What stories will you tell?

On our now-routine evening walk, my daughter broke the silence to say, “This is what my grandkids will ask me about, isn’t it? They’ll want to know how I lived through a pandemic.” Just as many of us listened to our grandparents’ stories about depression-era life, others will listen to us. What did you do? How did you manage?

We have been so busy in the last months that many of us have had little time to reflect on what we are living through. Each day has brought new challenges, challenges that could not be answered by our previous knowledge or experience. Whether we would describe ourselves as change averse or change embracing, we have found ourselves changing—learning new technologies, trying new approaches to teach students as best we were able under the circumstances, and so much more.

What stories will you tell about living through a pandemic? How did you manage? What or whom did you find yourself relying on? Even in the midst of preparing for the as-yet-unknown challenges that fall may bring, I hope you are able to find some time this summer to reflect on how you have managed over the last two months. You have taken good care of students; you have supported your colleagues; you have demonstrated more creativity and more perseverance than you might have imagined possible. Those are good stories to tell.

Elizabeth Vander Lei, academic dean

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**Tuesday, May 12**
- World Affairs Council online lecture. Ambassador William Garvelink (ret.), “COVID 19 and a Future with Pandemics.” 12:00 noon

**Thursday, May 14**
- Friday class schedule
- President’s Coffee – virtual, 1:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 15**
- Reading Recess
- Exams begin, 6:00 p.m.