

Script for Verbal Informed Consent
Ethnographic Study of Chinese Immigrant Families Living in Chicago
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I am a graduate student in the Department of Anthropology at the University of Chicago. I am here to conduct a study that will look at how immigrant families from China adapt to living in the Chicago area.

Before we begin, I would like to take a minute to explain why I am inviting you to participate and what I will be doing with the information you provide to me. Please stop me at any time if you have any questions. After I've told you a bit more about my project, you can decide whether or not you would like to participate.

I am doing this research as part of my studies in the Anthropology Department. I will be interviewing family members about their lives, including their experiences living in China and then the process of moving to and adapting to life in Chicago. I will use this information as the basis for my Doctoral Thesis. I may also use this information in articles that might be published, as well as in academic presentations.

Participation should take about 2 hours. Participation is on a purely voluntary basis. You will be asked to answer some questions about how and why you moved to America, and any positive and negative experiences you may have had during the transition. The risks associated with this study are minimal, and you do not have to answer any question you do not want to. If at any time you would like to stop participating, please tell me. We can take a break, stop and continue at a later date, or stop altogether. You will not be penalized in any way for deciding to stop participation at any time.

There are no direct benefits to you as a participant, although you will be helping shed light on the nature of immigration and assimilation.

I would also like to tape record this interview so as to make sure that I remember accurately all the information you provide. I will keep these tapes in a locked cabinet that only myself and my adviser will have access to. After recording, I will transcribe the tapes but will edit out all identifying information. Upon removing all identifiers out of the transcript, the tapes will be destroyed and the transcripts will be archived for 10 years.

If you have questions, you are free to ask them now. If you have questions later, you may contact me at jqresearcher@university.edu or at 773-555-1212. You can also contact the PI for the study, Professor Joe Smith, at joesmith@university.edu.

If you have any questions about your rights as a participant in this research, you can contact the following office at the University of Chicago:

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Are you interested in participating in this study?

Consent to Record Interview

May I record this interview?