

URBAN PHOTO DIARY: Shared City

L ARCH 362A/598E/ Cityscape & City Design/ Winter 2013/ Hou/ Assignment 1

The diaries present a way to listen to the stories and lives of neighborhood residents and see the tangible elements that create the rhythms and souls of the community. They remarry residents to the landscapes they inhabit.

Walter Hood, from *Urban Diaries* (1997)

This course will begin with your own observation of the city, the everyday experience, and both the tangible and intangible aspects of our urban environment. We will experience the city with all of our senses to uncover the social, spatial, and/or ecological phenomena and processes that constitute the everyday urban environment. This year we will focus our attention on the phenomenon and practice of “**City Sharing**”—focusing on how urbanites and visitors co-inhabit city spaces, how real and perceived boundaries can be challenged and blurred, and how city spaces can be repurposed to serve a broader and more diverse population. For this assignment:

- 1. Take** 4-8 digital photographs as a group of 2-3 individuals that document an example of “City Sharing” in Seattle. You are free to broadly interpret what “City Sharing” means and come up with your own observations.
- 2. Write** a brief 250-300-word statement that articulates your group’s observations and provides information about the site or activities, including location, time of observation and other pertinent information. Include a catchy title in your statement and captions for your images.
- 3. Assemble** your work (statement and images) into a PDF file.
- 4. Submit** your PDF file along with original images (in JPEG) to the **Collect-It drop box** (use the link on the course website).
- 5. Post** your work on the project blog (more details to follow).

DUE: 5PM, THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2013

See more examples on the course website and past blogs –

<http://microseattle.wordpress.com>

<http://aggregateurbanism.blogspot.com>

<http://adhocurbanism.blogspot.com>

<http://www.flickr.com/groups/fluidurbanism/>