

## Oral History Assignment 3

### Interview with Carolyn Oneal by Qihan Zhu

1. Name: Carolyn Oneal
2. Age Range (select one)
  - Young adult: 20-30
3. Where are you from? Indiana.
4. Where are you currently? Bloomington, Indiana.
5. What are your preferred pronouns? She/her/hers.
6. What is your ethnic/racial/ or cultural background? White.
7. Who is conducting this interview? Qihan Zhu.

Name:

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

Yes

### Required Interview Questions

1. Describe what your relationship to food was like before COVID-19.

I would use food as an excuse to socialize, by going out and eating together with friends or roommates.

2. What is one way that COVID-19 has personally impacted you?

I lost my summer job and had to stay home with my family. This was disappointing, although in some ways good.

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?

Sort of. Like I said, I enjoy going out to eat with my friends, but now my roommates and I order food in. I visited a restaurant recently. We sat outside and wore masks.

4. Since social spaces that revolved around food are more restricted, what do dates, and social gatherings look like for you now?

For me now it's mostly meeting outside, in small groups in person with masks on, or meeting on Zoom.

### **Additional Questions**

1. Has your diet changed? If so, how?

Yes. Now I eat food that's easier to cook, like pasta and chips, food easy to prepare. I usually relied on the dining halls.

2. Do you find yourself spending more money or less money on food now that there is a pandemic? How do you feel about this?

I guess I spent more money, on groceries especially, because I don't have regular access to the dining halls that I used to go to.