



Former Canadian Visa Officer Consent Form

Title: History, Story-telling and Refugee Resettlement

Date of ethics clearance: May 7, 2018

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

I _____, choose to participate in a study on *History, Narrative and Refugee Resettlement - Constructing Refugee Eligibility* in post-Colonial Africa. 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 gain formal refugee status.

The researcher for this study is **Andriata Chironda, PhD Candidate in the Department of History, Carlton University.**

She is working under the co-supervision of Dr. Dominique Marshall (Faculty member, Chair of the Department of History, Carleton University) and Dr. James Milner (Faculty member, Department of Political Science, Carleton University).

This study involves one 60 minute interview. With your consent, interviews will be audio-recorded. Once the recording has been transcribed, the audio-recording will be destroyed.

As this project will ask you about your experiences with processing and deciding on refugee stories of flight and asylum, there is a possible risk that you may have emotional difficulty recounting some of your encounters and experiences in this line of work. Should you experience any distress during the interview, you can choose to terminate the interview and where possible, you will be provided with contact information for counseling services available nearby.

Also, because of the nature of the subject, you may not wish to be identified in the study. There may be a risk that information you share may infringe on the privacy of former refugees. For this reason, this research will not ask you to retell specific stories or divulge information about individuals, but instead your general experiences and views of refugee processing abroad. In addition, your statements or views will be protected and, should you wish, both your responses and your identity will be kept anonymous. At the time of the interview, you will also be allowed to request that certain responses not be included in the final dissertation and publication. You have the right to end your participation during the course of

the study for any reason. You can withdraw by emailing the researcher or the research supervisor. If you withdraw from the study, all information you have provided will be immediately destroyed.

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.

Once the project is completed, all research data will be kept for five years and potentially used for other research projects on this same topic. At the end of five years, all research data will be securely destroyed. (Electronic data will be erased and hard copies will be shredded.) If you would like a copy of the finished research project, you are invited to contact the researcher to request an electronic copy which will be provided to you.

The 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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Do you agree to be audio-recorded: ____Yes ____No?

Signature of participant

Date

Signature of researcher

Date