

PARTICIPANT VERBAL CONSENT SCRIPT

Patterns of Minority Group Relations: A Political History of Black and Hispanic Activism in Portland

You are invited to contribute to a Senior Thesis Study conducted by Elizabeth Schuster, a student at Reed College in Portland, Oregon (U.S.A.). Through this study, I hope to learn about the dynamics between black and Hispanic political organizations in Portland. In particular, I hope to learn about the factors that contribute to cooperation between two minority groups working towards a common political goal. You are being asked for an interview because of your expertise on black and Hispanic political activism in Portland. Your personal experience participating in and/ or examining black and Hispanic activism in Portland and your perception of black and Hispanic activism will be a valuable asset to this study.

Your participation involves an interview with me, which will take approximately one to two hours. The interview will be open-ended, but may include questions such as: Over a period of time, how have the dynamics between particular black and Hispanic organizations changed around a specific issue? Or, the interview will focus on topics such as the history of one organization's activism around a particular issue in Portland.

You must choose how you would like to be identified in my thesis. You may choose to be identified generically (e.g. "local journalist") or by organization and name. You may also choose to remain anonymous. If you decide to remain anonymous, your confidentiality is guaranteed.

In addition, you must decide whether or not you would like to be quoted and/ or recorded. If you choose to be quoted, you may be identified in any of the ways mentioned above. If you choose to be recorded, you have the option of being recorded on tape or being recorded on written notes. Tapes and written material used during interviews will be stored in a locked and secure facility and destroyed once I complete my research.

All aspects of your participation in this study are voluntary. You may refuse to answer any question at any time. You may terminate the interview altogether at any time. At any time before the end of the interview, you may request that I erase all or part of your previously recorded answers.

I will be glad to answer any questions about my study. I can be contacted at the address below. Concerns about any aspect of this study may also be referred to Professor Dell Rhodes, Chair of the Reed College Human Subjects Research Committee, 503-517-7400, dell.rhodes@reed.edu or to my thesis advisor, Leslie Armijo, leslie.armijo@reed.edu.

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