In March 2020, we packed up our laptops and a few belongings and moved to our home offices. But even in shelter-in-place orders of the pandemic, the Clayman Institute has continued. Its programs have continued because of the incredible resiliency and flexibility they have shown, and almost all Fellows, staff and students alike quickly made the shift to working online.

Gender and the Pandemic – Clayman Institute programs have continued. Since March 2020, we have hosted 12 virtual seminars, 16 virtual events, and 14 online panels on topics that include gender equity in the workplace, the impact of COVID-19 on women's well-being, and the role of gender in the Black Lives Matter movement. We have also launched a new podcast, Clayman Conversations, and a new series of online events, “Debate Me!”

We commissioned new research from our Fellows and Faculty Research Fellows. For example, Tani F.獻, a faculty research fellow in the Department of Anthropology and the Center for Latin American Studies, has been exploring the impact of COVID-19 on Latin American women. Her research has been featured in the Clayman Institute’s new online journal, Gender News.

The Clayman Institute has launched its first podcast, Clayman Conversations, which features guest writers sharing their experiences as writers and scholars with students and fellows. The podcast has been a hit, with over 19 times more listens than our previous podcast, Gender News. Of course, this product itself — a podcast — has been installed, featuring a quote from Chanel Miller.

In addition to pursuing their own research, Fellows have been involved in the Institute’s cross-disciplinary COVID working group, which has been focused on domestic violence experiences during the pandemic. Fellows have also been involved in the Institute’s “Debate Me!” series, which has featured guest writers discussing their experiences as writers and scholars with students and fellows.

Clayman Institute programs have continued. This year, the Clayman Institute has been focusing on the role of gender in the Black Lives Matter movement. We have hosted a number of virtual events on this topic, including a panel discussion on the role of gender in social movements. These events have been very well attended, with over 1000 participants.

To all of you who have provided support this year and in past years, thank you for your participation and support of gender scholarship. We look forward to continuing our work in the years to come.