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Teenage Daydream:

Archival Description Project

Part I. Scope Note: These six archival items are selected to represent my coming-of-age between 2011-2015, approx. late high school and late college. The items are a personal diary, an email thread between myself and my best friend, an original poem, a photo of me taken by my spouse, a film photo of my family home, and my tumblr blog.

Some items are digital, chosen to illuminate what it was like to grow up online and on social media. I included a long-ongoing email thread between myself and my best friend written after we moved across the country from each other. I selected this to show how the internet gave us both a way to still grow up together and to record that process of growing up. As a counterexample, I also included the physical diary I wrote between 2011-2014 documenting many of the same events as the email thread, but showing how even with the internet, I still felt the need for a more secure and private place to record my thoughts. In a similar set of two examples, I included a Snapchat photo my future spouse took of me on our first date and posted to their story. This was created for public view and only exists digitally. I also included a film photograph I took of my family home, which only exists as one physical copy and was taken to remember,

not to share. I included one poem which I wrote and performed for a slam poetry event in college. I also included my tumblr blog from 2012-2015, which is a collection of images and quotes that I valued at the time and shows the progression of my opinions, beliefs, and aesthetic ideals. This was curated for public view, just as the poem was. Together, the collection provides one view into what it was like to come of age with the awareness that the digital public eye was watching and remembering, while also fighting to reclaim some space for private growth.

Part II.

- Title: "Personal Diary, May 2011 - October 2014"
- Creator: Dana Rigg
- Date range: 5/3/2011 - 10/18/2014
- Description: 6.75" x 4.75" faux-leather tan notebook with a reproduction of Barry Herem's *Trickster* on the front and back cover, with a red ribbon bookmark. Contents include personal thoughts and feelings surrounding events related to the final year of high school and first two years of college. Inside pocket includes a letter and a note from people mentioned in the diary, addresses on sticky notes, and a student ID card.
- Subject:
 - Diaries
 - Young adults
 - Teenage girls
- Coverage: Charlottesville, VA, Harrisonburg, VA
- Source: Dana Rigg
- Language: English
- Media Type: Diary
- Format: Paper, faux-leather

- Title: "Email Thread Between Dana Rigg and B– Jones"
- Creator: Dana Rigg, B– Jones
- Date Range: 3/17/2013 - 9/10/2014
- Description: A year-long email exchange between long-distance, teenage best friends Dana Rigg and B– Jones. In a series of replies, topics include day-to-day

worries, crushes, school and college admissions pressure, and dreams of recording a professional album with their band.

- Subject:
 - Young Adults
 - Friendships
 - U.S. Air Force Academy
 - Rock Bands - Heavy Metal
 - Coverage: Charlottesville, VA, Colorado Springs, CO
 - Source: Dana Rigg, B– Jones
 - Language: English
 - Media Type: Email
 - Format: Digital
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- Title: “Baptism”
 - Creator: Dana Rigg
 - Date: est. Fall 2014
 - Description: Original poem written for and performed at a slam poetry event in Fall 2014. Three sheets of printed text in unrhymed blank verse, undated.
 - Subject:
 - Young adults
 - Love and sexuality
 - Poetry
 - Coverage: Harrisonburg, Virginia
 - Source: Dana Rigg
 - Language: English
 - Media type: Poem
 - Format: Paper
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- Title: “Photo of Dana Rigg with Burrito”
 - Creator: J.T. Trejo
 - Date: 2/28/2015
 - Description: Snapchat post saved as a digital photo. Pictures Dana Rigg with a serious expression seated at a restaurant booth, with a large burrito on the table. In a shaded bar across the vertical photo, the caption reads “she is not amused” in white text. Taken by Dana’s future spouse on their first date together.
 - Subject:
 - Young adults
 - Love and sexuality

- College students
- Coverage: Harrisonburg, VA
- Source: J.T. Trejo
- Language: English
- Media Type: Photograph
- Format: Digital image

- Title: "1xxx S— Glen Way"
- Creator: Dana Rigg
- Date: Undated, est. 2012
- Description: A film photograph taken of a suburban home at 1xxx S— Glen Way, where Dana Rigg lived during their late high school years. The photograph is sepia-toned and off-center. The home has a sloped lawn in front, and a small porch divided by four pillars to one side of the red front door. A shaggy tree hides the left half of the building, and to the right, a steeply angled roof ends in a window above the garage. The address is not visible in the photo.
- Subject:
 - Houses
 - Suburban life - Charlottesville, Virginia
 - Amateur photography
- Coverage: Charlottesville, Virginia
- Source: Dana Rigg
- Language: N/A
- Media Type: Photograph
- Format: Photographic print

- Title: "soundslikeadventure.tumblr.com"
- Creator: Dana Rigg
- Date Range: 2012-2015
- Description: Tumblr blog updated by Dana Rigg during the years 2012-2015. Contains images, text quotes and songs annotated with comments and tagged asides. Comprises 200 pages of individual posts, both original and reblogged.
- Subject:
 - Young adults
 - Scrapbooking
 - Social Media
- Coverage: N/A
- Source: Dana Rigg

- Language: English
- Media Type: Web site
- Format: Digital mixed media