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A Day in the Life: Practical Strategies for Understanding Student Space-Use Practices

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Getting ready to present A Day in the Life ethnographic work w/ @julezig @mauraweb @DonnaLanclos @bfister #ADITL #LAC16



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Donna Lanclos
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Check out #ADITL #LAC16 for latest anthro-stylings of @aasher @julezig @mauraweb @bfister and me among others



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We're talking about 8 universities comparing experiences of students use of spaces. #ADITL #lac16



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Used 8 institutions across US. Diff sizes, settings, populations. #ADITL #lac16



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A day in the life. Multi-institutional mapping project to find commonality across student social activities. Cool. #LAC16



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looked at larger maps of students' day, not just libraries. How does the library fit into student daily tasks. #ADITL #lac16

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This was our attempt to start doing explicitly comparative work, not just single-site library ethnography #lac16 twitter.com/julezig/status...

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asked students to reflect on their maps. Had both qualitative and quantitative data (@DonnaLanclos favorite). #ADITL #lac16

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Joshua Ethan Sanchez
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SMS messages used to collect data on student's space usage...data results in a "day map" of student's journey across (and off) campus #lac16

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Michelle Brannen
@jrdobbs13

Interesting idea - explore students activities using maps and taskscapes rather than asking how they use the library....hmm... #lac16

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Student demographics (urban commuter, suburban commuter and residential) biggest commonality #LAC16

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We knew this was a thing in part because of our cognitive mapping work:
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Not a whole lot of variation with what activities students are doing, but how these activists structure a student's day #LAC16

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variation not in type of student activities: work, commuting, studying. differences are in how activities are structured. #ADITL #lac16

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Residence halls are task hubs (study locations) instead of library #LAC16

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There was an intense sense for me that students had their lives structured for them, not a lot of choice #lac16 [twitter.com/acarbery/statu...](https://twitter.com/acarbery/status...)

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this is true for some students, for sure #lac16 [twitter.com/acarbery/statu...](https://twitter.com/acarbery/status...)

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studying preference depends on location of home/res hall, commute, need for parking, roommates. #ADITL #lac16

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The angst of parking loomed large in decisions #UNCCharlotte students made about when to go to campus & for how long #lac16

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urban commutes attend colleges far from where they live and often have incomes below 20k. #ADITL #lac16

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There is a similar study I conducted with the ERIAL project in the recent #uxlibs book edited by @andytraining @mattjborg #aditl #lac16

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more than one of us! Cites work of @aasher and others too #lac16 twitter.com/UVicAnthro/sta

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urban commuters cited distractions from family & lack of space as reasons for not studying at home. #lac16 #ADITL

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This session about day in life is fascinating. The urban commuter is sounding VERY familiar to my college experience. #lac16

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Tobi Hines
@hinesofthetimes

"Urban students are often tired and stressed." And have unique space needs/challenges! Interesting talk #lac16

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Sanc **Joshua Ethan Sanchez**
@SanchJoshua

I like the approach used in #ADITL better than most learning analytics methods I've seen... seems to capture the "context" better... #lac16

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Urban commuters seek those quiet study spaces in your library. They have family distractions in their homes #lac16

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urban commuters love library carrels since it is a space of one's own they don't have at home. #lac16 #ADITL

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Mari **Marissa Mourer**
@MarissaMourer

"A carrel of one's own" Students cited their appreciation for having a space in the lib that they could call their own. #lac16

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Urban students make best use of commute time but limits on what can be done: reading, reviewing notes. #lac16 #ADITL

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Students aren't just students. They are whole people - with kids or other family obligations. This matters/impacts their use. #lac16

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NB these are students with access to public transportation--students who have to drive can't read, etc. #ADITL #LAC16 twitter.com/julezig/status...

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what are we doing to support the student holistically? Spaces/services/etc. #ADITL #lac16

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What are we doing to support the whole person in the library? Great question #lac16

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Jennifer Nutefall
@SCULibrarian

The day in the life session was fascinating. What interesting research and results/recommendations #lac16

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Excellent @aasher @mauraweb @bfister @julezig thanks for presenting our work! #lac16
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lots of questions about specifics of the study. used SMS to collect responses, follow up interviews, some demographic data #ADITL #lac16

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question on have we shared this info w/ teaching faculty to adjust assignments to fit students' lives. #ADITL #lac16

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Maura Smale
@mauraweb

Super grateful to @julezig for livetweeting our #ADITL presentation at #LAC16.

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