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CONSENT TO ACT AS A HUMAN RESEARCH SUBJECT

Vietnamese American Oral History Project/Vietnamese American Experience Class Oral History Project

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Participation is completely voluntary. Please read the information below and ask questions about anything that you do not understand.

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Part 1: Narrator Biographical Survey

The purpose of this research study is to document, preserve, and make widely accessible a collection of life stories of Vietnamese Americans living in Southern California to contribute to public history. For this preliminary part of the study, you are being asked to complete a 2 page Narrator Biographical Survey, which should take between 15 and 30 minutes. This survey will be used by the study team to contact you and to analyze the research sample in order to determine diversity in subject categories. You can participate in this study if you are Vietnamese American, at least 30 years of age, and live in Southern California (greater Los Angeles, greater San Diego, Orange County, and the Inland Empire).

Based on the information provided in the Narrator Biographical Survey, a study team member may or may not contact you for an in-depth oral history interview. This survey involves no more than minimal risk. The possible risks include: a possible loss of privacy. We will take cautionary measures to ensure your personal information on the survey is protected by the study team and only shared among the study team for the purposes of this project only. Identifiable information collected about you in the Narrator Biographical Survey will be kept on the study team’s password protected computers and stored in the Lead Researcher’s office in locked file cabinets. Your personal information will only be used by the study team to contact you for setting up an in-depth oral history interview, follow-up interviews, and for approval of interview transcripts. This information will be retained with your consent form and gift agreement in a restricted area of the UCI Libraries Special Collections. Your phone number, email, and home address will NOT be disseminated online or attached to the data set. You will not directly benefit from participation in this study. The study will contribute to public history about Vietnamese Americans’ contributions to California and the United States and enrich the scholarship on war, migration, refugee resettlement, and ethnic identity in the US. You will not be compensated for your participation in this research study. You are free to withdraw from this study at any time. If you decide to withdraw from this study you should notify the research team immediately.

No one on the study team has a disclosable financial interest related to this research project. If you have any comments, concerns, or questions regarding the conduct of this research, please contact the research team listed at the top of this form. Please contact UCI’s Office of Research by phone, (949) 824-6662, by e-mail at IRB@research.uci.edu or at 141 Innovation Drive, Suite 250, Irvine, CA 92697, if you are unable to reach the researchers listed at the top of the form and have general questions; have concerns or complaints about the research; have questions about your rights as a research subject; or have general comments or suggestions.

Your signature below indicates you have read the information in this consent form and have had a chance to ask any questions you have about this study.

I agree to participate in the study.

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Subject Signature     Date

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Printed Name of Subject

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Researcher Signature   Date

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Printed Name of Researcher