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***Student Curators to Host Panel Discussion on the Lowe's First Virtual Art Exhibition***  
A Photographic Response to the COVID-19 Crisis



MIAMI, FL - Witness the dawn of a new era in art curation and appreciation as students from the University of Miami “Artlab @ the Lowe” course unveil and discuss their groundbreaking virtual art exhibition, “The Distance Between You and Me is Us.”

“The Distance Between You and Me is Us” is a collection of “diverse photographs from across historical periods,” sourced from the Lowe Art Museum’s permanent collection, that “[addresses] ‘social distance’ as both a societal and photographic conundrum.”

The free virtual student panel will be held via Zoom on Thursday, April 22nd, 2021, from 7-8 pm in conjunction with the launch of the virtual art exhibition. To join the discussion, please visit [events.miami.edu/event/the-distance-between-you-and-me-is-us-art-lab-the-lowe](https://events.miami.edu/event/the-distance-between-you-and-me-is-us-art-lab-the-lowe). Following the event’s conclusion, a video recording will be uploaded to YouTube via @LoweArtMuseum. To explore the virtual art exhibit, please visit [artsteps.com/view/606b4b6400ef5d21ccd8e1a2](https://artsteps.com/view/606b4b6400ef5d21ccd8e1a2).

“Artlab @ the Lowe,” also known as ARH 511, is an annual capstone course offered by the University of Miami Art & Art History Department where students, under the guidance of rotating department faculty, curate an art exhibition for the Lowe Art Museum. This year’s course cohort comprises student curators Avani Choudhary, Sarah Decossard, Robert Govaerts, Mary Jimenez, Neeharika Madala, Anthony Magnetti, and Danielle Stoller, led under the direction of Dr. Heather Diack, Associate Professor of Art History.

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In response to COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and increased societal interest in accessible art experiences, students opted to exhibit on the virtual reality platform ArtSteps. The web-based application allows users to view and build realistic, 3-dimensional experiences without complex software requirements. “The Distance Between You and Me is Us” will be the Lowe Art Museum’s first virtual art exhibition.

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#### **About the Lowe Art Museum**

Located on the University of Miami Coral Gables campus, the Lowe Art Museum was the first art museum in South Florida. Established in 1950 by philanthropists Joe and Emily Lowe, its permanent collection boasts global pieces ranging from Greco-Roman antiquities to Latin American modern art. To learn more about the Lowe Art Museum, current exhibits, and future events, please visit our website, [lowe.miami.edu](http://lowe.miami.edu).