

Goals and General Plan (Version 10/28/05)

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

Week	Date	Location/Time	Main Agenda Items
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, <i>How do we Judge Exhibit Success?</i> >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 >Big Picture: Sweitzer, Practical Issues in Science Museums Program Development
7	Wednesday 11/09	Spertus Museum South Michigan Ave. 5:15 – 8:00PM	>Visit Spertus Museum (Sunday for others) >Discussion with Morrie Fred >Final labels due on 11th
8	Friday 11/18	MSI 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM	>Evaluation Projects Due -- Discussion > Museum Issues Discussion: Weiss, <i>Social Context for Science Meaning Making in Museum Space</i> >Introduction to Demonstrations (MSI) >Big Project Assignment Presented
9	Friday 11/25		Thanksgiving Week -- No Meeting
10	Saturday 12/03	SciTech 10 AM – 2:30 PM	>Presentations of Term Projects Final, evaluated labels Evaluation project >Brainstorm Big Project Ideas