

Reed College Religion Department
HSRC Submission Form
2008-2009

Project Title:

Sources of Funding for the Project:

Submission Date:

Name of Researcher:

Address:

Faculty Advisor (if applicable):

Although the HSRC ultimately determines which type of review your project will receive, please consult the guidelines in the document entitled "Categories of Review" and then check the category of review you believe applies.

Exempt

Expedited

Full

Please indicate your agreement to the following stipulation:

I will promptly report changes in the proposed study and any unanticipated problems involving risks to participants, including adverse reactions, to the Human Subjects Research Committee.

Signature of Primary Investigator

Signature of Faculty Advisor (if applicable) (signature indicates that the proposal has been read and approved)

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1. Briefly describe the project. Include in your description your research hypothesis or question, and how the information you gain will advance your research hypothesis or question.

2. Specify the sites, groups, and/or organizations you plan to study (be as specific as possible).

3. If your research is based on observations of public or semi-public events (e.g. mass, congregational prayers, public lectures, public rituals, etc.):

A. Briefly describe the event(s) and what you plan to observe.

B. If asked by participants, how would you explain your presence at the event?

C. Do you plan to make audio or video recordings of the event?

Yes No

If yes, explain reasons for recording the event and the procedures for attaining consent.

4. If you plan to conduct interviews or questionnaires:

A. Explain your criteria for identifying and recruiting participants. Attach any advertisements or scripts that may be used in the process of recruitment. Specify if any incentives will be offered for participation.

B. Describe what participants will be asked to do (include number and length of interviews, types of questions that will be asked). If you are conducting a questionnaire, please attach a copy.

C. Describe how you plan to gain consent for your research. If written consent will be sought, attach a copy of the informed consents script; otherwise, include an approximate script below. In seeking consent, you should inform participants in non-specialist terms the purpose of your project, what you plan to do with the research, and whether or not confidentiality will be assured and if so how. You also need to explicitly inform participants that their participation is completely voluntary and that they may refuse to answer any questions and/or stop their participation at anytime.

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E. Explain how you plan to record interviews and/or questionnaires conducted. If confidentiality is assured to participants, identify the procedures through which you will maintain confidentiality.

5. If the content of your interviews, recordings of public events, and/or results of your questionnaires read or heard by others, would this be likely to place the participants at risk of status loss or some other social and legal difficulty?

Yes No (describe)

If you answer yes to the above questions, explain what you will do to protect informants from these risks.