

Consent to Participate in Class Interview

Interviewer: Jacob Goh

You have been asked to participate in an interview conducted by the above-named student as part of an assignment in HU3820 Interpersonal Communication taught by Dr. Patricia J. Sotirin, Michigan Technological University. Your participation is entirely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything you do not understand before the interview is conducted.

PURPOSE OF THE INTERVIEW

The purpose of this interview is to learn about interpersonal communication. A secondary purpose of the interview is to give students in the class an opportunity to practice research interviewing skills.

PROCEDURES

You will be asked to participate in a 20-30 minute interview. The interviewer will take notes and ask both prepared and spontaneous questions. The interview will be audio-recorded. The student will take precautions to preserve confidentiality (see below). A report will be submitted to the instructor who will be the only one to read the report.

CONFIDENTIALITY

Any information specific to you and your friends and family obtained through this interview will remain confidential. The student report on this interview will be submitted through the password-protected course website. Only the student and the instructor will read the interview paper and transcript. The audio-recording will be used only for the purposes of this assignment. It will not be shared with anyone other than (if necessary) the instructor. Recordings will be erased once the assignment is complete.

PARTICIPATION AND WITHDRAWAL

You may decline to answer any questions as you wish without consequences of any kind. There is no penalty if you stop the interview or if you request that the audio-recorder be turned off.

INSTRUCTOR IDENTIFICATION

If you have any questions or concerns about this interview, please contact Dr. Patricia Sotirin, Department of Humanities, Michigan Technological University, Houghton MI 49931-1295; telephone 906-487-3264; email pjsotiri@mtu.edu.