

ENC2135: Research-in-Progress Report

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Final research question: What is the origin of the sex trade in the Philippines and how have its roots allowed it to continue?

Working well?: I love being able to use my personal experience in this paper. Not only does this make it easier for me to write about because it's a topic that I'm passionate about and have observed first hand, but it also helps to make sense of the research I'm having to sift through. Additionally, the experience that I have and the connections that I made while living in the Philippines makes finding personal and authentic accounts of the sex tourism trade easier to find and makes my paper more interesting as a whole.

Not working well?: That being said, my experience with this problem, though intense and life changing, was limited to one city on one stretch of road called Walking St. about half a mile long. I appreciate that this allows me to get up close and personal with the topic, but that being said, it makes it a little bit more difficult for me to "zoom out" and look at the bigger picture.

Surprises in research that led to a crucial point in your paper?: I was able to find a book, that I had sent to FSU (whoop whoop) that specifically addresses the same street that I was serving on while in the Philippines. Using this book as a resource has made it much easier to connect my personal observations with more scholarly research, it's a good bridge.

Questions, comments, concerns: So far so good. Actually, I'm a little behind, but I plan on catching up this weekend.