

Marriage Recognition Study & Research Registry: Information and Consent Form

Research Project: Exploration of the impact of marriage recognition on sexual-minority women and trans* individuals and their relationships

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Purpose: The purpose of this study is to better understand the impact of marriage recognition on lesbian and bisexual women and on trans* individuals.

Procedures: Lesbian, bisexual, queer and same-sex attracted women and trans* individuals over the age of 18 will complete a confidential online survey. The survey is completely voluntary and will take about 10 minutes to complete.

Risks: There are no risks to you beyond the possibility of minor discomfort in answering some of the questions. If any question makes you uncomfortable, you may skip the question.

Benefits: There is no direct benefit to you for participating in the study. However, we expect that this research project will create new knowledge and understanding of the effects of legal and cultural changes that will ultimately benefit professionals who are interested in the health and wellness of women, trans* individuals and the LGBT and sexual minority communities.

Compensation: There is no compensation for completing the survey.

Confidentiality: All the information you give is strictly confidential, no personal identifying information is never associated with the results of this research. Your answers will be grouped with those of all the other participants in any papers or reports from the survey.

You will be invited at the end of the survey to provide contact information if you are interested in volunteering for future studies. If you choose to volunteer for future studies, we will keep your contact information and data for 10 years. Only members of our research team (listed above) will have access to your contact information; your information will not be shared with anyone outside of our research team. Members from the research team may reach out to you in the future to see if you would be interested in participating in another study. You are under no obligation to participate if you are contacted in the future. If at any point in the future, you wish to be removed from the registry, contact Dr. Laurie Drabble, and you will be removed.

Participant Rights: Your participation is completely voluntary. If any question makes you uncomfortable, you can skip that question.

Questions or Problems: Questions about this research may be addressed to Laurie Drabble, at laurie.drabble@sjsu.edu or (408) 924-5836. Complaints about this research may be addressed to Dr. Kathy Lemon, MSW Program Coordinator, (408) 924-5800. Questions about research subjects' rights or

research-related injury may be presented to Pam Stacks, Ph.D., Associate Vice President, Office of Research, at (408) 924-2479.

Agreement to Participate: Checking "yes" in response to the question on the first page of the study survey site (indicating your willingness to complete the survey) means that you consent to be part of the study. Please print a copy of this page and keep it for your records.