Goals and General Plan (Version 11/17/05)
MSCOPE
2005 Autumn Quarter

All but one program meeting is scheduled for Friday afternoons, 1:30-4:30 PM. On campus we will start our meetings in KPTC 213. We hope to move into our working room (RI-151) by the end of October. Check for changes or updates at: http://mps.uchicago.edu

Goals for the 1st Quarter
• Introduction to museum practices and the basics of informal science education
• Introduction to partner museums and visit one other Chicago museum
• Complete short project in interpretation – label writing for SciTech
• Complete short project in observing museum visitor behavior – evaluation for MSI
• Participate in several topical discussions about museums and informal science learning
• Develop and present proposal for big projects

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Week</th>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Location/Time</th>
<th>Main Agenda Items</th>
</tr>
</thead>
</table>
| 1    | Friday: 09/30 | KPTC 213 1:30-3:30 PM | >Opening Meeting at U of C  
>Introduction to Program, Participants and Partners  
>Hot topic for museums: ID  
>Preconceptions in Science Education |
| 2    | Saturday: 10/08 | SciTech Hands-On Science Museum Aurora, Illinois 10 AM – 3 PM | >Orientation visit to SciTech  
>Scope out interpretive labeling opportunities |
| 3    | Friday: 10/14 | Museum of Science and Industry 1:00 PM – 4:30 PM | >Orientation visit to MSI  
>Tour some exhibits, get Ids and also start a first observation project |
| 4    | Friday: 10/21 | KPTC 213 1:30 – 4:30 PM | >Debby Mir: Interpretation as a Concept  
>First Draft Labels Discussed  
>Evaluation Assignments |
| 5    | Friday: 10/28 | RI-151 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | >Introduction to GeoWall  
>Museum Issues Discussion: Shapiro, How do we Judge Exhibit Success?  
>Prototype Interpretive Labels Due  
>Discuss MSI observation assignment |
| 6    | Friday: 11/04 | MSI – Founders Room 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | >Exhibit Evaluation (Todd Geiske, MSI)  
>Review Evaluation Projects (Carina Eizmendi, SciTech) |
| 7    | Wednesday 11/09 | Spertus Museum South Michigan Ave. 5:15 – 8:00PM | >Visit Spertus Museum (Sunday for others)  
>Discussion with Morrie Fred |
| 8    | Friday: 11/18 | MSI 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM | >Evaluation and Label Projects—Progress Review  
>Museum Issues Discussion: Weiss, Social Context for Science Meaning Making in Museum Space  
>Introduction to Project Opportunities at MSI (Shannon Forsythe)  
>Discussion of Museum Annual Reports and Spertus Visit  
>Big Project Assignment Presented (Sweitzer) |
| 9    | Friday: 11/25 | Thanksgiving Week -- No Meeting |
| 10   | Saturday: 12/03 | SciTech 10 AM – 3:00 PM | >Presentations of Term Projects  
>Final, evaluated labels  
>Evaluation project results presented  
>Brainstorm Big Project Ideas |