Ethnographic Discovery Through Material Objects
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How could one learn about culture through material objects? Usually one thinks about social groups and relationship among individuals when one thinks about ethnography, the systematic study of human cultures. In this poster presentation, students in Ethnographic Methods show how objects reflect culture in ethnographic sites as diverse as jazz clubs, coffee shops, tea houses, meditation centers, botanical gardens, and rehabilitation hospitals. Students demonstrate how social relationships are created through material things in smoking cigars, learning sign language, taking night walks, hearing conversion stories, heeding how family is conceptualized among drag performers, and attending to intergenerational identity among Asian-Americans.

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