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Biographical / Historical

This project was designed to capture life in rural West Virginia during the COVID-19 pandemic. It centered on the town of Rainelle, located in Greenbrier County in southeastern West Virginia. The photographs depict how the global COVID-19 pandemic, together with a devastating flood in 2016, shaped everyday life in Rainelle. They illustrate the ways the pandemic intersected with ongoing flood-recovery efforts. Images were sourced from several members of the Rainelle community. The photographs were exhibited from August through December 2022. The exhibit was titled A "Double Whammy" of Disasters: Flooding and COVID-19 in Rural West Virginia, and was displayed at the Health Sciences Center Pylons at West Virginia University. The project was compiled by Jamie Shinn, an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Geology & Geography at West Virginia University. Shinn wrote a paper about the project: Jamie E. Shinn. "Storytelling in Precarious Landscapes: Insights from a Photovoice Project in Rural Appalachia." *Journal of Political Ecology*, vol. 31, no. 1, 2024, <https://doi.org/10.2458/jpe.5290>.

Scope and Contents

30 digital photographs created by participants in a project to capture life in Rainelle, WV during the COVID-19 pandemic and display how the 2016 flood recovery efforts intersected with the COVID-19 pandemic. Project was organized by Jamie Shinn, an Assistant Professor of Geography in the Department of Geology & Geography at West Virginia University. The .docx file includes captions/titles and photographer information for the 30 .jpg files.

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The digital exhibit of these images, A "Double Whammy" of Disasters: Flooding and COVID-19 in rural West Virginia, is available online.