

STORIED MIGRATIONS PROJECT

STUDY TITLE	Storied Migrations: Transnational Youths' Experiences of Place and Belonging after Long-Term Family Separation
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WHAT is this study about?

I'm hoping to learn about the stories of youth who migrated to Canada and experienced family separation. Youth can join this study if they are 14-24 years old, live in Metro Vancouver, had a parent first come to Canada as a temporary migrant worker (including through the Live-in Caregiver Program), and experienced family separation. Participation is voluntary, which means each youth can decide for themselves if it feels right to join. Participants will always have the option to leave the study at any time.

WHO is doing this study?

My name is Jenny and I'm a third-generation settler Canadian (parts of my family immigrated to Canada three or more generations ago). I've lived on the Coast Salish Territories of Victoria and Vancouver for most of my life and I've been a Youth Worker for six years. This study is inspired by many of the challenges that youth expressed to me about moving to and living in Canada. I want to listen to your stories and better understand what role we can all play in making more inclusive communities.

What will participants **DO** in this study?



CAMERAS + JOURNALS

Participants will get a digital camera and journal to document things about their lives that they would like to share.

INTERVIEWS + HANGING OUT

We'll meet with for 1, 2, or 3 interviews in participants' homes or any location they choose. Each interview will be 1 to 2 hours long and we'll talk about life stories like home, family, and migration, and life now and in the future. Youth can also invite me to their activities or just to hang out too.

FOCUS GROUPS

Participants can join 1 or 2 focus groups. Each focus group will be about 2 hours long in a location near public transit. We'll talk more about life before and after coming to Canada, what participants think could make life better, and plan for Phase II of this project.

Will participants be **PAID** for their time?

I understand that time is valuable. Each participant will get \$50 for Phase I and can keep the digital camera, memory card, and journal. I will also reimburse for taking public transit to the interview locations.

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Possible **RISKS** to participants:

I do not believe there is anything that could harm participants. Some questions I ask might seem sensitive or personal. Participants do not have to answer if they are uncomfortable and can stop the interview at any time. Participants are always welcome to talk with me about the study at any time if they have concerns.

BENEFITS to participants:

1. Telling their stories about moving to Canada.
2. Having their experiences and ideas heard so that policies and services might become more helpful.
3. Having the chance to express themselves through storytelling, photography, and writing.
4. Meeting and connecting with youth who have similar experiences.

How will participants' **IDENTITIES** be protected?

The confidentiality of participants will be respected but there are limits. Participants can select a pseudonym (pretend name) for the research reports. I will delete the audio recordings of voices after the interviews are typed out and only use pseudonyms. The information shared with me will be kept on my personal password-protected computer or an encrypted disk and all hard-copy documents will be kept in a locked filing cabinet for up to 20 years. While the research assistant and my supervisor may have access to some of this material for a short time, only I will have access to the files in the long-term.

LIMITS to Confidentiality:

1. Participants may have referred each other to the study and may know who else is participating. Also, if a participant invites me to meet people like friends or family, I'll have to tell them what I'm doing and then they'll likely know that person is participating in the study.
2. Participants will meet together and hear each other's stories. I encourage participants not to share what they hear but I cannot control what participants do with the information.
3. Photographs will not be changed, even if they are of the participant. If participants take a photo of themselves or something personally identifiable and would like that included in any part of the shared findings, there is a chance they will be recognized.
4. If participants take photos of people in private settings and would like those included in any part of the shared findings, they need to get their approval and thus tell them about their participation.
5. If I am subpoenaed (ordered to tell) or if a participant reveals abuse or neglect of a child (or that this could happen) I must, by law, tell this information to the authorities.

What will **HAPPEN** to the information?

Information shared with me will be included in my dissertation and in books, journal articles, presentations, and on the Internet (I may write some blogs). I will also write a community report for participants and organizations. There is the possibility that the research data will be used in the future (but only by me) for research studies similar to this one or for classroom learning.

Storied Migrations Project **CONTACT** Information:

It's important to me that anyone interested in participating in this study fully understands it and what is being asked of participants before they agree to join. If you have any questions about the study or its procedures, please contact me at jeshaw@sfu.ca or 604-360-1667. Also see www.storiedmigrations.com