

**Title of Study:** Economic Recession and the American Dream

**Investigator:** Dr. Sunghee Nam, California State University Channel Islands

**Purpose:** This study investigates how the current economic recession is affecting residents in Ventura County, how they are coping with their hardship, and how this experience is changing their views on American society and government.

**Participation:** If you volunteer for this study, we ask you to participate in an interview. The interview will be tape-recorded if you give your consent below. The interview should take approximately one hour and will include some questions about your personal experience with the current economic recession. While participating in this study presents no foreseeable risk to you, it may present a time inconvenience for you. Overall, the risk involved is no more than one would experience in normal daily activities. A potential benefit to you is the opportunity to contribute to the greater understanding of the current economic recession.

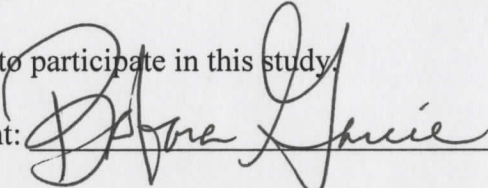
**Confidentiality:** The information you give will be studied in a manner that protects your identity. A pseudonym will be assigned to you so that your real name does not appear on any of the study materials. All the information you provide will be stored on a secured internal sharedrive accessible only to the two researchers conducting this study. When data is no longer needed it will be destroyed upon completion of this study.

Your decision whether or not to participate will *not* prejudice your future relations with CSU Channel Islands. If you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw your consent and to discontinue participation at any time without prejudice.

If you have any questions about this study you may contact Professor Sunghee Nam at (805) 437-3368 or email [sunghee.nam@csuci.edu](mailto:sunghee.nam@csuci.edu)

MY SIGNATURE INDICATES THAT I HAVE READ THE INFORMATION PROVIDED ABOVE.

- My participation is voluntary, and I can withdraw at any time.
- Option 1: I agree to participate in the study, but do not want my interview donated or archived in the John Spoor Broome Library at California State University Channel Islands.
- Option 2: I agree to participate in the study including a tape-recording of my interview and agree to donate, transfer, and convey all of my rights and title to and interest in the recording and transcript of my interview, including but not limited to, all copyright interests that I may have in the interview to the John Spoor Broome Library and California State University Channel Islands.
- I do not agree to participate in this study.

Signature of Participant:  Date: 3-20-13

For related problems or questions regarding your rights as a subject, the Research and Sponsored Programs office at CSU Channel Islands can be contacted at (805) 437-8496 or via email at [irb@csuci.edu](mailto:irb@csuci.edu).