

**INFORMED CONSENT FORM**  
*Institutional Review Board, Bucknell University*

Research Study: Ethnography of Tourism to Antarctica in Ushuaia, Argentina  
Researcher: Dr. Clare Sammells, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Bucknell University

Please read this carefully and ask any questions you have. After I have answered all your questions, you may decide whether to participate in this study. This process is called “informed consent” and is required by my university to ensure that I explain my investigation clearly. This form has the intention of protecting you, and cannot be used to obligate you in any way in the future.

Description of the Investigation

Antarctica is the most remote and least-visited continent on Earth. This study seeks to understand the social dimensions of travel to that space, including the motivations of those who visit it, how their experiences there affect their lives once they return home, and the economic and social impacts of that tourism on the town of Ushuaia, Argentina.

Confidentiality

The only risk to you in participating in this investigation is that someone could discover what you tell me. To avoid this risk, I do the following to maintain the confidentiality of all information shared with me:

- 1) I do not put names or surnames on recordings or on written notes taken during interviews. I maintain a list of codes and names separately from these materials.
- 2) I maintain informed consent forms separately from other types of information. I do not put codes on these forms.
- 3) I maintain all information for this investigation under password protection. Only myself (and in some cases, a paid, confidential transcription service) will have access to this information. Transcription services will not be given names or other information about interviewees other than the recordings themselves. I would be happy to provide specific information about the services I use on request.
- 4) I never use names, surnames, or other information with which you can be identified in reports or publications, UNLESS you specifically request that I do so AND have seen the material that will be attributed to you.

Your Rights

- You may take the time you wish to read this form, share it with anyone you wish, and ask any questions you have before you decide whether to participate in this investigation.
- You are under no obligation to participate in this study.
- You have the right to not answer any specific questions you do not wish to answer.
- You have the right to end our interview at any point.

Benefits of Research

My goal is to contribute information to those who wish to support and enhance Antarctic tourism. I will use the information you provide in academic articles, conferences, or classes that I teach to U.S. college students. I currently plan for this research to result in an academic book.

## Indication of Consent

There are three options for levels of consent for this research; you may choose any combination of these.

- 1) You may agree to speak with me, and allow me only to take written notes.
- 2) You may agree to speak with me, and also allow me to record our interview. Recorded interviews and full transcripts will never be made public, but relevant sections may be transcribed and quoted in published works. You may request an electronic copy of your complete interview recording and transcript.
- 3) Regardless of whether our interview is recorded or not, you may wish to be identified (and/or quoted) by name in published works. If this is the case, I will contact you in advance with the specific materials to be attributed to you. (If you do not agree to be identified, all materials will be used anonymously.)

By signing any of these, you are also indicating that I have answered any questions you have up until now, and that you are at least 18 years of age.

If you agree to speak with me, please sign here:

Signature:

Date:

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If you also agree to have our interview recorded, please sign here:

Signature:

Date:

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If you wish to be identified in published works (subject to reviewing the material attributed to you), please also sign here:

Signature:

Date:

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If you wish to be added to a mailing list to receive publications that result from this research, please offer an email address here:

If you have questions about this investigation, you may contact Dr. Clare Sammells at any time.  
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If you have questions about this study, or are disturbed by any aspect of this investigation, you may write to Dr. Eric Kennedy, Chair of the IRB, Bucknell University, Lewisburg PA 17837, USA  
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This research was approved by the Bucknell University IRB on August 11, 2023, project #2324-006.