



## DETAILED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A RESEARCH STUDY

You are being invited to take part in the following research study: National Minority Health Geography Project

### **Researchers:**

The persons conducting this study are Cory J. Cascalheira, Ryan E. Flinn, Shuo “Coco” Wang, Ellen E. Ijebor, Jose Cera, and Na-Yeun Choi

### **WHAT ARE THE PURPOSES AND PROCEDURES OF THIS STUDY?**

The purpose of this study is to explore how geographic location may relate to health in minority populations.

This project involves a survey in which you will select an approximate location on Google Maps and answer questions about identity, anxiety, depression, resilience, and well-being.

### **WHY ARE WE ASKING YOU TO PARTICIPATE FOR THIS STUDY?**

You are being asked to participate in this study because you are an adult over the age of 18. You may participate even if you do not identify as a minority.

### **ARE THERE REASONS WHY YOU WOULD NOT QUALIFY FOR THIS STUDY?**

Yes. If you are a minor under the age of 18 years old.

It is important to let the Researchers know if you are in another research study. You should discuss this with the Researchers before you agree to participate in another research study while you are in this study.

### **WHAT IS THE DURATION?**

Your participation in this research will last 10-15 minutes for one online survey. It will involve an anonymous, secure survey administered through Qualtrics.

### **WHERE IS THE STUDY GOING TO TAKE PLACE?**

The research procedures will be conducted at a location that you select with Internet access.

### **WHAT IF NEW INFORMATION IS LEARNED DURING THE STUDY THAT MIGHT AFFECT YOUR DECISION TO PARTICIPATE?**

You will be informed if the Researchers learn new information that could change your mind about staying in the study. You may be asked to sign a new informed consent form if the information is provided to you after you have joined the study.

### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS, RISKS, COSTS, and COMPENSATIONS OF PARTICIPATION?**



### **Benefits**

The Researchers cannot know if you will get any personal benefit from taking part in this study. However, there may be potential benefits for the public, such as knowing that you have contributed to psychology and public health research about minority identified people.

### **Risks**

There are no anticipated risks of participating in this study. If you experience discomfort at any time, you may discontinue participation without penalty. Participation in this study is voluntary.

If you believe you are hurt, distressed, or if you get sick because of something that is due to the study, you should immediately contact the Researchers and/or the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at New Mexico State University [575-646-7177](tel:575-646-7177) [ovpr@nmsu.edu](mailto:ovpr@nmsu.edu).

### **Costs**

There are no costs associated with taking part in this study.

### **Compensations**

You will receive an opportunity to enter a raffle for a \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card for taking part in this study. There will be two winners.

### **WILL YOU BE GIVEN INDIVIDUAL RESULTS FROM THE STUDY?**

For this study, you will not be given individual results.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Researchers will keep your name and other identifying information private to the extent that we can. The Researchers will make every effort to prevent anyone who is not on the research team from knowing that you gave us information, or what that information is. You should know that there are some circumstances in which the Researchers may have to show your information to other people. However, since no personal information will be collected, these circumstances do not apply to this study.

Your responses are anonymous. We neither track IP addresses nor ask for any identifying information. The survey will ask you to select your location on Google Maps. However, you are encouraged to select an approximate location, such as a nearby business, landmark, neighborhood, or city. Your data will be stored on password-protected, encrypted computers.

Access to the data will be limited to the primary investigator and co-investigators of this study. It is possible that the consent process and data collection will be observed by research oversight staff responsible for safeguarding the rights and well-being of people who participate in research. When your data are stored on the Open Science Framework for secondary analyses, all fine-grain location details will be removed. Researchers will be unable to track your exact location.

During this study, you will be asked to provide biographical information. This information is intended to be anonymous. Please do not use identifying information in your written responses (i.e., last question



of the survey), such as specific names, screennames, email addresses, phone numbers, or other identifying information.

Additionally, you have the option of sending an email to the PI (Cory J. Cascalheira) to enter a raffle to win a \$25 Amazon.com Gift Card. Because none of the Researchers will have access to the survey data until after data collection is completed, it will be impossible for the Researchers to time the email submission with a specific survey submission. Thus, your email cannot be associated with your responses.

Since an email address is necessary for the raffle, other safeguards will be implemented. First, the email address is not stored in the dataset. The PI will acknowledge receipt of your email and then log the email into an Excel spreadsheet. The spreadsheet will be password-protected and stored on an encrypted computer. After transferring the your email to the secure spreadsheet, the email thread will be deleted from the PI's school email program (i.e., Microsoft Outlook), including deletion from the Inbox, Sent Items, and Deleted Items folders.

Please note that confidentiality in any form of electronic communication is not guaranteed. If you decide to enter the raffle, you will be instructed to send an email with the subject header "Complete" and body content of "Complete." Please do not disclose any identifying information, such as your name.

The Researchers will take careful steps to keep your information confidential (or anonymous).

The Researchers will make every effort to safeguard your information, but, the security of information obtained through commercial survey companies cannot be guaranteed. It is also possible the data collected for research purposes may be used for marketing or reporting purposes by the company, depending on the company's Terms of Service and Privacy policies.

**The findings and results of the study may appear publicly as** scholarly or creative works for books, journals, news articles, presentations, conferences or other places.

#### **WHERE WILL INFORMATION BE STORED AND FOR HOW LONG?**

The information will be stored at four locations. First, given that this study is a collaboration with Southern Illinois University at Carbondale (SIUC), electronic copies of this survey will be stored on the secure computer network at SIUC. Second, your data will be stored in the Qualtrics survey software, for which the Department of Psychology at SIUC holds a license. Third, a digital copy of your data will be accessible to the Researchers listed on this informed consent and stored on password-protected computers at New Mexico State University. Finally, after removing your fine location data, all responses will be stored on the Open Science Framework for secondary analyses.

#### **IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS OR WANT TO WITHDRAW:**

Participation in this study is strictly voluntary. You may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty.



If you choose to leave the study, you have the right to decide whether data collected up to that point that can be linked to your identity will remain in the study database or should be removed. However, since your responses are anonymous, Researchers cannot locate your individual responses. None of the data are linked to your identity.

The Researchers conducting the study may need to remove you from the study. This may occur for a number of reasons. You may be removed from the study if you are not able to follow the directions, they find that your participation in the study is more risk than benefit to you, or the agency paying for the study chooses to stop the study early for a number of scientific reasons.

The Researchers at New Mexico State University, Department of Counseling & Educational Psychology in charge of this study is Cory J. Cascalheira who may be reached at [coryjc@nmsu.edu](mailto:coryjc@nmsu.edu) or (575) 323-1272. The Researchers are students and their faculty supervisor is Na-Yeun Choi, who may be reached at [choina@nmsu.edu](mailto:choina@nmsu.edu) or (575) 646-6497.

If you have any questions, suggestions or concerns about your rights as a participant in this research study, contact the Office of Research Integrity and Compliance at New Mexico State University 575-646-7177 [ovpr@nmsu.edu](mailto:ovpr@nmsu.edu).

A copy of this form is available for you to keep.



## INFORMED CONSENT SIGNATURE PAGE

You are a participant or are authorized to act on behalf of the participant.  
This consent includes the following:

- Key Information Page
- Detailed Consent

You will receive a copy of this consent form after it has been signed.

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Signature of research subject or, if applicable,  
*\*research subject's legal representative*

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Date

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Printed name of research subject and, if applicable,

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*\*Printed name of research subject's legal representative*

*\*If applicable, please explain Representative's relationship to subject and include a description of representative's authority to act on behalf of subject:*

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Printed name of [authorized] person obtaining informed consent

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Signature of Principal Investigator or Sub/Co-Investigator