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Greetings,

My name is Dr. Laura Mae Lindo, and I am an Assistant Professor in the Department of Philosophy at the University of Waterloo. I have been granted an opportunity to run a pilot project called “Philosophy as Resistance: Imagining Pathways to Philosophy for Black Students” funded by the University of Waterloo through the SSHRC/ Explore grant program. We are currently recruiting students to participate in an online survey. I am writing to you today with the hopes that you will share information about the study.

Should anyone have any questions, please feel free to re-direct them to me and I would be happy to answer.

With gratitude,

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Study Title: Philosophy as Resistance: Imagining Pathways to Philosophy for Black Students

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Section 1: About the Pilot Project

This section explains what the Pilot Project is about, possible risks and benefits, and your rights as a research participant. You may print/save a copy for your records. If you do not understand something in the letter, please ask the research team before consenting to participate. You can contact the research team anytime at: <https://philosophyasresistance.uwaterloo.ca>

What is the Pilot Project about?

You are invited to participate in a pilot project funded by the UW/SSHRC Explore grant under the supervision of Dr. Laura Mae Lindo (Primary Investigator). This project explores Black student experiences with the Philosophy both in high school [Grade 11, HZB3M and/ or Grade 12, HZT4U]

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and in university. More specifically, this study looks at the expectations of Black students who take Philosophy classes to better understand the under-representation of Black people in the discipline of Philosophy. To this end one of the research questions being explored is whether Philosophy is a space where we can do racial justice work.

What does participation involve?

Participation in the study will consist of an online anonymous survey that takes approximately 20 – 30 minutes. You will first be asked some demographic information such as age, gender, and education. The remaining questions ask about your perspectives on what belongs in a Philosophy classroom and what might not. With your permission, anonymous quotations from the open-ended responses may be used in papers and publications.

Who may participate in the study?

To participate in the study, you need to answer YES to one of the following criteria:

- I am a Black student in the Waterloo Region District School Board (WRDSB)
- I am a Black student enrolled in an Ontario University.
- I am a student enrolled in a Philosophy Program at an Ontario University.
- I am an educator who has taught the option high school philosophy credit [e.g., Grade 11, HZB3M and/ or Grade 12, HZT4U] in Ontario.

Is participation in the study voluntary?

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to answer any question(s) you prefer not to answer by skipping to the next question and may stop participating at any time by not submitting your responses and closing your web browser.

Will I receive anything for participating in the study?

There is no remuneration for participation in the study, however, if you would like to receive a copy of the Final Report, you can email the research team at: PhilosophyAsResistance@uwaterloo.ca.

You can also follow the Project Website for updates at:

<https://philosophyasresistance.uwaterloo.ca>

What are the possible benefits of the study?

Participation in this study will not provide any personal benefit to you. Data from this study may contribute to the public discussion about diverse representation and the discipline of Philosophy.

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What are the risks associated with the study?

There are no known or anticipated risks associated with participation in this study. If a question or the topic makes you uncomfortable, you can choose not to provide a response.

How is data collected, stored, and protected?

This anonymous survey will not ask for your name or other identifying information. Removing your responses later is not possible because the researchers will have no way of identifying which responses are yours. This survey is hosted by Qualtrics, which has multiple safeguards in place, although no Internet transmission is ever fully secure. Collected data will be securely stored on password-protected computers for 7 years.

Who is sponsoring/funding this study?

This study is funded by a University of Waterloo/SSHRC Explore grant.

Has the study received ethics clearance?

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Board (REB #46199). If you have questions for the Board, contact the Office of Research Ethics, toll-free at 1-833-643-2379 (Canada and USA), 1-519-888-4440, or reb@uwaterloo.ca.

Interested in participating?



https://uwaterloo.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3dDyNReNkBa4JP8