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**History is Happening Now!**

A Discussion of *COVID Chronicles Delaware* and the importance of  
Collecting Delawareans' Experiences During the Pandemic

Thursday, July 9 at 6 PM via Zoom Webinar

**Wilmington, DE June 23, 2020** – Why is it important to collect Delawareans' stories during the pandemic? Join Leigh Rifenburg, Delaware Historical Society Head Curator and University of Delaware professor Dael Norwood to learn more about the *COVID Chronicles Delaware* (CCDE) project and how future historians and researchers can utilize a collection like CCDE in their research, teaching, and making connections to the past.

Found via [dehistory.org](http://dehistory.org), *COVID Chronicles Delaware* encourages readers to reflect on their experiences living through the COVID-19 pandemic and capture them through writing, art, image, or song. Selected submissions are featured on the CCDE blog and social media, while all submissions to CCDE will become part of the permanent Delaware Historical Society's digital collection, with the author's permission, to serve individually and collectively as primary sources for future generations.

**About the speakers**

Leigh Rifenburg has served as Chief Curator for the Delaware Historical Society since 2017 and has a background in academic librarianship and archival collections care and management, with a special interest in nineteenth-century photography and paper ephemera. Prior to joining DHS, she spent nine years at the University of Delaware Library. She holds a master's degree in Library and Information Science from Drexel University and currently teaches a course in managing and curating paper archives for the Museum Studies Department at the University of Delaware.

Dael A. Norwood, Ph.D. is a historian of nineteenth-century America specializing on the global dimensions of U.S. politics and economics. He earned his doctorate at Princeton University in 2012 and is currently an assistant professor in the Department of History at the University of Delaware.

Before coming to Newark, Norwood served as the Schwartz Postdoctoral Fellows at the New-York Historical Society and the New School, the Cassius Marcellus Clay Postdoctoral Associate in the History Department at Yale University, and as an assistant professor of history at Binghamton University.

This is a FREE Zoom webinar. To register go to [dehistory.org/calendar](http://dehistory.org/calendar) and find the link on the July 9 calendar entry for *History is Happening Now!*

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