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How is writing for a public audience different than for an academic audience? We had this prompt a couple weeks ago before I started working on an exhibition.

In it's place, I will write about how the exhibition is going. Planning has been important for Robin, Padraic, and I to get on the same page as far as the exhibition goes. There are many similarities between our interests and current collection. Robin's collection is indigenous, Padraic's is Canada, mine is Social Justice.

We were very easily able to combine the three projects into Social Justice of North American Voices. We decided to amplify the voices of those whose stories we were trying to tell. To allow the people to tell their own story in a way. It makes me uncomfortable to have too much of me in the collection. Although I am passionate about Social Justice, I am of much privilege and have no right to center myself in this story. We all agreed on that point and have been working hard to give a platform to those who have trusted the JOTPY archives with their stories.

Currently, we are trying our best to work with what Omeka has to offer. There are limitations that have forced us to shift our plan of action repeatedly. Today we worked together for several hours and toward the end of the meeting we had something that looks almost like something. It is promising. We are meeting again on Monday to hammer out some of it. Hoping to be done next week!