborhood experience differs from other students?
- Is there a certain type of neighborhood you aspire to live in? Why or why not?
 - What factors might influence your future neighborhood preferences?