**Division of Student Life Employees: Where Do We Live?**

**Madison-Downtown:**

**Renter of house near Capitol, downtown Madison**
- Undergraduate Student, ODOS employee
- _Likes_: Beautiful view of the capital, close to many restaurants, close to farmers market, easy busline access, Maharani's Indian restaurant, surrounded by students
- _Dislikes_: 20-30 minute walk to campus, close to homeless shelter - typically see many homeless around/on the porch of my house, don't like walking home at night (Broom Street is not very well lit or populated at night)

**Madison-North:**

**Homeowner on North Side (north of Sherman and Northport)**
- Married
- Early Thirty's
- _Likes_: Quiet, doesn't have a "city" feel, lots of parks, get more for your money in property
- _Dislikes_: Longer bus commute (45 minutes), North side can have a reputation of higher crime in some areas

**Madison-South:**

**Homeowner on Near South Side (Bay Creek Neighborhood)**
- Married, no children
- Mid-30s
- _Likes_: walking to work, close proximity to downtown, friendly neighbors, awesome coffee shop, outdoor activities
- _Dislikes_: none

**Renter on Near South Side (Bay Creek Neighborhood)**
- LGBT Identified, partnered
- Early 30s, No kids
- _Likes_: riding my bike or walking to work, close proximity to: downtown, campus, bike paths, Lake Monona, beltline, dog park, grocery store
- _Dislikes_: traffic noise on my busy street

**Madison-East:**

**Homeowner on near Eastside of Madison (behind East High School)**
- _Likes_: diverse, friendly, modest, well established; on bus lines & not too far from campus
- _Dislikes_: students parking in neighborhood; no main grocery in walking distance

**Homeowner on Eastside of Madison**
- _Likes_: buslines, bike paths, gardens, mix of families & grad students, food coop, variety of restaurants
- _Dislikes_: no movie theaters close by
Homeowner, Eastside of Madison (Schenks/Atwood near Barrymore Theater)
- Early 40's raising two teens
- **Likes:** work quick bike ride away, many bus routes also meet commuting needs. Madison Public Schools, groceries, shops, parks and restaurants all in walkable area; neighborhood very diverse and vibrant with lots of neighborhood festivals
- **Dislikes:** Close to freight tracks (noise and diesel pollution at times of high train traffic), close to major car commuter route, East Washington Ave, can be loud; mixed rental area, some landlords have shabby upkeep and rent to tenants with poor neighborhood habits (i.e. loud at bar time, inconsistent about dog waste pick up, shoveling etc.)

Homeowner on Eastside of Madison (near Michael's Custard and Monona city limits)
- LGBT Identified, Partnered
- No kids
- **Dislikes:** More cultural events/restaurants/selection for "big box" shopping on West side. Bus system only good during peak hours- doesn't run during day. Longer commute than we'd like, particularly in winter (20 min. drive time on good day to reach campus, up to 45 minutes if snowy bad roads. About same amount of time whether you take city roads around Monona lake or go on beltline.) Fewer kids, it seems, in our neighborhood.

Madison-West:

Homeowner on South Westside of Madison (Fieldstone Meadows Subdivision)
- Single Woman Mid-Thirties
- **Likes:** Close to shopping Super Target, Copps, Walgreens and Gold's Gym. Close to the surrounding communities of Fitchburg and Verona (shopping and restaurants). Moderately priced homes and townhouses (I 75k-230k), family friendly subdivisions with two parks and neighborhood pool (yearly fee).
- **Dislikes:** Bus stop is a hike for me and a bus ride would take me a long time to get to and from campus. I drive and have to pay for a lot for parking. I love where I live, however I use to live downtown and sometimes I miss being able to walk downtown and being in a central location.

Renter on the Near West Side (University Ave. and Whitney Way)
- LGBT identified
- Late 20's
- **Likes:** on the busline, 20 minute bike ride to work, very pet friendly area
- **Dislikes:** near train tracks- can be loud sometimes

Renter on the West Side of Madison
- LGBT identified
- Early 30's
- **Likes:** quiet area, get more for your money in rental apartments, on the busline.
- **Dislikes:** a bit far from campus, not as diverse as I would like.
Outside of Madison

Homeowner in Waunakee/Town of Westport
- Married with three grown children who all went through school here
- **Likes:** school district, small town "feel", great neighborhoods, equidistant from everything ... campus, malls, etc.
- **Dislikes:** not on bus line

Homeowner living in Town of Oregon (in the country on Hwy. D toward Belleville)
- Married with I college-aged daughter
- 54 years old
- **Likes:** school district (Oregon), natural beauty, quiet, lower land/housing prices than Madison, sense of community in smaller towns you may affiliate with due to school, church or other activities
- **Dislikes:** sometimes miss being closer to Madison for weekday evening events; if your kids are young and taking the school bus, your schedule needs to be compatible with the bus schedule (buses will drop off at local daycare facilities, though); can be harder to find babysitters when your kids are young; winter driving conditions can be challenging at times.

Homeowner living in Town of Oregon
- Family with 2 children
- **Likes:** small town, good schools, nice place for kids, ride home through the country after work
- **Dislikes:** Not Madison for those who desire that, have to like small towns, not a real dynamic place for things to do etc., even compared to other suburbs

Homeowner in City of Middleton
- Married, 2 grown kids, Middleton website: [http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/](http://www.ci.middleton.wi.us/)
- **Likes:** school district, numerous parks, small town feel
- **Dislikes:** high property values; high rate of growth

Renter in Middleton, WI (west suburb - 12 minutes to campus)
- Early 30s
- **Likes:** On a direct route bus line, quiet, directly off the lake, minutes to banks, gas stations, grocery/drug stores and restaurants. Middleton has been both the #1 and #3 "Best Places to Live" in the United States by Money magazine in the four years I've lived here.
- **Dislikes:** Honestly, I don't dislike anything about where I live. If you take the bus a lot, the schedule is not as often as those routes closer to campus, so you may have to work around that.

Homeowner in Verona (SW of Madison)
- Married with one child
- Mid-late 30's
- **Likes:** school district, community, millers grocery store, great bike paths from Verona to downtown Madison
- **Dislikes:** commute when driving, not very diverse