

# HISTORY IN THE MAKING

## Documenting the Black Lives Matter Protests of 2020

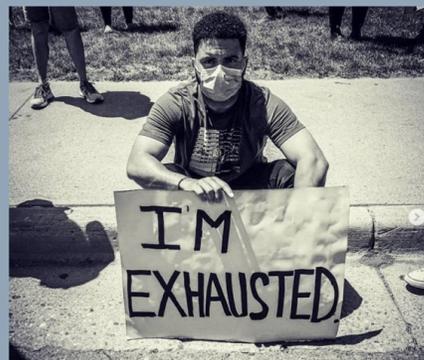
### About the Project

#### 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](https://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