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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 2: In-Depth Oral History Interview
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. Using in-depth audio/video-recorded interviews, photographs, and a compilation of narrators’ photographs and documents, the study team will disseminate the oral histories online to be used for research and educational purposes by the general public. This study will enroll approximately 400 participants. Participation in the study will include approximately 1-2 visits and take a total of approximately 2-3 hours over a period of 1 day to 1 year.

1. You will be interviewed for approximately 2 hours by the interviewer, during which time you will either be audio or video-recorded. Before or after the interview, you will be photographed by the interviewer and asked to present the photographs, documents, and any other items you wish to donate or be scanned and archived with your interview.
2. Your interview will be transcribed by a study team member and a transcript will be sent to you for minor editing.
3. Once your transcripts are reviewed by the Lead Researcher, a follow-up interview may be required.

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).

The possible risks and/or discomforts associated with the procedures described in this study include: reliving memories of past experiences of war, migration, and resettlement and the public exposure of any controversial experiences or beliefs you express in the interview, which will be made available online for researchers, community members, and the public at large. 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.

Identifiable information collected about you (such as name, date of birth, place of birth) will be kept with the research data. Because you will be part of a study that collects, preserves, and disseminates online life stories of Vietnamese Americans in Southern California, you will be identified by your name and other personal details you share during the course of the interview. Your contact information (phone number, email, home address) will be used by the research team as a means of contacting you for study-related purposes. This information will NOT be made available online with the recordings or transcripts. This contact information will be filed separately with your Narrator Biographical Survey on password-protected computers used by the study team and in the Lead Researcher’s office in locked cabinets. Once the study is complete, your personal information will be retained with the consent forms and gift agreements in order to ensure your transfer of copyright of interview content and gifted photographs and documents to the UCI Libraries or its Successor. This information will be kept in a restricted area of the library. The study team will present your interview audio/video recordings, transcripts, and any donated images and documents online through the project website (http://sites.uci.edu/vaohp) as well as on UCI Space (http://ucispace.lib.uci.edu/). The UC Irvine Libraries (or its Successor) will keep hard copies of the audio/video-recorded interviews, transcripts, and donated photos and documents in a repository indefinitely. The general public will have access to the recordings, transcripts, and donated materials for research and educational purposes. The general public will not have access to your contact information.
Should you wish to participate in the study but want to protect your privacy, you may opt to restrict access to your file for either 10 or 20 years. If you choose this option, we will secure your file in a restricted repository in UCI Libraries Special Collections until the indicated date for the data to be released with the rest of the collection. You will need to fill out the additional section after your signature below to choose this option.

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.

_______________________________, a student at UC Irvine, will be conducting your interview.

Student email: ________________________________ Phone number: ________________________________

Your interview will be recorded and processed by the student named above and reviewed by the Lead Researcher. 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.

_____________________________________________  __________________  
Subject/Narrator Signature  Date

Printed Name of Subject/Narrator

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Researcher/Interviewer Signature  Date

Printed Name of Researcher/Interviewer

Data Release Restriction (optional)

I request that the study team restrict access to my file for  
[ ] 10 years or  [ ] 20 years. 
check only one box please

Subject/Narrator Signature  Date