

Center for Humanities & the Arts Newsletter

June 2020

Dear CU Boulder Community & Supporters
of the CHA,

My heart is heavy. The persistent anti-Black racism of our nation – leaves me feeling dread, despair, and despondent. It also makes me determined to speak out against anti-Black racism and all forms of intersectional oppression as a Critical Race scholar, an Ethnic Studies professor, and director of the CHA. The CHA staff [has signed onto a statement in support of #BlackLivesMatter](#). Statements won't bring back the lives of [George Floyd](#), [Tony McDade](#), [Breonna Taylor](#), [Ahmaud Arbery](#), or the countless Black Americans killed over the past few weeks, months, years, decades, and centuries—but it is a public declaration of the values we hold as an arts and humanities center.

This is not the newsletter I had planned to share with all of you. I planned to thank you for filling out the CHA survey (I'll share out results in our July newsletter), signing up for the summer accountability working groups, and to talk about the awardees of our Shelter Project micro-grants (see attached flyer—we received over 140 applications that went through 3 rounds of reviews – we selected 10 applications to receive \$500 microgrants and 20 to receive an honorable mention of \$250 – and we are working on finding venues

to display the works virtually and hopefully some on campus where people can see them while wearing masks or keeping 6 feet apart). I've written a new [Pandemic Post](#) about my experiences over the last two months doing webinars on anti-Asian racism & COVID-19. Though I am grateful to have a space to put my thoughts, I'd love to cede this space to others—to hear what you have to say about living in the era of COVID-19. If you'd like to write a Pandemic Post, take a look at the format and email me:
Jennifer.Ho@colorado.edu.

I'm not sure what the rest of the summer will look like for me, for you, for the nation or the world. But let me end by saying that I hope all of you are staying safe, are finding ways to feel inspired to do good in the world, and are hugging, literally or virtually, the people you love most.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ho

Director, Center for Humanities & the Arts



Shelter Project Awardees

Top 10 Award Winners

Honorable Mention Award Winners

Bertha Bermudez
Graduate Student
Twin Cities Torn Apart

Sabrina Bradford
Graduate Student
Yellowstone National Park StoryMap

Bentley Brown
Graduate Student
Spread of Disease in America vs. Chad

Heather Champeau
Graduate Student
Homeless During Stay-At-Home

Evan Grainger
Undergraduate Student
The Honor Code

Sally Green
Faculty
Essay on Teaching Exclusively Chinese Students During COVID-19

David Landon
Graduate Student
Collaborative Online Software

Gregory Robl
Staff
Minding your Ps and Qs: Viral Mail Art in an Era of Pandemic

Kate Sedor
Graduate Student
Choose Your Own Adventure Pandemic Game

Michael Thornton
Faculty
Series of Socially Distant Music Videos

Alexander Britti
Undergraduate Student
Couple At Odds Comedic Film

Kripa Dongol
Graduate Student
Boulder vs. Nepal Film

Juan García Oyervides
Graduate Student
Voces Más Allá del Virus

Kimberly Killen
Graduate Student
Isolation in an Isolated Region

Laura Kim
Graduate Student
A Series of Movements Inspired by Fox Squirrels

Maximillian McNutt
Graduate Student
Arrangement of "Ave Maria" for Trumpet and Trombone

Young Min
Faculty
Capturing Kairos of the Global Pandemic: Connection, Inspiration, and Action

Ben Morris
Graduate Student
Pandemic Poems and Pieces

Bridget Nelson
Undergraduate Student
The Face Behind the Mask

Molly Ott
Graduate Student
A Portrait of Boulder Through Gathered Objects

Marinana Pereira Vieira
Staff
Touching Without Fear: Lumen Print Art

Melodie Roschman
Graduate Student
Reading Shakespeare in a Plague Year

Yumi Roth
Faculty
Social Distancing Boxes Chalk Art

Marija Sajekaite
Graduate Student
Vivid Dreaming Poetry and Photographs

Matt Smiley
Graduate Student
Series of Solo Musical Compositions

Matthew Smith
Faculty
Best COVID-19 Practices Trail Signs

Julia Uhr
Graduate Student
The Stillness in the Room

Pheonix Vaughan-Ende
Undergraduate Student
Comic-Style Multi-Media Journal

Kevin Wu
Undergraduate Student
Comedic Video Diary of Two College Students

Wuyinan Yuan
Undergraduate Student
Government Criticism Short Film