

# Guide to the Hindsight 2020: New Haven Project Collection

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## Collection Overview

**REPOSITORY:** Manuscripts and Archives  
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**CALL NUMBER:** MS 2125

**TITLE:** Hindsight 2020: New Haven Project Collection

**DATES:** 2020-2021

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:** .2 linear feet (1 box) and 1,830,000 bytes

**LANGUAGE:** The materials are in English, Spanish, and Arabic.

**SUMMARY:** The collection comprises submissions to the Yale Manuscripts and Archives' Hindsight 2020: New Haven project documenting life in the Greater New Haven area during the events of 2020 and their continuing impact.

**ONLINE FINDING AID:** To cite or bookmark this finding aid, please use the following link: <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.2125>

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## Requesting Instructions

To request items from this collection for use in the Manuscripts and Archives reading room, please use the request links in the HTML version of this finding aid, available at <https://hdl.handle.net/10079/fa/mssa.ms.2125>.

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Key to the container abbreviations used in the PDF finding aid:

b.      box  
f.      folder

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## Administrative Information

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### Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Original computer files may not be accessed due to their fragility. Researchers must consult access copies.

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## Conditions Governing Use

Copyright for materials submitted to the Hindsight 2020: New Haven project is retained by their creators. Copyright for content created by the project coordinators is held by Yale University.

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## Preferred Citation

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## Processing Information

Manuscripts and Archives staff arranged and described these materials according to national and local standards.

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## Biographical / Historical

The Hindsight 2020: New Haven project was launched in fall 2020 by Yale Manuscripts and Archive's staff Michelle Peralta and Jennifer Coggins with the goals of engaging the community in collaborative memory work and preserving a representative record of 2020 and its ongoing effects on New Haven. Residents contributed reflections via an online platform and through postcard stations on the New Haven Green and at local public libraries. These contributions were shared on the project website through summer 2023. Submissions to the project closed in January 2022.

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## Scope and Contents

The collection comprises submissions collected by Yale Library Manuscripts and Archives' Hindsight 2020: New Haven project documenting life in the Greater New Haven area during the events of 2020 and their continuing impact. Included are 10 born-digital submissions submitted through the Hindsight 2020 website, 93 postcards collected at events on the New Haven Green and through stations at local public libraries, digital surrogates of the postcards, and a capture of the Hindsight 2020 website.

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## Arrangement

Materials in the collection are arranged by submission type and chronologically therein.

## Collection Contents

<a href="#">Online submissions</a> <i>11 Computer Files (1,830,000 bytes)</i> Dates for the materials were determined by the date of submission to the project website.  As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at <a href="mailto:beinecke.library@yale.edu">beinecke.library@yale.edu</a> to request access.  This material was imaged or captured by Manuscripts and Archives staff in 2022 for preservation and access. Additional information about actions taken may be available at the repository.  <a href="https://preservica.library.yale.edu/explorer/explorer.html#prop:4&amp;b6e6f9d0-6040-45dd-8fd6-35c8cfe7c79d">https://preservica.library.yale.edu/explorer/explorer.html#prop:4&amp;b6e6f9d0-6040-45dd-8fd6-35c8cfe7c79d</a>		2020-2021
Postcards		
b. 1, f. 1	Instructions for postcard stations at public libraries	2021
International Festival of Arts and Ideas		
b. 1, f. 2	<a href="#">Festival 2021</a>	2021 June
b. 1, f. 3	<a href="#">"Arts for Labor" event</a>	2021 September 5
b. 1, f. 4	<a href="#">Milford Public Library</a>	2021 August 5 - September 8
b. 1, f. 5	<a href="#">Blackstone Memorial Library (Branford, Connecticut)</a>	2021 August 5 - September 29
b. 1, f. 6	<a href="#">Scranton Memorial Library (Madison, Connecticut)</a>	2021 August 3 - September 29
b. 1, f. 7	<a href="#">Derby Public Library</a>	2021 August 5 - October 6
Hamden Public Library		
b. 1, f. 8	<a href="#">Miller Memorial Library</a>	2021 August 6 - October 6
b. 1, f. 9	<a href="#">Brundage Community Branch</a>	2021 August 9 - October 2
New Haven Free Public Library		
b. 1, f. 10	<a href="#">Mitchell Branch</a>	2021 September 9 - October 7
b. 1, f. 11	<a href="#">Wilson Branch</a>	2021 September 2 - October 12
b. 1, f. 12	<a href="#">Fair Haven Branch</a>	2021 September 20 - October 22

b. 1, f. 13	<a href="#">Clark Memorial Library (Bethany, Connecticut)</a>	2021 August 6 - October 13
b. 1, f. 14	<a href="#">North Haven Memorial Library</a>	2021 October 6 - November 3
b. 1, f. 15	<a href="#">Postcards received by mail</a>	2021 Fall
	Hindsight 2020: New Haven website capture The date for the material was determined by date of capture.  As a preservation measure, original materials may not be used. Digital access copies must be provided for use. Contact Manuscripts and Archives at beinecke.library@yale.edu to request access.	2022

## **Selected Search Terms**

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection in the Library's online catalog. They are grouped by name of person or organization, by subject or location, and by occupation and listed alphabetically therein.

### **Genres / Formats**

Born digital  
Computer files

### **Geographic Names**

New Haven (Conn.)  
New Haven County (Conn.)

### **Subjects**

COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-