History is Happening Now

Collecting the COVID-19 Experience
Today's Presenters

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Common Themes

Defining our community

Determining what to collect
  community-driven/crowdsourced vs. staff-driven projects
  collection types and formats

Project evolution as the pandemic continues
COVID-19 Collecting at Your Organization

Share your activities in our shared document!
See link in chat
COVID-19 Collecting for the Champlain College Archives
## Project Planning - Considerations

### Themes to Document
- Impact on different constituency groups
- Impact on programs and operations
- Impact on physical campus

### Realities
- First foray into rapid response collecting
- Limited resources for collecting and preserving
- Remote collecting
- Low profile
- Legal considerations
Community Reflections

Google form with built-in legal release

Have the ways you communicate or connect with students changed?

“Google hangouts. I was just telling my students that it has allowed us to actually deepen our relationships and get to know each student more individually.”

— Nicole Morris, Associate Professor, Stiller School of Business
Student Submissions
Web Archiving

Conifer:
conifer.rhizome.org
Photo Documentation
Collection of Symbolic Items
Next Steps

- Ingest and processing
- Continued web archiving
- Continued photo documentation
- Follow up reflections survey
- Remote oral history interviews
  - Key administrators
  - First year students
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