

## Writing at UVA—Contemporary Exhibit Materials

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### Exhibit Material #1: Tweet by The Yellow Journal



This Tweet by “The Yellow Journal” UVA Twitter page represents an informal “grab and go” type of text to gain a reader's momentary attention. Much of UVA student’s writing, as well as attention, is devoted to these forms of text which offer instantaneous fulfillment. Unfortunately, the lives of these satirical attention grabbing texts, such as this one, are brief and not as enduring as their professionally published or physical counterparts.

Journal, The Yellow. “Comm Classes Canceled for Tomorrow, February 3rd, in the Wake of Jeff Bezos Stepping Down as Amazon CEO and Subsequent Emotional Fallout.” *Twitter*, Twitter, 2 Feb. 2021, [twitter.com/yj\\_atuva/status/1356745871891836931](https://twitter.com/yj_atuva/status/1356745871891836931).

### Exhibit Material #2: Beta Bridge Community Message



This exhibit piece is a photo of UVA’s Beta Bridge, a “public bulletin board” of sorts where students practice expression of ideas, current event opinions, or messages to the community by painting the bridge. This particular message was written after the 2017 race riots in Charlottesville. The bridge is repainted by anonymous students daily, so this form of text communication is short-lived; however, very meaningful and informative for our community. The bridge is a platform for more meaningful and powerful subjects than Twitter, but like Twitter these messages do not endure; perhaps a website journal documenting these daily messages could be created.

University of Virginia. “Beta Bridge Today.” *Twitter*, 13 Aug. 2017, [twitter.com/UVA/status/896817150639394818](https://twitter.com/UVA/status/896817150639394818).

### Exhibit Material #3: Cavalier Daily Article

News

#### **U.Va. cancels Final Exercises for Class of 2021 as planned, postpones graduation activities for Class of 2020 to May 2022**

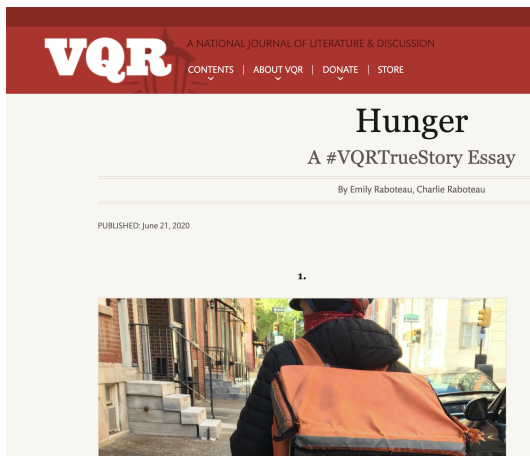
The University is considering two alternative ways of holding the ceremony for the Class of 2021



For this exhibit material, I chose a piece from the Cavalier Daily about the cancellation of traditional final exercises at UVA. The Cavalier Daily is an entirely student run news source, both online and in print, at UVA. This media outlet is filled with numerous student essays, news/event reports, and opinions every day. These articles are well articulated, formal, and thought out compared to other forms of text. Additionally, this text is far more enduring than many of the fleeting, attention-grabbing forms of text in our contemporary UVA community such as Twitter posts and Beta Bridge messages.

Rosenthal, Zach, and Eva Surovell. "U.Va. Cancels Final Exercises for Class of 2021 as Planned, Postpones Graduation Activities for Class of 2020 to May 2022." *The Cavalier Daily - University of Virginia's Student Newspaper*, The Cavalier Daily, 3 Mar. 2021, [www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2021/03/u-va-cancels-final-exercises-for-class-of-2021-as-planned-postpones-graduation-activities-for-class-of-2020-to-may-2022](http://www.cavalierdaily.com/article/2021/03/u-va-cancels-final-exercises-for-class-of-2021-as-planned-postpones-graduation-activities-for-class-of-2020-to-may-2022).

### Exhibit Material #4: Virginia Quarterly Review Essay



For my final exhibit material, I chose a piece by the Virginia Quarterly review. This piece in particular is an essay discussing food delivery via bike in Philadelphia during the pandemic. The VQR is a literary journal sponsored by UVA offering both print and online publications, that provides students and community members alike with the opportunity to publish high level essays, poetry, photography, and more. To be published in the VQR is a highly regarded accomplishment and provides confirmation for one's writing skills. The VQR helps to preserve skillful and technical writing in our contemporary society where so often more informal and short-lived styles prevail.

Raboteau, Charlie, and Emily Raboteau. "Hunger." *VQR Online*, Virginia Quarterly Review, 21 June 2020, [www.vqronline.org/essays-articles/2020/06/hunger](http://www.vqronline.org/essays-articles/2020/06/hunger).