

CULTURE AND THE CITY

Anthropology 3500

Fall 2018

Assignment #2: Seeing the City

Note that this assignment has two parts: an in-class oral presentation piece and a written piece, both due on October 9.

1. Think about places you frequent or have visited in Denver. Take a photograph of one place that that you consider to be an example of good urbanism. It is important that you take the photo; don't download it from the web. The photo itself should convey the qualities of good urbanism you want to highlight. Think about this and choose your place carefully. Compose your photograph carefully!
2. Write up a 2-3 page discussion of (a) why you chose this place over the infinite number of other places in the city that are available to you, and (b) what are the physical and social qualities of the place that make it an example of good urbanism? You should start by defining what "good urbanism" means to you. Be sure to append your image to your essay.
3. **Email me your digital photograph by Sunday, October 7. I will compile all the images into a slide show for class on Tuesday, October 9.** When your image appears you will have 2-3 minutes to explain what you like about the place you've photographed and what urban design and planning have to do with producing the condition or experience that you admire. Relevant reading is Jane Jacobs, "Downtown is for People", plus any other readings that you think are relevant. Be explicit in citing your sources.
4. **Your 2-3 page written essay is due the day of the slide show, Tuesday October 9.**

Format: Typed, double-spaced, 1 inch margins, 12 point font, with pages numbered.