

## Permission to Take Part in a Human Research Study

Title of research study:

Designing Dissent: Moving Political Engagement for Social Justice from the Vanguard into the Mainstream of the Design and Engineering Professions

Investigators:

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Why is this research being done?

The purpose of this study is to understand ways environmental design professionals (architects, landscape architects, planners, and civil and environmental engineers) advocate to bring social justice work into the mainstream of their professions. In this research, we hope to learn how political engagement is growing from the vanguard into the mainstream of these professions.

Why am I being invited to take part in this research?

You are invited to contribute to this research because you are a designer or engineer engaged in advocacy or activism work—be it through your practice, forms of dissent within the profession, or in academia. Your experiences in shaping your profession will help us better understand the evolution of the environmental design fields as they move to incorporate social justice work. We are eager to hear your perspectives on professional activism or social justice work in architecture, planning, or engineering.

What should I know about a research study?

- Someone will explain this research study to you.
- Whether or not you take part is up to you.
- You can choose not to take part.
- You can agree to take part and later change your mind.
- Your decision will not be held against you.
- You can ask all the questions you want before you decide.

How long will the research last and how many people will be interviewed?

The research will be conducted between March 2017 and May 2020. We expect to interview about one hundred people in this research study and visit about twenty-five gatherings of professionals.

Who can I talk to?

If you have questions, concerns, or complaints, or think the research has negatively affected you, you can reach the research team by contacting Shawhin Roudbari (shawhin@colorado.edu or (303) 492-5604). [Continued on reverse...]

This research has been reviewed and approved by an Institutional Review Board (“IRB”). You may talk to them at (303) 735-3702 or [irbadmin@colorado.edu](mailto:irbadmin@colorado.edu) if:

- Your questions, concerns, or complaints are not being answered by the research team.
- You cannot reach the research team.
- You want to talk to someone besides the research team.
- You have questions about your rights as a research subject.
- You want to get information or provide input about this research.

What happens if I say yes, I want to be in this research?

Joris, Matthew, or Shawhin will contact you to set up a meeting at a time and place of your choosing. They will ask you about your perspectives, experiences, and thoughts on political engagement and dissent in your profession as well as ways that work overlaps with social justice aims. The length of the discussion can run from about an hour to a couple hours or more, depending on your availability. Given your consent, we will use a digital audio recorder to record the conversation and take hand written notes. Your personal information will remain confidential and not shared with anyone outside the research team.

What happens if I do not want to be in this research? And what happens if I say yes, but I change my mind later?

You can leave the research at any time and it will not be held against you.

What happens to the information collected for the research?

Notes and audio recording files will be stored on secure, password-protected computers belonging to the research team. Personal identifiers will be removed from these documents. Written reports and papers will provide no identifiable information. Members of the research team will have access to the notes; however, identifiers will first be removed from these notes and stored in a separate location. The information and ideas collected will be synthesized and generalized and then used to formulate findings that will be shared with the academic community and design and planning professionals seeking to better understand political empowerment for social justice work. Any video recordings will be professionally edited and made publically available through our university and research project websites.