

Consent to Participate in a Research Study

I knew I was a man when...

You are being invited to take part in a research study about African American men's reflections on their transition from childhood to adulthood. If you take part in this study, you will be one of about 100 or more people to do so.

The person in charge of this study is Dr. Lathardus Goggins II of the University of North Carolina Wilmington. Dr. Goggins will be gathering and analyzing the information for the study.

The researcher participating in this study does not stand to gain financially or personally.

By doing this study the researcher hopes to learn more about how African-American males define manhood, masculinity, and experience other social institutions, such as education, family, religion, and media. Also, to better understand the process of transformation into manhood.

The research will be conducted in various cities throughout the US. The researcher will come to various locations to conduct interviews. Each interview will take about 30 – 45 minutes. The total amount of time you will be asked to volunteer for this study is about 60 minutes.

You will be asked to participate in an individual interview with the researcher. Dr. Goggins will ask you questions related to your transition into manhood. An audio file of the interview will be digitally recorded. This will allow the researcher to capture your responses best. You will not be identified on file by name, only your responses. After the interviews, files will be stored in a locked file cabinet in Dr. Goggins office. After all interviews have been transcribed and analyzed, he will be the only one with access to original files.

To the best of our knowledge, the things you will be doing have no more risk of harm than you would experience in everyday life.

Although we have made every effort to minimize this, you may find some of the questions the researcher may ask to be upsetting or stressful. If so, research will suggest some people who may be able to help you with these feelings.

If you decide to take part in the study, it should be because you really want to volunteer. There will be no penalty and you will not lose any benefits or rights you would normally have if you choose not to volunteer. No one on the research team will behave any differently toward you if you choose not to participate in the study. You can stop at any time during the study and still keep the benefits and rights you had before volunteering.

There are no costs associated with taking part in this study.

You will not receive any payment or reward for taking part in this study.

Your information will be combined with information from other people taking part in the study. When the researcher writes up the study to share it with other researchers, he will write about the combined information. You will not be identified in any published or presented materials unless you have specifically given me permission to identify you.

We will make every effort to prevent anyone who is not on the research team from knowing that you gave us information or what that information is. In our best efforts to keep your identity confidential, you will be assigned an ID number, which will be kept separate from your name. The assigned ID numbers with lists linking names and ID numbers will be kept in a locked file cabinet; information linked to names will also be kept in a locked file cabinet.

However, there are some circumstances in which we may have to show your information to other people. We may be required to show information that identifies you to people who need to be sure that we have done the research correctly, such as the UNCW Institutional Review Board.

If you decide to take part in the study you still have the right to decide at any time that you no longer want to continue. There will be no penalty and no loss of benefits or rights if you stop participating in the study. No one on the research team will behave any differently to you if you decide to stop participating in the study.

We will notify you if you should no longer participate in this study.

Before you decide whether or not to participate in the study, please ask any questions that come to mind now. Later, if you have questions about the study, you can contact the principal investigator (Dr. Goggins), at (910) 962-2657. If you have any questions about your rights as a research participant, contact Dr. Candace Gauthier, Chair of the UNCW Institutional Review Board, at 910-962-3558.

I am required by federal law to provide you with a copy of this informed consent form.

You may request a copy of the project summary or final report.

I understand that my participation in this research study is entirely voluntary. I may refuse to participate without penalty or loss of benefits. I may also stop participating at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. I have received a copy of this consent form to take home with me.

Signature of person consenting to take part
in the study

Date

Printed name of person consenting to take
part in the study

Name of person providing information to
the participant

Date