

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

Liam Driscoll

2. Age Range (select one)

Young adult: 20-30

3. Where are you from?

South Bend, IN USA

4. Where are you currently?

South Bend, IN USA

5. What are your preferred pronouns?

He/Him

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

White

7. Who is conducting this interview?

Name: Olivia Clunie

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

Yes

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.
It has been more of battle, feels an increase in stress eating, gained some quarantine pounds. Plus, the disappearance in the social aspect of eating (the closing down of restaurants, social-distancing prevents food with friends) has also been hard
2. What is one way that COVID-19 has personally impacted you?
My study abroad program to Canterbury, England was cancelled and I have spent a lot more time at home than I would like
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? Oh, I guess I have already brought this up. Like I said, the main thing that changed was eating without friends. My family still ordered a lot of takeout 1. To support local restaurants and 2. To get a break from cooking and 3. Because it tastes good. The last time I went to a restaurant was in August and it was mid-September and it was in a socially-distanced Wings Etc.
4. Since social spaces that revolved around food are more restricted, what do dates, and social gatherings look like for you now? Well overall, I have just spent less time with friends, but when we do hang out it is outside, six feet apart. One of my friends set up his Nintendo switch on his porch so we were able to play that outside so which was fun so hanging out has needed more planning and ingenuity.
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? Yes, most definitely. Because of COVID, I am in South Bend for the whole semester, restaurants are closed, and I can see my friends much less often so there has been a lot of family time, some may even say too much family time.

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?**

Yes. Since all of my classes are online, I kind of dictate my own schedule because I don't have to go anywhere. This means that I do not have to schedule my meals around classes so I just eat when I feel hungry which may not be the best schedule.

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?
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?