

INFORMED CONSENT DOCUMENT – INTERVIEW ONLY
CWRU Pluralism Project: Mapping the University’s Religious Landscape

You are being asked to participate in a research study about religion on the CWRU campus. You were selected as a possible participant because you are a CWRU undergraduate student or because you work with CWRU undergraduate students. Please read this form and ask any questions that you may have before agreeing to be in the research. Researchers at Case Western Reserve University are conducting this study.

Background Information

The purpose of this research is (1) to map the religious landscape of the CWRU undergraduate student body, and (2) to understand of how religion affects undergraduate education and life in and out of the classroom.

Procedures

If you agree to be a participant in this research, we would ask you to be interviewed by one of the student researchers. Feel free to provide any supplemental comments or information. If you permit, the interviewer may audio-tape the interview (see the check box, below).

Risks and Benefits to Being in the Study

There are no foreseeable personal risks or benefits to this research.

Compensation

You will not receive any compensation for your participation in this research.

Confidentiality

The records of this research will be kept private. They will be kept in a locked file and any report we publish will not include any information that will make it possible to identify a participant. Access to research records will normally be limited to the researchers. However, the University’s Institutional Review Board (IRB) and other regulatory agencies may review the research records to ensure that the rights of human subjects are being adequately protected. If audio-recordings or interviews are made, they will be destroyed within two years.

Voluntary Nature of the Study

Your participation is voluntary. If you choose not to participate, it will not affect your current or future relations with the University. There is no penalty or loss of benefits for not participating or discontinuing participation. You will be provided with any significant new findings that develop during the course of the research that may make you decide that you want to stop participating.

Contacts and Questions

The researchers conducting this study are Timothy K. Beal, Ph.D., and students of Rlgn 399: Senior Seminar in Religion. You may ask any questions you have now. If you have any questions, you may contact Professor Beal at 216-368-2221. If you would like to talk to someone other than the researcher(s) about (1) concerns regarding this study, (2) research participant rights, (3) research-related injuries, or (4) other human subjects issues, please contact Case Western Reserve University’s Institutional Review Board at (216) 368-4510 or write to Case Western Reserve University, Institutional Review Board, 10900 Euclid Ave., Cleveland, OH 44106-7015.

Statement of Consent

I have read the above information. I have received answers to the questions I have asked. I consent to participate in this research. I am at least 18 years of age.

I will allow my interview to be audio-taped. yes
 no

Print Name of Participant: _____

Signature of Participant: _____

Date: _____