

**EMORY UNIVERSITY
ASSENT FORM FOR MINOR SUBJECTS**

Study Title: Archive of Personal Digital History (APDH)

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This page to be filled out by research team at time assent is obtained:

Subject's Age: _____years (If the child is **younger than 6 years old**, assent is not required.)

Subject's Name: _____

Check one box:

- This child is 6 to 10 years old** — must obtain subject's verbal assent (subject's signature not required)

Signature of person soliciting assent of 6 to 10-year-old subject Date Time

- This child is 11 to 17 years old** — must obtain subject's signature on page 2 of assent form to document assent

- In my opinion, this child is unable to provide informed assent for non-age-related reasons, and the PI for this study has been informed of this determination.

- Reason(s): _____

Signature of person soliciting assent (if above box is checked) Date Time

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Why is this study taking place?

The purpose of the Archive of Personal Digital History (APDH) is to document how different generations use digital technologies. As an oral history project, the APDH is designed to collect interviews with people across generations about their uses of digital technologies and how they learned to use those technologies in the way that they do. These will be made available to the public so that future generations can understand how people during this moment in history used their technologies.

What will happen to you if you take part in the study?

If you participate, you will be asked to choose a digital device that is meaningful to you and that you use regularly (e.g., your mobile phone, laptop, desktop computer, gaming system). You will then be asked to participate in an hour-long, audio-recorded interview during which you will review records of your activities on the device and answer questions about how you use it. You can decide what to comment on, what to ignore, and what to show the interviewer. You will keep control over your device at all times. You can choose to give the interviewer permission to take a picture of your device. You can also choose to allow the interviewer to use your real name and an audio clip from your interview when it is uploaded to the online archive. The transcript of your interview and any other materials you share—like a photograph—will be available to the public on the web.

Will any part of the study make me feel uncomfortable?

We don't think so, but if any questions make you uncomfortable, you can skip them. Do not share anything in your interview that you wouldn't want the public to know about or that would put you (or anyone else) at risk.

Can I change my mind about being in the study?

You do not have to participate in the study and you can change your mind at any time. You also have the right to skip questions you are not comfortable answering. If you change your mind after your interview has already been uploaded to the online archive, you can ask to have it removed, but we may not be able to remove it from already published research reports, presentations, or exhibits.

Who will own my interview?

As part of an oral history archive, your interview will be owned by Oxford College of Emory University's library who will store all the interviews and provide access to the public. By signing this form, you are giving the library a Deed of Gift of your interview.

Who can I ask if I have questions about this form or the study?

You can contact Dr. Gwendolynne Reid at 770-784-4674 or gwendolynne.reid@emory.edu. You can also contact the Emory Institutional Review Board at 404-712-0720 or 877-503-9797 or irb@emory.edu, or participate in their Research Participant Survey at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/6ZDMW75>.

Assent and Deed of Gift

For subjects 11 to 17 years old: if you agree to be in this study and to donate your interview (including copyright) to the Oxford College of Emory University library, please sign your name below. Please also check any of the options below you would prefer:

- I wish to have my real name (instead of a pseudonym) included in the archive and in my interview transcript.
- I give permission to include a photograph of my device in the archive along with my interview transcript.
- I give permission to include an audio clip from my interview in the archive in addition to my interview transcript.

Signature of 11 to 17-year-old Subject

Date Time

Signature of person soliciting assent of 11-17 year old Subject Date Time