

Informed Consent

Toolbox Dialogue Initiative
Michigan State University IRB #x17-980e

EXPLANATION OF THE RESEARCH

You are being asked to participate in a study regarding the impact of structured philosophical dialogue on mutual understanding and communication in groups of individuals who are working together in a collaborative capacity toward a common goal (e.g. research, program development, capacity building, educational advancement). The objectives of the Toolbox Dialogue Initiative (TDI) are to facilitate collaboration among groups within and outside the academy, and contribute to the understanding of inter- and transdisciplinary process and the nature of team science.

As part of the TDI workshop you will be asked to complete a survey before and after a dialogue session that will be framed by the survey. The workshop dialogue will be recorded and transcribed. The Toolbox survey instrument should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete each time and the dialogue session will last for no longer than 2 hours. Toolbox workshops may also include a 15 to 60-minute group activity; examples include (but are not limited to) brainstorming, co-creation of ideas, and responses to scenarios. All identifying personal information will be redacted from the data collected through the activities stated above.

YOUR RIGHTS AS A PARTICIPANT

Your participation is completely voluntary. You can withdraw at any time, decline to respond to any particular question or statement, or decline to participate in the dialogue. By completing the surveys and/or participating in the workshop dialogue, you are acknowledging that any data collected in this study can be used in research publications and presentations. This is a *confidential* project—we will collect your name and email address during the Toolbox workshop, but will separate them from the data, which will be marked only by participant numbers; the identifiers will be stored separately and will not be used in any project reports or manuscripts.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS

If you have any questions or concerns about this study, please contact Dr. Michael O'Rourke, at orourke51@msu.edu, by phone at 517-432-0752 or regular mail at 503 S. Kedzie, East Lansing, MI 48824.

If you have questions or concerns about your role and rights as a research participant, would like to obtain information or offer input, or would like to register a complaint about this study, you may contact, anonymously if you wish, the Michigan State University's Human Research Protection Program at 517-355-2180, Fax 517-432-4503, or e-mail irb@msu.edu or regular mail at Olds Hall, 408 West Circle Dr. Rm 207, East Lansing, MI 48824.