

## **International Gender and Tattooing 2017-2020**

### **Research questions**

#### ***Everyone***

- What is a very brief history of tattooing in your country? Is it popular? Only in certain geographic places? Only with certain groups? Are men and women equally tattooed, or is it more common with one gender? Do men and women get tattooed differently?
- Which countries and places are the most tattoo friendly that you know about in the world?

#### ***For Tattoo Collectors***

- How did you become aware of tattooing in the very beginning?
- When did you begin getting tattooed? Initial inspiration?
- What have some of the highlights of your tattooing experiences been?
- What is the reaction of your family to your tattoos? Friends?
- How does your workplace handle tattoos? Policy? Actual treatment?
- What are your tattoo stories?
- Have you “crossed the line” for “female appropriate tattoos” (i.e. have too many tattoos; too large; etc.)? If so, what has that experience been like?
- What are public reactions to your tattoos? How do you respond?
- How have your tattoos changed your life?
- Do you plan on getting more tattoos? If so, what do you want to get?

#### ***Tattoo artists***

- How did you become a tattoo artist? initial inspiration? Did you have an apprenticeship or different avenue?
- How was your experience as an apprentice?
- How many years have you been a tattoo artist?
- In your estimation, what percentage of tattoo artists are women?
- Do you have a sense of community with other female tattoo artists?
- How has gender been an issue in your career? In what ways?
- How would you describe your career and your specific artistic style?
- How is tattooing regulated by the state? Zoning? Licensing? Health department standards?
- How do you feel about the regulations around tattooing as they exist in your region? What suggestions would you have for regulating tattooing practice in your region? Are there examples from other regions that you think are better or worse?
- Are you a member of a professional tattooing organization?
- Do you travel and do guest spots in other shops?
- How do you see the future of tattooing developing?

#### ***Conclusion***

- Those are all my questions. Do you have anything else to add?