

Informed Consent Form

International Gender and Tattooing

Description of Study: This study will collect information relating to gender issues within the world of tattooing internationally. Information based on any differences or similarities between men and women in regards to being tattoo collectors and/or as tattoo artists working professionally in the tattooing industry. Both women and men involved in the tattoo community will be asked about the relationship between gender and tattooing.

Purpose: This study aims to understand if tattooing continues to be a male-dominated profession, the implications of this, and if men and women's tattoo collecting continues to be perceived differently.

Process: The process of this interview will be answering questions to an open-ended questionnaire presented either face-to-face or on the telephone verbally, with the audio recorded for transcribing purposes. The time commitment of this interview will take 20-60 minutes of your time.

Benefits, Compensation and Risks: There are no benefits, compensations or risks associated with this study.

Voluntary Participation: All participation in this research is voluntary. You do not have to participate in this study. If at any point during the interview you wish to stop the process or withdraw from the study, your wishes will be respected. If you do not want to participate in a live conversation, you can also submit your answers in writing.

Confidentiality: Your confidentiality in this research will be respected. You will have the opportunity to select the name or pseudonym that your data will go under in the study. Only this consent form will have your real name, and this document will be safeguarded in a password protected file and not linked to the transcript of the interview. The digital audio recordings will be deleted after three years of storage. If you would like to use your real name or nickname, you are welcome to do that as well.

Contact Information: In case of questions please contact the principal researcher and/or the IRB Board at Siena College. (Beverly Yuen Thompson: 518-867-2677 or BThompson@siena.edu.) This research has been approved by the Institutional Review Board at Siena College and assigned IRB #04-17-050. If you have concerns about this research, please contact the IRB chair at IRB@Siena.edu.

Signature verifying consent:

- You have read and understood the information above
- You voluntarily agree to participate
- You give permission to be recorded or check Do not record
- You agree to have your real name used in the study _____
- You do not give up any legal rights by signing this Informed Consent
- You are over 18 years of age

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Demographic Information

___ choose not to respond

Gender Identity _____

Age _____

Race/ethnic identity _____

Highest educational attainment or degree _____

Years in tattoo industry _____

City, State _____

e-mail address (optional, for updates) _____