Hi,

This fall, Mac Geography is putting together a mixed media project called COMPASS. COMPASS is a way to bring together the Mac community through art, writing, and music. Our specific focus is about home and what it means to you. There are a number of ways to get involved with COMPASS:

Submit to our Zine:
• We’re accepting creative submissions about Home for our web-zine, which will be available later in the semester. Examples of potential submissions include: digital artwork, photography, poetry, prose, and anything that can be put into a pdf.
• Pieces of art can be no larger than 8.5 x 11 inches. Written submissions can be no longer than 1,500 words.
• Submissions for the zine will be accepted until November 25th.

Create a mental map of Saint Paul:
• Mental maps are cognitive maps of a city that highlight places important to you. They can be larger maps of the city, showing where you went with friends on the weekend, first job locations, or internship spots. There’s no wrong way to make a mental map; draw it out, use Google Maps to indicate locations, or make something more abstract.
• Submissions will be showcased on the Macalester Geography Instagram page (@macgeography) and in the COMPASS digital issue.

Build a playlist about your hometown:
• Send us a playlist of songs that remind you of home! No pressure to make this a playlist of songs from your hometown; you can pick songs from your childhood, songs that remind you of home, or songs that you listened to last time you were home.
• Submissions will be made available on the Mac Geography Spotify account (@macgeography), and promoted again on our department’s Instagram page.

All submissions can be sent to Finn Odum (fodum@macalester.edu) or Juthi Dewan (sdewan@macalester.edu). We’re also available for any questions or if you want more information.

I’m excited to see the many places that our community calls home!

- Finn Odum
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  Community/Global Health
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