

LIBERTY UNIVERSITY

INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD

November 7, 2025

Gregory Wright
Derek Parker

Re: IRB Approval - IRB-FY25-26-585 A Qualitative Transcendental Phenomenological Study of the Lived Experiences of Black Men in the DMV Area, Who Experienced Sexual Trauma Prior to 18 Years Old, Transitioning Into, Through, and Out of Professional Counseling

Dear Gregory Wright and Derek Parker,

We are pleased to inform you that your study has been approved by the Liberty University Institutional Review Board (IRB). This approval is extended to you for one year from the following date: November 7, 2025. If data collection will continue beyond the approval time frame, you will be required to submit a renewal. If you need to make changes to the methodology as it pertains to human subjects, you must submit a modification to the IRB. Renewals and modifications are completed through your Cayuse Human Ethics dashboard.

Your study falls under the expedited review category (45 CFR 46.110), which is applicable to specific, minimal risk studies and minor changes to approved studies for the following reason(s):

7. Research on individual or group characteristics or behavior (including, but not limited to, research on perception, cognition, motivation, identity, language, communication, cultural beliefs or practices, and social behavior) or research employing survey, interview, oral history, focus group, program evaluation, human factors evaluation, or quality assurance methodologies. (NOTE: Some research in this category may be exempt from the HHS regulations for the protection of human subjects, [45 CFR 46.101\(b\)\(2\)](#) and (b)(3). This listing refers only to research that is not exempt.)

For a PDF of your approval letter, click on your study number in the My Studies card on your Cayuse dashboard. Next, click the Submissions bar beside the Study Details bar on the Study Details page. Finally, click Initial under Submission Type and choose the Letters tab toward the bottom of the Submission Details page. Your stamped consent form(s) and final versions of your study documents can be found on the same page under the Attachments tab. Your stamped consent form(s) should be copied and used to gain the consent of your research participants. If you plan to provide your consent information electronically, the contents of the attached consent document(s) should be made available without alteration.

Thank you for your cooperation with the IRB, and we wish you well with your research project.

Sincerely,

G. Michele Baker, PhD, CIP
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Research Ethics Office