

Request for Participation in a Study of  
Gender Identity and Significant Relationships

I am a doctoral student in Psychology at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, California and am working on my thesis on gender identity and significant relationships. I am interviewing female to male transsexuals who have lived as men for at least one year and am looking for more men to be interviewed.

Comparatively little research has been done on genetic females who identify in the male gender role. This study is an effort to gain greater understanding of how significant relationships affect their lives. I would like to enlist your help in this project by asking you to contact me to further talk about the nature of this research project. Then, of course, I'd like to have you participate, if you're interested.

All too often people cooperate in research studies without ever finding out the results. Anyone participating in this study will be mailed results of the study at their request. In this way, your participation in this study will not only contribute to a better understanding of the complexities of gender identity, but be of personal benefit, as well.

Any contact with me or participation in the study is completely confidential.

If you would like to talk with me more about this study, would you contact me by phone at: (415) 540-0875 (you may leave a message on my tape if I'm not in and I'll call you back. I am the only one who listens to the messages).

Thank you.

  
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