

General Membership Meeting
Via Zoom
6/9/2020

1. Collecting initiatives to document COVID-19 in Los Angeles. Selected members presented on the efforts at their institutions:

- Suzanne Im - Los Angeles Public Library - Safer at Home Archive.
 - They want to collect diverse perspectives on the experience of living under the Safer at Home order.
 - Modeled after Scanning Days - donor keeps original and library keeps a digital copy
 - Promotion efforts: contacting library card holders, LAPL newsletter, blog post, integration into Summer Reading Program, encourage librarians to directly reach out to patrons, and social media.
 - Will accept submissions through the end of the year.
 - <https://www.lapl.org/safer-archive>

- April Feldman, University Archivist, CSUN
 - Documenting effects on CSUN community
 - Submission through their website:
<https://library.csun.edu/SCA/covid19-project>

- Claude Zachary, University Archivist & Manuscript Librarian USC
 - Project #StayAtHome focuses on the USC community. They've modeled their collecting efforts after LAPL.
 - Have partnered with the Alumni Center to reach alumni
 - Submissions are through a LibGuide:
<https://libguides.usc.edu/c.php?g=1031920&p=7479237>
 - Submissions are added to USC's digital library

- Julie Yamashita, Archivist, Lanterman House Museum
 - Lanterman is using Google forms to collect stories from the Crescenta-Canada valley. The project is "Documenting COVID-19" and is available on their website:
<https://www.lantermanhouse.org/documenting-covid19>
 - There are separate forms for children to submit.
 - They plan on using the information gathered to contact donors about potential oral history interviews in the future.

- Stella Castillo reminded everyone that there is a COVID-19 Resources page on the LAAS website: <https://laasubject.org/covid-19-resources>

2. Virtual Events and Outreach Opportunities: Past and Upcoming Talk-Shops, LAAS Events Calendar, and Social Media Opportunities

- Talk Shops (Stella)
 - The one in April was well-attended
 - This month (June) we will begin holding Talk Shops every other Thursday at 2pm.
 - A video of the previous Talk Shop that focused on how to use the Directory Portal is available.
- LA Archives Story Hashtag (Mallory)

3. Community Check In: Black Lives Matter (Mallory)

- How can LAAS be effective in line with our goals?
- Mallory will put out a call for volunteers to put together a discussion
- Shared Anti-Opressive Facilitation Guidelines:
http://aorta.coop/portfolio_page/anti-oppressive-facilitation/
- LAAS began as a response to the civil unrest in Los Angeles in 1992 (Liza)

4. General Announcements

- The Archives Bazaar will be fully virtual and on 10/17/20. Liza will be sending out a survey regarding logistics.
- A member suggested that we host a Talk Shop on virtual exhibits
- The Center for the Study of Political Graphics is launching an online exhibition on 6/20 along with a printmaking presentation.

5. Executive Committee Election Results

- Yolanda Bustos
- Lisa Crane
- Alejandra Gaeta
- Suzanne Noruschat

The current Executive Committee will have a transition meeting with the incoming Executive Committee on July 15th.