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Ms. Christie Moffatt



Dr. Susan Speaker

History Is Happening Now: COVID-19 Collecting at the National Library of Medicine

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On January 30, 2020, as the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the SARS CoV-2 disease (COVID-19) a public health emergency of international concern, the National Library of Medicine (NLM) began collecting web and social media documenting the emerging health crisis as part of its ongoing Global Health Events web archive collection. In this talk, historian Susan Speaker and archivist Christie Moffatt, will talk about the basics of historical research and archival collections (physical and digital); they will discuss the scope of the COVID-19 project; some of the content captured from websites, blogs, and social media; collecting criteria and methods; and related COVID-19 collecting efforts by other groups. They will also reflect on their own experience of chronicling this pandemic while living through its far-reaching effects on everyday life.

Ms. Christie Moffatt is a member of the federal staff of the National Library of Medicine (NLM), National Institutes of Health, serving as the Program Manager of the Digital Manuscripts Program in the NLM History of Medicine Division and Chair of the NLM Web Collecting and Archiving Working Group. Dr. Susan L. Speaker is a federal historian in the History of Medicine Division at the National Library of Medicine, part of the National Institutes of Health. Along with her work on the NLM Web Collecting team, she has conceived, researched, and written historical narratives on a variety of scientific and medical history topics for NLM's Profiles in Science archival digitization project, written blog posts on NLM's historical collections, and conducted and curated oral history interviews.

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