Blog/Field Notes (Week of 11/9/2020)

No one showed up. That was to be expected. During my shift, my co-lead and I discussed our plans for the final project. We were considering doing our final project together. I am certain we will be working on our projects individually. The presentations this week helped me reach this conclusion. I am nervous for my presentation, but I am relived seeing my peers’ presentation. Their presentations were formal yet casual. I enjoyed hearing their service experiences because COVID-19 has impacted everyone differently. It is insightful to see outside of my bubble and into the lives of my classmates/friends.

Regarding my presentation, I will use my research paper to guide the information I provide. In addition, I want to talk about my experience as an out-of-state student and how this has impacted my service at Eastside Community Action Center. I am not well-acquainted with the Lansing area in comparison to in-state students. I would like to get to know my home for the next few years, but the pandemic has put this on hold. My fellow out-of-state and even in-state peers can relate to this. I believe this has a profound impact of my understanding of educational equity outside of what I know. This allows me to draw connections between the Chicagoland area and Lansing. I am aware of the patterns of inequity on a larger scale. For my professional and humanitarian interests as an activist, journalist, and future lawyer (hopefully), this is essential.

Outside of UGS 101, I have been struggling to stay motivated. I have so much to do and cannot bring myself to do it. I have a MC 201 and 101 paper. My PHL 101 class has ended. I will have no additional readings or assignments for the semester. Nevertheless, I must complete my final and article summaries. I have been struggling with an allergic reaction on my face fo the past two months. That is why I do not turn on my camera for class. It is getting better (I went to the doctor). Anyways, I cannot believe UGS 101 ends next week. It is crazy to me! Nine whole weeks!! I have learned so much from my awesome peers and professors. The speakers have been equally as wonderful. I have built so many friends and connections from HC Impact and this seminar course. It has inspired me to pursue research opportunities with my professors. In fact, I want to learn more about public health, the environment, and educational inequity. I feel welcomed in the Honors College and at MSU overall. I cannot wait to be in-person and meet my friends/professors!