Advice to a Future Student

My advice to a future student interested in my inquiry would be to keep an open mind and really challenge themselves with the questions they ask and the spaces they choose to study. The beauty of my inquiry is the tremendous number of possibilities and directions that can be taken. While the extent of my work focused only on a few grocery stores in this area, a space study of Korean Americans at UIUC can be as specific in nature or as broad as desired. A student who liked my study could expand on the work that I have already done by interviewing store owners as well as the differing demographics of Koreans including first, 1.5, and second generation Korean Americans, while others who are interested in other spaces could go ahead and come up with their own spaces to study. Korean churches at UIUC or Korean organizations like KSA are excellent choices for a space study but exploration of topics like Korean pop culture and Korean fashion are also possible with this approach. One interested in fashion can use the dorms as well as Red Hair, an Asian hair salon on 6th Street, as social spaces to ground their research. The possibilities are seemingly endless.