



***BROKEN* Project Collection (C4792)**

Collection Number: C4792

Collection Title: *BROKEN* Project Collection

Dates: 2021-2022

Creator: Lancaster, David G.

Abstract: Digital photographs, audio, video, and background and promotional material of a photo/audio essay created by David Lancaster, a medical director at Capital Region Medical Center's in-patient physical rehabilitation unit in Jefferson City. The project documents the experiences of nurses, physicians, administrators, and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Collection Size: 4.21 GB of digital files
(25 jpgs, 1 mov, 33 mp3s, 25 mp4s, 2 pdfs, 3 wavs)

Language: Collection materials are in English.

Repository: The State Historical Society of Missouri

Restrictions on Access: Collection is open for research. This collection is available at [The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia](#). If you would like more information, please contact us at columbia@shsmo.org. Collections may be viewed at any research center.

Restrictions on Use: The donor has retained copyright.

Preferred Citation: [Specific item; box number; folder number] *BROKEN Project Collection* (C4792); The State Historical Society of Missouri Research Center-Columbia [after first mention may be abbreviated to SHSMO-Columbia].

Donor Information: The collection was donated to the State Historical Society of Missouri by David G. Lancaster on March 5, 2026 (Accession No. CA6800).

Alternative Forms Available: Select materials can be accessed online in SHSMO's [Born Digital Repository](#).

Processed by: Elizabeth Engel, March 10, 2026.

Historical Note:

Dr. David G. Lancaster, a medical director at Capital Region Medical Center’s Rehabilitation Unit in Jefferson City, Missouri, started taking photographs when he was a teenager. He was overwhelmed by the impact of COVID-19 on his patients and coworkers and felt their voices needed to be heard. After the Delta variant began to overtake the hospital, Lancaster was inspired to start the *BROKEN* project, taking portraits of patients, healthcare workers, and administrators holding up a word summarizing what each participant was feeling. In addition, he recorded brief interviews of their thoughts, experiences, and struggles during the pandemic. The project combines Lancaster’s medical training with his interest in photographic storytelling. *BROKEN* premiered at Orr Street Studios in Columbia, Missouri. Photographs from the series have been accepted at a variety of institutions and publications, including Dab Art, Colorado Photographic Arts Center, Las Laguna Art Gallery, Kansas City Society for Contemporary Photography, and *Black and White* Magazine.

Arrangement:

The collection has been arranged by type of material.

Scope and Content Note:

The collection contains digital photographs, audio, video, and background and promotional material of *BROKEN*, a photo/audio essay created by David Lancaster to document the experiences of nurses, physicians, administrators, and patients during the COVID-19 pandemic. The background and promotional material includes an artist’s statement, promotional video, and an interview with David Lancaster conducted by Diana Moxon on for the “Speaking of the Arts” program broadcast on KOPN Community Radio in Columbia, Missouri. The audio material includes interviews of the participants in the project, as well as music created by Leo Lancaster. The videos contain the recorded interviews playing over the photographs.

Container List:

b.d.f. 1	Background and promotional material, 2022 (2 pdfs, 1 mov, 1 mp3, 1 wav)
b.d.f. 2	Audio, 2021-2022
	b.d.f. 2a Interviews, 2021-2022 (28 mp3s, 2 wavs)
	b.d.f. 2b Music, 2022 (4 mp3s)
b.d.f. 3	Photographs, 2021-2022 (25 jpgs)
b.d.f. 4	Videos, 2022 (25 mp4s)

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COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-2023--Personal narratives	b.d.f. 2, 4	
COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-2023--Pictorial works	b.d.f. 3	Yes
COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-2023--Psychological aspects	b.d.f. 1-4	
COVID-19 Pandemic, 2020-2023--Psychological aspects	b.d.f. 3	Yes
Hospitals--Missouri	b.d.f. 1-4	
Hospitals--Missouri	b.d.f. 3	Yes