

COLLECTION PLAN
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- **Mission:**
 - To add meaningful content to the collection of Journal of the Plague Year in order to preserve and make available to the public this unique time in history.
- **Collection Scope:**
 - I would like to contribute mostly humorous content to the archive. The purpose, aim, and goal of my collection would be to preserve the ways people reacted to and coped with a difficult situation with humor and make that aspect of life available to future generations as well as researchers and scholars as they use the archive.
 - Key themes and content would be humorous memes, funny videos, song parodies, comical stories, etc about being quarantined at home, the virus itself, what life is like working at home, living with your family 24 hours a day, working from home, etc.
 - The long-term goal would be to show anyone who is interested that we were resilient, that we didn't lose our sense of humor, and what we thought was funny in 2020. This will matter because humor changes over the years. What was funny 100 years ago is often not at all funny now.
- **Acquisitions:**
 - I have gathered materials from my personal friends and my own crowdsourcing as well as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and other platforms. I have asked friends to send me material to submit and have gotten a very good response.
 - The materials to support this collection would consist of funny stories, videos, memes, etc. All relating to various COVID-19 areas of life.
- **Evaluation:**
 - I would hope that within JOTPY we might create a subject heading for humor. The humorous entries could be put under the Emotion subject, but I prefer a more specific subject—I really think it will draw attention. People love to laugh and would love to see what we think is funny now. They might just click on humor first to see what we've got there. Alternatively, of course, I can just tag them with humor, funny, etc.
 - As far as filling a silence in the archive, I'm not sure. Aside from no subject heading for humor, I think humorous memes are probably quite popular and a common thing to share. My chosen collection wouldn't work specifically on minorities, the disabled population, inmates, or the elderly.
 - This collection would enhance other collections and be a sort of nested subsection of the COVID-19 overall category. It would be an excellent and valuable addition to the archive.