

Hamline University

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Informed Consent to Participate in Research

You are being asked to participate in a research study. This form provides you with information about the study. The student researcher or faculty researcher (Principal Investigator) will provide you with a copy of this form to keep for your reference, and will also describe this study to you and answer all of your questions.

This form provides important information about what you will be asked to do during the study, about the risks and benefits of the study, and about your rights as a research participant.

- If you have any questions about or do not understand something in this form, you should ask the research team for more information.
- You should feel free to discuss your potential participation with anyone you choose, such as family or friends, before you decide to participate.
- Do not agree to participate in this study unless the research team has answered your questions and you decide that you want to be part of this study.
- Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you can refuse to participate or withdraw at any time.

Title of Research Study: Forensic Anthropology and Forensic Science: Employability and Disciplinary Differences

Student Researcher and email address (if applicable; delete this part if the research is being conducted by a faculty or staff member instead of by a student): Sophie Anderson, sanderson70@hamline.edu

Principal Investigator or Faculty Advisor, Hamline affiliation/title, phone number(s), and email address: Matthew Sumera, Ph.D., Visiting Professor in Sociocultural Anthropology, (651) 523-2694, msumera01@hamline.edu

1. What is the research topic, the purpose of the research, and the rationale for why this study is being conducted?

The goal of this research is to gain an understanding of the opportunities that are currently available to undergraduates pursuing degrees in Anthropology and Forensic Science. In particular, I will survey professionals in the field to determine the relative advantages of each degree in terms of career preparation and employability. I hope that through this research, I gain clarity for my own future goals and as assist Hamline University in bettering their program for Forensic Anthropology.

2. What will you be asked to do if you decide to participate in this research study?

Those who agree to participate in my research will be asked to take a short 5-10 minute survey. All respondents will be kept anonymous and no personal information will be asked.

3. What will be your time commitment to the study if you participate?

For those participating in the survey, no more than about 10 minutes. If it is someone I will be conducting an interview with, no more than about an hour of time.

4. Who is funding this study?

This research is being conducted without funding.

5. What are the possible discomforts and risks of participating in this research study?

Possible discomfort may arise when answering questions about level of employability, as well as the possible loss of confidentiality.

6. How will your privacy and the confidentiality of your data and research records be protected?

There are no questions regarding any personal information and no other respondents can see the results of the survey. I have also set the google survey so that it does not require participants to enter their email address, ensuring even more anonymity.

7. How many people will most likely be participating in this study, and how long is the entire study expected to last?

~50 (this is subject to change as I am unsure of how many participants I will have for my surveys)

The study will last about 1 month.

8. What are the possible benefits to you and/or to others from your participation in this research study?

Participating in this study can benefit those working in these fields, as this is a step towards advancing the employability of current students as well as professionals that are already in the field.

9. If you choose to participate in this study, will it cost you anything?

No, there will be no cost to participate.

10. Will you receive any compensation for participating in this study?

No, there will be no compensation for participating in this study.

11. What if you decide that you do not want to take part in this study? What other options are available to you if you decide not to participate or to withdraw?

Your participation in this study is entirely voluntary. You are free to refuse to participate in the study, and your refusal will not influence your current or future relationships with Hamline University.

12. How can you withdraw from this research study, and who should you contact if you have any questions or concerns?

You are free to withdraw your consent and stop participation in this research study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits for which you may be entitled. If you do not wish to participate, simply refrain from filling out the survey.

13. Are there any anticipated circumstances under which your participation may be terminated by the researcher(s) without your consent?

No, this is not applicable to my study.

14. Will the researchers benefit from your participation in this study?

No benefit aside from results being used for the final paper, as well as the hands-on learning experience received.

15. Where will this research be made available once the study is completed?

There is no intention to publish this research; however, results will be shared with the chair of the Anthropology department at Hamline University.

16. Will your information be used in any other research studies or projects?

No, information will not be used in any other research studies or projects.

PARTICIPANT COPY

Signatures:

As a representative of this study, I have explained the purpose, the procedures, the benefits, and the risks that are involved in this research study:

Signature and printed name of person obtaining consent Date 02/05/2020
(Student researcher or PI)

Sophie Anderson
Title of person obtaining consent

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Signature of Principal Investigator or Faculty Advisor Date

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(Duplicate signature page for researcher's records)

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