

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

## Documenting the Black Lives Matter Protests of 2020

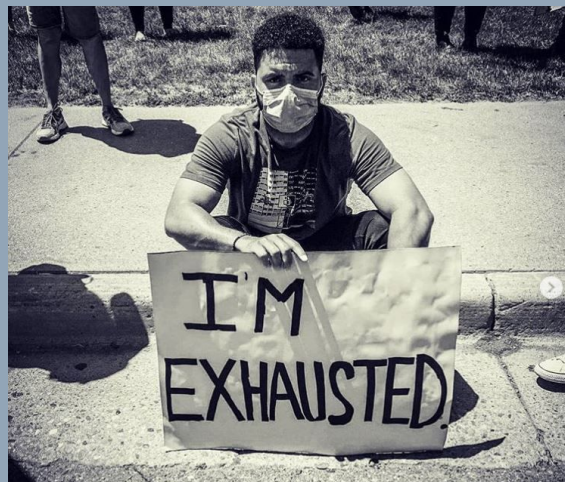
### About the Project

#### Background

The death of George Floyd on May 25, 2020 at the hands of Minneapolis police officers sparked protests against police brutality across the world. This project aims to document and preserve the events of Black Lives Matter protests.

#### Our Team

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Nickthenomad. (2020). *I'm Exhausted* (Still Image). Black Lives Video Project. Denver, Colorado. blmvideoproject.omeka.net/ admin/ files/ show/ 231

### Selection Process

#### Obtaining Permission

Project members contacted creators using a standardized template and asked for permission to use their content. If the creator agreed, members sent them a “Deed of Gift.” Once this was signed and returned, project members would upload the content.



Egan, C. (2020). *Floyd's World* (Still Image). Black Lives Video Project. Chicago, Illinois. <https://blmvideoproject.omeka.net/items/show/350>

#### Ideal Content

- Related to BLM
- Posted on social media
- Footage from protests
- Street art

### Building the Exhibit

#### Workflow

- 1) Browse social media
- 2) Select most relevant content
- 3) Contact creator for permission
- 4) Save content using standardized file naming convention
- 5) Upload content to Omeka
- 6) Metadata creators enter metadata
- 7) Organize content by category
- 8) Exhibit researchers and writers coordinate to create exhibit

#### Metadata Profile

|             |   |   |
|-------------|---|---|
| Title       | Natural Language  | Floyd's World   |
| Subject     | Controlled - LC Subject Headings                        | Black lives matter movement; street art; protest movements              |
| Description | Natural Language  | Street art depicting peace and BLM symbols, and reading "Floyd's World" |
| Creator     | Natural Language  | Colleen Egan  |
| Source      | Controlled - Social Media Platform                      | Facebook  |
| Date        | W3C Date Format   | 2020-06-09  |
| Contributor | Controlled - Cataloger Last Name, First Name            | Bokenkamp, Katie  |
| Rights      | RightsStatements.org                                    | In Copyright - Educational Use Permitted                                |
| Relation    | Controlled - item category                              |   |
| Format      | Internet Media Type                                     | jpg   |
| Language    | ISO 639 2   | eng   |
| Type        | DCMI Type Vocabulary                                    | Still Image   |
| Identifier  | Controlled - Creator, MMDDYYYY, Title, Location, Source | ColleenEgan_06092020_Floyd's World_20200609_Chicago_Facebook            |
| Coverage    | Getty Thesaurus of Geographic Names                     | United States; Illinois; Chicago  |



Egan, C. (2020). *Peace Sign* (Still Image). Black Lives Video Project. Chicago, Illinois. <https://blmvideoproject.omeka.net/admin/items/show/353>

### Reflection

#### Successes

- Clear and frequent communication allowed members to coordinate and complete the project in a timely fashion
- Assembled a diverse collection of items
- Project members increased knowledge of digital library creation

#### Challenges

- Finding creators that would grant permission proved difficult and time consuming
- Project members struggled with deciding what item categories should be used