Call for Responses and Reflections: Life Amid the COVID-19 Pandemic

Collaboration between the Asian American Studies Program and Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC), Purdue University

The COVID-19 pandemic has caused extraordinary changes in our academic and personal lives. Each of us and our communities share similar, but also different challenges in responding to this pandemic. This call for responses and reflections is meant to offer a community of support where our stories - and the way we tell our stories - matter.

We are inviting all of the members of our Purdue University community to share your story (or the story of your communities) and your experience with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. We would like to encourage you to share your thoughts and feelings about the current situation in any format you would like to explain them. This is including, but not limited to: a reflective essay, a series of journal entries, a scrapbook of images and text, poems, spoken word, letters, performative videos, exercise videos, choreography, painting, drawing, online content, play, song, dance, film, and any other format.

Please consider these prompts as you think about your responses and reflections:

1) How has your life changed since the university moved to online instruction?
2) How have you been connecting with others during this time of “social distancing?”
3) If you wanted other people, both in the present and in the future, to know one thing about your current experience, what would it be? Why?
4) How has the pandemic been affecting your communities (broadly defined)? For example, there have been heightened incidents of racism, biases, and violence against Asian and Asian American communities.

The submissions will be curated into presentations that may include, but are not limited to, virtual exhibitions, social media features, website features, and archival exhibitions. If you would like to list your submission as anonymous, please indicate on the submission site/Qualtrics. With your permission, the electronic version of your submission will be preserved for historical record through Purdue Asian American and Asian Resource and Cultural Center (AAARCC) and Purdue University Archives and Special Collections. This archival process will require you to sign the Deed of Gift form (which we will send to you after the submission process). If you do not allow the electronic version of your submission to be preserved for historical record through Purdue AAARCC and Purdue Archives, please indicate that in the submission site/Qualtrics as well.

Please submit your work here: [https://bit.ly/2Rx56Wb](https://bit.ly/2Rx56Wb)

Submission deadline is Monday, May 31, 2020. If you have questions, email [aaarcc@purdue.edu](mailto:aaarcc@purdue.edu)
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