

**Oral History
Capturing Quarantine
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Final Reflection**

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1. How did you feel when you read the email notifying students the oral history project would change from *Interfaith Chicago* to *Capturing Quarantine* due to the transition to remote learning?

Initially I was confused but then after learning that we will be getting interviewed I got nervous and then excited on how we will be able to achieve this concept.

2. What were your initial thoughts about participating in an oral history project documenting your classes' experience during the first months of the global pandemic?

Being in this pandemic was still so fresh and new so I was opposed to participating but I understand now being that it's the first time this sort of thing has happened to us, so our experiences need to be documented for the future students, historians and researchers that may be analyzing this time in history.

3. How do you feel about the project now?

I feel happy that its completed, and apart of Columbia archives.

4. As an interviewer:

- a. How did you prepare for the interview?

I received data for the Bio data form, and I analyzed the topic and formulated questions for my interviewee

- b. What was it like to interview a classmate?

It was initially scary, but over time exciting. It felt like a conversation and I could relate to her answers.

- c. How did you feel after the interview?

I felt accomplished, as the video downloaded, I was happy that part was over with.

- d. What is the most important thing you learned as an interviewer?

The most important thing I learned is that you control the way the story flows.

- e. What advice would you give to future interviewers?

During the Bio data form collection ask some questions and do a little research to help formulate the right questions for your interviewee.

5. As a narrator:

- a. How did you prepare to be interviewed?

I read through questions I prepared and thought about my experiences with Columbia and with the pandemic.

- b. Describe your experience being interviewed.

My experience was fun, I loved being interviewed.

- c. How did you feel after the interview ended?

I felt like I said what I needed to say, and it was going to be valuable to anyone who listens.

- d. What would you tell someone who is hesitant to be interviewed?

You have control of what you say, so only say what you feel good saying, and it's more fun than you think it is.

6. (OPTIONAL) Questions about narrators' private lives and personal relationships were not included in the formal interview, how do you feel about this?

- a. How has your gender, sexuality, race, and/or ethnicity affected your experience during the global pandemic?

My economic class has been affected, being a student, it's been hard to work during this time. Illinois government has not done half enough of what they can do for their residents.

- b. Exploring and developing new relationships is an important part of the undergraduate experience, how has this aspect of your life been affected?

Everything has been pushed to online and through technology, I am still meeting new people via the web, but it creates a barrier, nevertheless.

- c. How are you dealing with the absence of physical contact?

I am coping by enjoying nature and physical activity, it helps alleviate the feeling being lonely.

7. Is there anything else you would like to include?

