

SAMPLE CONSENT FORMS

TEMPLATE F: STUDENT INVESTIGATOR - INFORMED CONSENT NOTICE AND ADULT SUBJECTS

University of North Texas Institutional Review Board

Informed Consent Notice

Before agreeing to participate in this research study, it is important that you read and understand the following explanation of the purpose, benefits and risks of the study and how it will be conducted.

Title of Study: Slash Fanfiction: What This Could Mean for Queer Media Representation

Student Investigator: ___ Allison Bradley, B.A.

Supervising Investigator: ___ Michael F. Thompson, Ph.D.

Purpose of the Study: You, someone 18 or older, are being asked to participate in a research study which involves studying the relationship between media, slash fiction, and LGBTQ+ identity.

Study Procedures: You will be asked to answer questions detailing your opinions and relationship with slash fiction that will take about one hour of your time.

Foreseeable Risks: No foreseeable risks are anticipated with this study.

Benefits to the Subjects or Others: The anticipated benefits to subjects as a result of this study would be better mainstream understanding of the nuances and unique relationships slash consumers have with slash fiction as well as possible increased tolerance and/or interest for slash fiction. Others who may possibly benefit from this study are LGBTQ+ individuals; any insight this study may give into the handling/production of LGBTQ+ related media could foster new understanding and compassion for LGBTQ+ people.

Compensation for Participants: None

Procedures for Maintaining Confidentiality of Research Records: As this will be an internet survey, confidentiality will be maintained to the degree possible given the technology and practices used by the online survey company. Your participation in this online survey involves risks to confidentiality similar to a person's everyday use of the internet.

Questions about the Study: If you have any questions about the study, you may contact Allison Bradley at allisonbradley@my.unt.edu or Michael F. Thompson at (michaelthompson2@unt.edu).

Review for the Protection of Participants: This research study has been reviewed and approved by the UNT Institutional Review Board (IRB). The UNT

IRB can be contacted at (940) 565-4643 with any questions regarding the rights of research subjects.

Research Participants' Rights:

Your participation in the survey confirms that you have read all of the above and that you agree to all of the following:

- Allison Bradley has explained the study to you and you have had an opportunity to contact him/her with any questions about the study. You have been informed of the possible benefits and the potential risks of the study.
- You understand that you do not have to take part in this study, and your refusal to participate or your decision to withdraw will involve no penalty or loss of rights or benefits. The study personnel may choose to stop your participation at any time.
- You understand why the study is being conducted and how it will be performed.
- You understand your rights as a research participant and you voluntarily consent to participate in this study.
- You understand you may print a copy of this form for your records.