

Oral History Assignment # 3

Due: September 24

Directions: On September 10 you will be paired-up with someone from your course. During discussion section, you will have time to work on this interview. Go through this questionnaire twice, once as the interviewer (person asking the questions) and once as the interviewee (person answering the questions). If you are the interviewer be sure to take notes on the answers to the questions. After taking notes, type out the answers to the questions. It does not have to be a complete transcription of everything that was said, but make sure that if someone else was reading it they would be able to understand the answer to the question. Submit both interviews to Canvas by September 24.

W:300 Oral Interview Questionnaire

Background Information

Note: Do not share anything you do not feel comfortable sharing. Think of these background questions as ways to help researchers. Perhaps someone is specifically doing a project on young adults living in the Midwest, providing any demographic information will be helpful. However, do not feel obligated to share any information that you are not comfortable sharing.

1. Name

Stephen Von Der Ahe

2. Age Range (select one)

- Teen: <20
- Young adult: 20-30
- Adult: 30-65
- Elderly: 65+

3. Where are you from?

Southern California

4. Where are you currently?

Southern Cali

5. What are your preferred pronouns?

He/his

6. What is your ethnic/racial/ or cultural background?

White

7. Who is conducting this interview?

Clayton Gilmore

Name: Stephen Von Der Ahe

1. Do you consent to having this interview submitted to the COVID-19 Archive, A
Journal of the Plague Year?

Yes/No

Required Interview Questions

Note: If you have a follow-up questions while you are talking, feel free to ask them. Record the question and what your interviewee says.

1. Describe what your relationship to food was like before COVID-19.
 - a. Ordered food a lot, didn't cook. Roommates and parents made food, didn't like cooking or going to the grocery before. Now he has a lot more time to cook and does so with his family. Cooking has become fun and a good way to fill time for him.
2. What is one way that COVID-19 has personally impacted you?
 - a. Stephen has had to stay at home, he could not come to campus for his senior year. He finds online classes hard to get used to. He misses the social aspect of being on campus, especially not being able to go to football games.
3. With the closing of restaurants and bars, a large portion of the social aspect of eating vanished due to COVID-19. Has this change affected you and if so how? When was the last time you visited a restaurant?
 - a. Hasn't ate inside restaurant in a month or two, but he has ordered lots of to-go's. His county just got switched to the "yellow zone" where indoor restaurants can have visitors, so he may visit a restaurant in the near future. He feels conflicted about the yellow zone, really does not want to see a spike in cases in his area but also understands the economic necessity of opening back up.
4. Since social spaces that revolved around food are more restricted, what do dates, and social gatherings look like for you now?
 - a. Stephen has a lot more time to spend with family and friends. His social gatherings are restricted to a responsible amount of people, usually 6 maximum. Stephen also spends a lot more time outside now and plays basketball outside almost every day now.
5. How has COVID-19 affected your family dynamic regarding food? For example, has quarantine caused you to have dinner more often with your family than you did before? Do you cook together more often?
 - a. He has started to cook more with family members, lots of BBQ and small social gatherings where food is a centerpiece. His dad always looks up a new recipe to cook every night.

Additional Questions

Select at least **ONE** of these additional questions to ask.

1. Is food a source of stress, or a source of relaxation? For example, has food turned into a hobby?
2. Has your diet changed? If so, how?
3. How are you getting your food? Do you use food delivery services like doordash or grubhub? Do you ever do curbside pick-up? Why or why not?

4. Have the times of day that you eat changed? If so, how?
5. Did you rely on IU dining services for food? If so, how were you getting food when cafeteria services shut down at the university?
6. Have you had trouble getting a certain type of food? If so, how have you tried to respond to this?
 - a. Stephen has not experienced any difficulty finding a certain type of food.
7. Do you find yourself spending more money or less money on food now that there is a pandemic? How do you feel about this?
8. Have you avoided a store or restaurant because their mask policies did not match your own preferences? If so, what businesses have you avoided?