

Documenting Your Experience during the Coronavirus Pandemic

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Dayton, Ohio, March 31, 2020 — Recognizing a gap in the University's historical record about the 1918 influenza pandemic, the University Archives has launched an endeavor to record and preserve the personal experiences of University of Dayton faculty, staff and students during the present coronavirus pandemic. While official University responses will be preserved in the University Archives according to record-keeping policies, no such policies exist for personal responses. To ensure the inclusion of individual stories, you can help by sharing your story.

Directions

The way you record your experience is up to you. Suggestions include journal entries, social media posts, photos, videos and voice memos. We are interested in stories that describe the transition to remote learning; shifts in housing; disruption in employment; the challenges of international students or those with families abroad; and how social distancing and self-quarantine have influenced the ways people stay in touch. For those graduating in 2020, how has this affected your final semester, and how has it affected your post-graduation plans?

Guidelines

- The University Archives can handle just about any format. For assistance, email Kristina Schulz, University archivist, at kschulz1@udayton.edu
- Please use this [Google form](#)¹ to submit your items. It will allow you to sign a virtual deed of gift (required for all archives submissions) and provides information about copyright and use.
- If you interview others, we will also need their permission. Please have them fill out the form. If we do not receive releases from all participants, we cannot preserve the materials. *NOTE: Only you will need to attach the files to the form; co-creators can simply fill in their personal information along with a description of the materials.*
- Please use best practices for social distancing as recommended by the CDC.²

Further resources

We know that the pandemic has affected the UD community physically, spiritually, mentally and financially. Visit the Heath Center's COVID-19 page³ for information on resources available to the campus community.

¹ https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xq-vLyxNG_I3IO1E24qRObopXMGChNNqoqMid2WglFY/

² <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>

³ https://udayton.edu/studev/health_wellness/healthcenter/coronavirus/index.php