

Informed Consent Form for:  
" Occupational Lives of Resort Workers"

I, *name*, a faculty member at the *school*, am inviting you to participate in a research project that I am conducting. My school address is the *address*. If you would like to reach me to talk with me about this project, you may leave a message on my voice mail at school (#) and I will return your call, or feel free to call me at my home telephone number (#). You may also reach me at my e-mail address: *email address*, or at my cell phone while on the road at #.

I am interested in talking to you about the different types of occupational paths pursued by people working in the hospitality, leisure, and/or resort industry. I am interested in what brings people into this line of work, some of the different career paths or "tracks" that exist, and how each of these has certain characteristics. I am fascinated by the way these careers resemble and differ from the more "conventional" careers that people commonly associate with mainstream work. I would like to look into how and why people enter these careers, the rewards and enhancements that make them appealing, and the difficulties associated with them. I am interested in the culture of resort workers, structural features of resort work careers, seasonality in resorts, the social construction of resorts, and the international networks of resort workers. I will be asking questions about what it is like to work in a 24/7 organization, the nature of part-time and full-time jobs, and what your leisure and family life is like outside the resort.

I would like to talk to you and take notes on or tape record our conversation about your knowledge of and experiences with work in the hospitality industry. The interview might take anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour or longer, depending on how much you have to say. I will be happy to come to your house or anywhere else that you like to talk with you, or to meet where it is convenient for you.

Every experience carries with it some risks and benefits. A possible risk could be that you might have slight embarrassment in talking about certain topics. A possible benefit is that you may enjoy reflecting on sociological aspects of the occupation where you have chosen to work. You may gain insight into issues that characterize this type of occupation. If there are any topics you would prefer not to talk about, just say so and we can go on to another topic. Everything that you say will be held in the strictest confidence. There will be no compensation for this interview.

If you decide to participate in this project, please understand that your participation is voluntary and that you have the right to withdraw your consent or to discontinue participation at any time. You have the right to refuse to answer any question(s) for any reason.

In addition, I will maintain the privacy of the experiences you discuss in all published and written data resulting from this study. Sociologists are interested in trends and patterns of behavior rather than individual accounts, and I will use pseudonyms to disguise the identity of my subjects as a confidentiality measure.

I may be tape recording the conversations to ensure that I remember exactly what is said, but once I have completed the project, I will recycle and tape over these tapes for subsequent research projects. I will destroy all written records related to this project at the same time.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a subject, any concerns regarding this project, or any dissatisfaction with any aspect of this study, you may report them to me or -- confidentially, if you wish, -- to the *IRB administrator*, or by telephone to #. Copies of the *school* Assurance of Compliance to the federal government regarding human subject research are available upon request from the Graduate School address listed above. You are being with provided two copies of this informed consent form. Please keep one for your records and return a signed copy to me.

I understand the above information and voluntarily consent to participate in the research project entitled "Occupational Lives of Resort Workers."

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_

Name Printed Out: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_