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Dear colleagues,

Along with so many other groups planning spring conferences, in the face of COVID-19 the Project Endings team has decided to move our April symposium on line. We are of course disappointed—we were very much looking forward to welcoming you to Victoria to work together on our special issue of *Digital Humanities Quarterly*,*Project Resiliency in the Digital Humanities.*On the positive side, the model we originally proposed for the symposium should transition fairly easily into an online event.

We ask that each of you prepare **a 10-15 minute video** in lieu of the presentation you were to make on site. The recording will be **due on March 15**.

The videos will be hosted on an internal server in UVic’s Humanities Computing and Media Centre. We invite all eight of you to join the 11 Endings team members in **posting questions and comments on a message board**over the following month.  These discussion threads will enrich the videos and provide a springboard for synchronous discussion to take place over a two-week period, beginning April 15, 2021 — the day the on-site  symposium was supposed to begin.

Our idea is to **discuss two papers per day,** in sessions of one hour each. These two-hour sessions will take place on **Thursday April 15, Monday April 19, Thursday April 22, and end on Monday April 26 beginning in early afternoon PST**. (These dates and times can be modified to suit individual schedules.) The sessions will be recorded. Combined with the message boards, these recordings will ensure that each you ends up with some rich material to include in your DHQ article.

**Please let us know in the next couple of weeks if you are still willing join us virtually.**We realize that some of you are holding vouchers for **plane tickets** that you may never be able to use. Our funder, the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, has put forward this policy: "Provided the expenses would have been eligible had the travel/meeting taken place as planned, non-refundable costs can be reimbursed out of existing grant funds.” We are working with UVic Accounting to determine the exact process for refunds, but in the meantime, **could you please let us know if you would like to ask for a refund?**

Digital preservation writ large is our focus, but “endings” is a keyword in the over-all project title (*Endings: Concluding, Archiving, and Preserving Digital Projects for Long-Term Usability*) so it’s all the more appropriate that we should keep moving, with your help, toward a successful conclusion of our work together.

Many thanks for your collaboration,

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