

Informed Consent Form

Project Title: Scarborough Oral History Project, University of Toronto, Scarborough (UTSC)

Purpose of project:

This project is interested in documenting the history of Scarborough and the stories of the people who live and work in its various neighbourhoods. The project is conducted by students enrolled in History D25, Women and Gender Studies D 10 and Sociology D 15 at the University of Toronto Scarborough. Students will present their findings in class at the end of November 2014. Interviews may be kept at a UTSC archive, with your permission.

Participation in the Study:

Your participation consists of a face-to-face interview, which may be audio recorded with your permission. Student researchers may also take photographs with your permission. Participants can choose to discuss any aspect of their lives and they may refuse to answer any questions. Interviews normally take up to 1 hour, but participants may take as long as they would like and are free stop at any time.

Your rights as an interviewee

If you have questions about your rights as a participant, please contact Connie Guberman, email: c.guberman@utoronto.ca and Paloma E. Villegas email: paloma.villegas@utoronto.ca of the Departments of Historical and Cultural Studies and Sociology at the University of Toronto Scarborough.

I understand that:

1. My participation is completely voluntary and I can withdraw at any time without any consequences.
2. I have the right not to respond to any question.
3. I am free to withdraw my consent at any time during the interview and discontinue from that point forward. My decision not to participate will be kept confidential.
4. The interview may be audio taped. The audiotapes will help the members of the research team to keep a consistent account of the narrative discussed. If I decline to have the interview audiotaped, student researchers will take notes instead.
5. I will be provided with a copy of the interview if I request one (see below).

I have carefully studied the above and understand this agreement. I have had an opportunity to ask questions and my questions have been answered to my satisfaction. I freely and voluntarily agree to participate in this study. I am being given a copy of this consent form for my own records.

Consent

☒ I consent to participate in the study.

Use of my name

One purpose of oral histories is to visibilize marginalized stories, which is why using participants' names is common.

☒ I agree to allow the use of my first name.

☐ I do not agree to allow the use of my name. I will remain anonymous. My identity will be known only to the interviewer and the course instructor; others will not gain access to my identity unless they gain special permission from myself, the interviewee.

Photographs

☒ I agree to let student researchers take my photograph, or photograph my belongings, including family photographs and documents

☐ I do not agree to students taking my photograph, but they may take photographs of my belongings, including family photographs and documents

☐ I do not agree to students taking any photographs.

Open access

☐ I agree to the possible broadcasting and reproduction of sound and images of my interview by any method and in any media by participants of this research project. I consent that my interview, or portions of it, be made available on the internet through web pages and/or on-line databases of the project.

☒ sound and images
☐ sound only

☐ I do not agree to the broadcasting and reproduction of sound and images of my interview outside of student researcher's course presentation. Once the student project is completed in December 2014, the audio and/or video recording will be destroyed.

Archiving

☒ I agree that recordings of my interview and images will be stored at a local archive for long-term preservation. I consent that my interview may be accessed for educational and research purposes only by researchers and the public by viewing it at the University of Toronto Scarborough Oral History Project and/or at a local Scarborough-area archive holding the preservation copy.

☐ I do not agree to the archiving of interview and images.

Copy of interview

☐ Please provide me with a copy of the audio recording or notes of the interview.

Contact information:

647 644 8414

Danish Akhtar
Printed Name of Participant

[Signature]
Signature of participant

I have received and reviewed the consent form. To my knowledge, the participant is voluntarily and knowingly giving informed consent.

Anastasia Smirniotis
Name of Student Researcher

[Signature]
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Saba Kadri
Name of Student Researcher

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Rachel Ganaytham
Name of Student Researcher

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Date: 30-09-14