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Research Project Overview: U.S. single-family home residents are using their neighborhoods in more intense or novel ways in response to COVID-related stay-at-home orders. This project will explore the nuances of one practice: the use of transportation infrastructure, such as driveways, sidewalks, and streets, for creative expression. Examples of expressive practices include drawing murals, writing inspirational messages, and creating games. Residents are originating unique forms of expression and adapting others promoted through social media. I am looking for a student who is interested in learning more about the ways that the COVID pandemic has unleashed a flurry of creative expression in single-family home neighborhoods in the U.S. and how to use systematic data collection and analysis methods to draw findings on these practices. This project will entail immersion in diverse kinds of data, including photographs derived from fieldwork, Instagram, and Google Street View and media articles.

Any pre-requisites needed? Experience with qualitative methods (literature reviews, content and/or photographic analysis) and/or data scraping is strongly preferred.

Research available for scholarship ($1000)? Yes

Research available for course credit (45 hours per credit)? Yes

Research opportunity available to ASU Online Students: Yes