

#POLICEFREECAMPUS

Study Title: #PoliceFreeCampus: A Digital Ethnography of Black Campus-Community Resistance, New Media Organizing, and Abolitionist Praxis for a Police-free Future
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This is a consent form for research participation. It contains important information about this study and what to expect if you decide to participate. Please consider the information carefully. Feel free to discuss the study with your friends and family and to ask questions before making your decision whether or not to participate. Participants must be 18 years of age to participate.

You may or may not benefit as a result of participating in this study. Also, as explained below, your participation may result in unintended or harmful effects for you that may be minor or may be serious, depending on the nature of the research.

1. Why is this study being done?

The killing of Black people and the occupation of Black neighborhoods by police in the United States is not a phenomenon unique to municipal police departments. In fact, 771 colleges and universities spend an average of \$2.7 million annually to employ and arm sworn officers in campus police departments, at least two of which have been responsible for the killing of unarmed Black people during off-campus patrols in recent years. More routinely, however, campus policing employs mechanisms of surveillance, criminalization, and carceral punishment to enforce various social, symbolic, and spatial boundaries between White-serving postsecondary institutions and the Black communities within which they are located.

2. How many people will take part in this study?

Approximately 150 campus-community organizers engaged in abolition work across the city of Philadelphia

3. What will happen if I take part in this study?

Your participation is important. You may be asked to participate in no less than 1 virtual interview(s) and/or 1 focus group with a specified dates, times, and locations that works most conveniently to your schedule (and that of the other participants when groups are necessary). You will be asked about your expectations, experiences, and reflections as a participant in campus-community organizing, your perspectives on campus and public safety, and your interpretation of a future without (campus) police.

4. How long will I be in the study?

The study will be conducted during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic years.

5. Can I stop being in the study?

Yes! Participation is absolutely voluntary and you reserve the right to refuse participation at any point during the study. If you decide to take part in the study, you may leave the study at any time. No matter what decision you make, there will be no penalty to you and you will not lose any of your usual benefits. Your decision will not be used in any way to affect your future relationship with The University of Michigan or any other higher and postsecondary institutions with which you are affiliated.

6. What risks, side effects or discomforts can I expect from being in the study?

The only potential risk in participating is the disclosure of your personal information during the recruitment and/or interview process. To minimize this risk, we have stringent security measures in place for securing the data. All transcriptions of your interview will be de-identified of all personal information provided and assigned a unique user ID. In addition, in the reporting of data, an agreeable pseudonym will be chosen in place of your name. Lastly, it is not anticipated that your participation will in any way jeopardize your current academic standing or enrollment at your institution. Neither your name nor confirmation of your participation will be provided to your institution or employer by the study. However, each institution and municipality has its own policies related to being involved in particular forms of activism, protest, and other acts of political dissent and may construe your participation in violation of such policies. Please familiarize yourself with your institution's code of conduct or other related policies to determine extramural implications for which the study and its researcher itself cannot fully control.

7. What benefits can I expect from being in the study?

The benefits to subjects participating in this study will be associated with the documentation of their stories with the researcher and peers participating in the research process. In addition, the results from this research study will be provided to each participant to provide better understanding about the experiences, beliefs, attitudes, and behaviors related to campus and community safety, including ways to move away from law enforcement models and toward more sustaining and humanizing resources as solutions.

8. What other choices do I have if I do not take part in the study?

You may choose not to participate without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

9. Will my study-related information be kept confidential?

The PI will store any hardcopy data in locked cabinet files inside a secure home office until a return to campus operations normalizes. At that time, all hardcopy data will be moved along with the locked filing cabinet to the researcher's university office located at 601 E. University Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. The file cabinets and office will be locked at all times when not in use. Data will NOT be stored or analyzed on a public computer. Only authorized computers

and encrypted external hard drives will be utilized for this research project. The authorized computers will be protected by passwords, which will be changed every 90 days.

In addition, data generated through the study will be treated as confidential. Only the participants' assigned ID numbers will be used for data analyses. Only the PI will see the participant's individual contributions to the data. The PI will sign affidavits of non-disclosure to protect the identity of students participating in the research study.

These efforts will be made to keep your study-related information confidential. However, there may be circumstances where this information must be released. For example, personal information regarding your participation in this study may be disclosed if required by state law.

Also, your records may be reviewed by the following groups (as applicable to the research):

- Office for Human Research Protections or other federal, state, or international regulatory agencies
- The University of Michigan Institutional Review Board

10. What are the costs of taking part in this study?

There are no monetary costs associated with participation in the study. However, time is a valuable resource, especially for full-time college students. Commitment to participating in a 1-2 hour interview and 1 hour focus group will be asked of selected subjects.

11. Will I be paid for taking part in this study?

There is no compensation for subjects participating in this study.

12. Will video or audio recordings be made of me during the study?

Yes, we will make an audio recording during the study in order to ensure accuracy of your responses **only if you check the first box below**. Video recordings may also be used for additional accuracy of nonverbal responses **only if you check the second box below**. All audio recordings of the interviews will be held de-identified and confidential, for use of this study and presentation of this study in the future. Video recordings, if consent is provided, may also be utilized in the presentation of key findings in the form of a documentary film on the national study.

Audio

I give my permission for audio recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

I do not give my permission for audio recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

Video

I give my permission for video recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

I do not give my permission for video recordings to be made of me during my participation in this research study.

13. What happens if I am injured because I took part in this study?

If you suffer an injury from participating in this study, you should seek treatment. The University of Michigan has no funds set aside for the payment of treatment expenses for this study. However, given the nature of this study, it is not suspected that any injury and/or bodily harm will take place.

14. What are my rights if I take part in this study?

If you choose to participate in the study, you may discontinue participation at any time without penalty or loss of benefits. By signing this form, you do not give up any personal legal rights you may have as a participant in this study.

You will be provided with any new information that develops during the course of the research that may affect your decision whether or not to continue participation in the study.

You may refuse to participate in this study without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The University of Michigan reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable, according to applicable state and federal regulations and University policies designed to protect the rights and welfare of participants in research.

15. Who can answer my questions about the study?

The University of Michigan Institutional Review Board Health Sciences and Behavioral Sciences has determined that this study is exempt from IRB oversight.

For questions, concerns, or complaints about the study, or if you are injured as a result of participating in this study or for questions about a study-related injury, you may contact **Charles H.F. Davis III at hfdavis@umich.edu or (313) 230-4538.**

Signing the consent form

I have read (or someone has read to me) this form, and I am aware that I am being asked to participate in a research study. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and have had them answered to my satisfaction. I voluntarily agree to participate in this study.

I am not giving up any legal rights by signing this form. I will be given a copy of this form.

Printed name of subject

Signature of subject

Date and Time

AM/PM

Printed name of person authorized to consent for subject
(when applicable)

Signature of person authorized to consent for subject
(when applicable)

Relationship to the subject

Date and Time

AM/PM

Investigator/Research Staff

I have explained the research to the participant or the participant’s representative before requesting the signature(s) above. There are no blanks in this document. A copy of this form has been given to the participant or to the participant’s representative.

Charles H.F. Davis III

Printed name of person obtaining consent

Signature of person obtaining consent

Date and Time

AM/PM