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**Title:** Introduction to Gerontology - Ethnic Older Adult Interview

**Date:** February 4, 2005

**Student/Interviewer's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Faculty:** Karen Devereaux Melillo, PhD, APRN, BC, FAANP

**Purpose:** You are being asked to participate in an informal interview with an undergraduate student enrolled in 30:306 Introduction to Gerontology at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. The purpose of this interview is to give the student a better perspective on the impact of aging, ethnicity, past and present life situations, and, if applicable, living with a chronic disease.

**Procedure and Duration:** In participating in this interview, you will be asked to meet in person with the student on one occasion. During that meeting, the student will be asking you to share your personal experience as it relates to aging. It is expected that this meeting will take between 30-60 minutes. The meeting will be held at a time and place of your convenience. No one will have access to the information you provide except for the student and the faculty member. The student will summarize the contents of this interview experience for a class assignment, and will orally share their interview experience in a 10" class presentation.

**Risks and Discomfort:** There are no risks involved in being a participant in this interview.

**Benefits:** Although participating in the interview is not expected to benefit you directly, many individuals enjoy meeting with student interviewers. You may also derive benefit indirectly by knowing you have influenced the learning of undergraduate students in their important study of gerontology.

**Refusal or Withdrawal of Participation:** Participation in this interview is completely voluntary, and your participation, or non-participation, will not

affect other relationships (e.g., services, program eligibility, employer, etc.). You may discontinue your participation at any time without penalty or costs of any nature, character, or kind (UML, Institutional Review Board, p. 17). You may decline to answer any individual question.

**Privacy and Confidentiality:** “Every precaution shall be taken to protect your privacy and the confidentiality of the records and data pertaining to you in particular, . . . disclosure of which may contribute to identifying you specifically to persons not related to this . . . program” (UML, IRB, p. 17).

**Additional Information:** If you do not understand any portion of what you are being asked to do, or the contents of this form, the student and Professor are available to provide a complete explanation. Questions relating to this interview are welcome at any time. Please direct them to:

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I understand and have been informed:

\_\_\_\_\_ that there are no foreseeable risks or discomforts, in being a participant in this interview.

I have read the statements contained herein, have had the opportunity to fully discuss my concerns and questions, and fully understand the nature and character of my involvement in this interview and the attendant risks and consequences.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Faculty: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_