Ohio Coal Communities Project

Who we are: a group of faculty, staff and students at The Ohio State University interested in documenting how the coal industry has shaped Ohio’s history, culture and economy, and how ongoing changes in the coal industry will impact Ohio communities moving forward.

What we are doing: during 2020-2021, we are collecting historical and archival information and data about coal production and use, and performing interviews with community leaders and residents in Ohio Communities about the role coal mining, transportation, and use has and will play in communities. Interviews will be performed in-person following COVID safety measures or via zoom. All interview data will remain anonymous.

What we plan to accomplish: We plan to produce reports and a project website, as well as provide data for OSU theatre faculty to create theatrical and fine art products that tell the story of these coal communities. We pledge our research to be non-political, supportive to communities and participants, and confidential. OSU Office of Responsible Research Practices Study Number 2020E1066.

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