DIG 270: Digital Maps, Place & Space
Davidson College   Fall 2022

Exercise #1: Memory Palaces

Instructions
1. Pick a partner and exchange contact information.

2. Working alone, turn off your devices & pick a quiet place where you won't be disturbed for ~30 min.

3. Think of a concrete space you know well that is different from the space you may have used when reading J. Foer's *Moonwalking with Einstein*, ch. 5. Perhaps the Davidson campus? Or the neighborhood you grew up in? Or some building you know well?

4. Using that space, and the techniques described in Josh Foer's 'Memory Palace' chapter, construct a memory palace of 8 objects/things. Feel free to pick objects / terms / things you have an actual need to memorize (perhaps 8 items you need to buy, or 8 tasks you need to accomplish). Or just use the following (random) list:
    a. Lap swimming in pool.
    b. Jazz practice
    c. Standing desk
    d. Flat tire!
    e. New Yorker magazine
    f. Family reunion
    g. USB thumb drives
    h. Winter gloves

5. Wait 1 day. Test your ability to recall the list of 8 items, in order.

6. Meet with your partner and share how the process went for each of you. What kinds of spaces did each of you choose? What encoding techniques did you use? How elaborate were they? What worked well? What didn't? Write a single ~ 500 word-long account in which you synthesize your pair's reflections, paying attention to similarities, differences, and take-aways.

Due on Moodle by class-time Tue, Sep. 6

(1 submission per pair is enough, but sign both of your names).