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# Journal Entry: Week of Monday, February 2, 2015

## 1. Practiced Areas

This week I practiced research and writing through working on the State of Black Houston Now. I also applied organization and management of legal work. Two other areas I practiced this week were my oral and written communication skills.

## 2. Principal Activities

My charge was to work on the SOBHN Demographics Update. The main task was to make sure that the information was cited correctly while locating the proper sources and updating substantive information in the article. Verifying the sources was the most complex of the activities. However, I utilize my legal researching skills to find what I needed. The Bluebook and previous SOBHN issues were also of value because they helped me to cite to sources that are not commonly cited.

## 3. Experience Reflection

My best achievement was finishing a project within about 8 hours of working for ECI. This is an achievement because the expectation was that the project would take me at least a few days; however, I jumped in and completed the task before the deadline that I gave myself. I would have finished my task sooner if I had brought my Bluebook with me, but I left it so I had come back another day to clean up citations which prolonged my completion time. In the future, when starting a task I would like to make sure that I have all of the basic resources I know that I will need and be sure to bring them.

# Journal Entry: Week of Monday, February 9, 2015

## 1. Practiced Areas

This week focused on research and writing again. Oral and written communication was also essential to my project, State of Black Houston Now. Organization and time management of my work were also essential to completing my task.

I have also started to work on my thesis statement which will be due on June 21, 2014. This required me use my judgment and analytical skills. Though I have not began crafting my thesis statement, the preliminary work like organization and topic are in progress.

## 2. Principal Activities

Principal activities this week included researching the Wealth Update for the State of Black Houston Now. The project is fairly the same as the Demographics Update. The challenge is to verify data, while reviewing and correcting data.

Another activity was to begin on my thesis statement. This means that I needed find an interesting topic—one which is worth discussing and which would have an impact on how we perceive the world. I started with organizing interesting ideas and conversations that I have had with people to determine a possible trending topic.

## 3. Experience Reflection

Though I have not completed my preliminary stages for my thesis statement and might change my mind by June 21st, the SOBHN has ignited my thought on Black Houston’s wealth and education disparities that promulgate modern segregation. This achievement excites me because I would like to improve on the idea of reducing these issues in the black community and, eventually, eviscerating these issues from all minority communities. I can improve on this idea by finding statistics that support this idea and effectively making the connection between wealth and education and “modern-day segregation”

The State of Black Houston, but also Black America, alarms me. While are statistics are improving, I wonder what are the causes of the health, wealth, education, and demographic disparities. Obviously race breakdowns show that is an issue amongst culture, but I ponder on the attributing characteristics that not only cause the disparate impact, but the immense gap of the impact. This relates to the mission of ECI since this directly correlates to the State of Black Houston and since these disparate impacts lead people of these communities to commit more crimes or are more susceptible to accusations of crimes which they did not commit because of some partially, factually-based stereotypes.

# Journal Entry: Week of Monday, February 16, 2015

## 1. Practiced Areas

I’m still working on research and writing for the State of Black Houston Now. Organization, oral and written communication, and legal citation skills have been crucial to the completion of my assignments.

## 2. Principal Activities

My principal activity has been reviewing, researching, and editing the State of Black Houston Now information. I worked on and completed the Wealth Update, and now, I am working on the Housing Update.

## 3. Experience Reflection

The greatest achievement was finding data through Bureau for the wealth update which we could not find previously. This was my best achievement because the data was in an obscure place on the Census Bureau’s website. I learned a few new ways to refine my search on the Census Bureau Fact Finder so in the future I would use these new techniques to help me find information faster.

In researching the occupations for Black Houston MSA, I was surprised to find that the many black Americans have permeated the “white collar” industries but yet still hold a great deal of “blue collar” jobs like transportation services, production, food preparation. In the latter fields make up only 2 of the 7 sectors created by the Census Bureau and make up almost 40% of the Black workforce while the management, business, science, and arts occupants make up about 30% of the Black Houston MSA workforce. This surprised me greatly!

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