

# Sociology 5960: HOMELine Internship



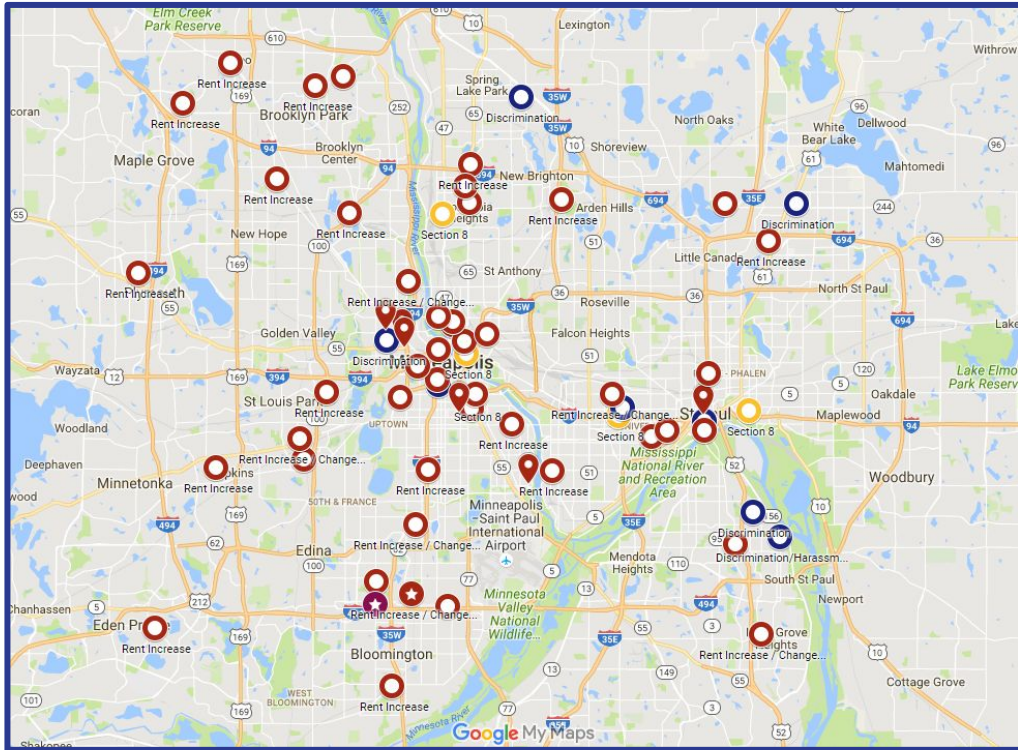
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# Internship Site: HOME Line

- Statewide tenant advocacy non-profit with the office
  - Powderhorn neighborhood in Minneapolis
- Main services: legal advice/services via renters hotline, tenant advocacy, and policy organizing
- Public policy intern
  - Displacement Mapping project



# Daily Work

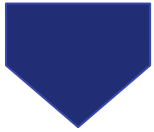


- Searching the database
- Contacting clients
  - Phone calls/emails
  - Recording stories
- Mapping displacement from rent increases
  - Researching/ understanding gentrification in the Twin Cities



# Diversity and Stratification

Attorneys



Tenant Organizers  
and other Full-Time  
Staff



Interns/Volunteers

- Hierarchy surrounding education and status within staff
- Predominantly white staff serving diverse clientele
  - 2-3 Spanish speaking staff
  - 1 Somali staff member
- Diversity coming from interns

# HOME Line Through a Marxist Lens

- Class inequality creates a need for non-profits like HOME Line
  - Tenants and landlords
  - Working class and non-industrial capitalists
- Alienation as a result of living in a society stratified by income or socioeconomic status
  - Between myself and the work I produced
  - Between myself and the tenants I communicated with
  - Between myself and other staff/interns



# Personal, Professional and Future Goals

- Personal goal
  - Independence to support
  - Understanding relationships in the workplace
- Professional goal
  - Writing and communication skills
  - Utilize critical thinking in the workplace
- Future goals
  - Working in the intersection of mental health and housing
  - Eventually going to graduate school abroad



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