



Letter of Invitation

Title: History, Story-telling and Refugee Resettlement /

Subject: Invitation to participate in a research project on History, Story-telling and Refugee Resettlement

Date of ethics clearance: May 7, 2018

Ethics Clearance for the Collection of Data Expires: to May 31, 2019

10, May, 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

My name is Andriata Chirona and I am a PhD candidate in the Department of History at Carleton University. I am working on a research project under the supervision of Dr. Dominique Marshall (Department of History, Carleton University) and Dr. James Milner (Department of Political Science, Carleton University).

I am writing (contacting) you today in order to invite you to participate in a study on storytelling and refugee resettlement. This study aims to tell a history of how refugees have told their stories of flight and persecution to government and intergovernmental officials in order to obtain protection and to gain formal refugee status.

Your participation, if you consent to it, involves one 60-minute interview (or longer if necessary) that will take place in a mutually convenient, safe location. With your consent, interviews will be audio-recorded. Once the recording has been transcribed, the audio-recording will be destroyed.

Given the nature of the subject, care will be taken to ensure that you only speak on issues or events that you are comfortable. In addition, care will be taken to protect your identity or contributions to the level that you request. The level of anonymity will be discussed at the time of the interview. For example, you can request to have some of your responses or even your entire identity remain anonymous in the final dissertation and publication.

You will have the right to end your participation in the study at any time, for any

reason. If you choose to withdraw, all the information you have provided will be destroyed.

As a token of appreciation, I will be providing you with refreshments during the interview. No other compensation will be provided.

All research data, including audio-recordings and any notes will be encrypted. Any hard copies of data (including any handwritten notes or USB keys) will be kept in a locked cabinet at Carleton University. Research data will only be accessible by the researcher and the research supervisor.

This ethics protocol for this project was reviewed by the Carleton University Research Ethics Board, which provided clearance to carry out the research. Should you have questions or concerns related to your involvement in this research, please contact:

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If you would like to participate in this research project, or have any questions, please contact me at andriatachironda@cmail.carleton.ca.

Sincerely,

Andriata Chironda