



INFORMED CONSENT

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN RESEARCH PROJECT ENTITLED A critical narrative inquiry of gender inclusive housing as an emerging practice

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Participant's Name: _____

You are invited to take part in a research study documenting the experiences trans* students living in gender inclusive housing on a college or university campus. You have been asked to be in this study because you identify as trans* and have lived in gender inclusive housing for at least six months during your college career.

Procedures: If you choose to participate in the study, you will be asked to participate in an interview which will take approximately 45-60 minutes.

Benefits: This study may be of no direct benefit to you, but it will help to understand the ways that gender inclusive housing does or does not meet the needs of trans* students on college campuses. The interview will encourage you to reflect on your experience and your level of comfort, safety and belonging on campus at your institution. Each participant will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card at the start of the interview; you will not be required to complete the interview to receive the card, and are free to discontinue the interview at any time.

Potential Risks: There are no inherent physical risks in the procedures themselves, and it is not anticipated that participants will experience risks in completing the interview. Participants will not be exposed to any more risk of harm or discomfort than those ordinarily encountered in daily life. There may be stress in recounting what it is like to live in residence at your college as a trans* person. If this is the case, you are free to discontinue completing the interview at any time.

Confidentiality: The information from the interviews will be used for research purposes and will inform the policies and practices used by residence life departments on college campuses with respect to gender inclusive housing in the future. You will not be identified at any time by name (or by other identifying markers) in any writing or research reports identified with this project.

Freedom of Choice to Participate: You are free (1) to decide whether or not to participate, and also free (2) to withdraw from the study at any time. A decision not to participate will not adversely affect any interactions with the investigator or any representative/employee of Merrimack College or [your institution name here].

Questions: Before you sign this form, please ask any questions on any part of this study that is unclear to you. You may take as much time as necessary to think this over. At any point in the study, you may question the Principal Investigator about the study (Susan Marine, marines@merrimack.edu; 617-347-4565). In addition, you are free to contact Dr. Mike Corcoran the Institutional Review Board Chair, with any questions (irb@merrimack.edu).

Consent option 1: This project has been explained to me to my satisfaction and in language I can understand, and I have received a copy of this consent form. I understand what my participation will involve and I agree to take part in this project under the terms of this agreement. I understand that I am not giving up my legal rights by signing this form.

Signature of Participant

Date

Printed Name of Participant

Signature of Investigator/Designee Obtaining Informed Consent

Date