

# Ethnographies of Work

## Stories of Work

### Sample Interview Protocol

When conducting your interview, use the following *semi-structured* interview protocol as a starting point for your questioning. This means that you should feel free to reorder the questions, ask follow-up questions, and add questions as you see fit. HOWEVER, make sure that you get data relating to the 14 questions below at a minimum.

#### REMINDERS

1. Make sure that the person you are interviewing signs the consent form posted on ePortfolio prior to the start of your interview. You **MUST** give your professor the original, signed consent form.
2. Make sure to record audio of your complete interview.
3. After the interview, upload your audio to soundcloud. Follow the instructions posted on ePortfolio to upload and submit your work.

#### INTERVIEW PROTOCOL

1. What is your occupation?
2. What do you do at your job? I would appreciate as much detail as possible.
  - a. [You may need to ask follow-up questions to get good details]
3. Please describe the physical environment where you work.
4. Please tell me a story about one memorable moment from your job.
5. In what ways, if any, do you find fulfillment in your work?
6. Please describe a challenging experience that you had at work,
7. In what ways, if any, have you been able to grow at your job?
8. How did you get your job?
9. What is your dream job?
  - a. [Follow-up]: How does your current job relate to your dream job?
10. Please describe the relationships that you have with other people at your job.
11. How does your job shape your personal life outside of work?
12. In what ways, if any, has your personal identity shaped the way that your coworkers interact with you?
13. What advice would you give someone who wants to work in this kind of job?

14. Please tell me about any other aspects of your work life that you think are important for people to know.