



**Cornell University**  
Office of  
Research Integrity and Assurance

East Hill Office Building, Suite 320  
395 Pine Tree Road  
Ithaca, NY 14850  
Phone: 607-254-5162  
Fax: 607-255-0758  
[www.oria.cornell.edu](http://www.oria.cornell.edu)  
[www.irb.cornell.edu](http://www.irb.cornell.edu)

## **News from the Cornell University IRB Office June 2014**

### **Contents**

- IRB Satisfaction Survey – Thank You to Respondents
- Responsible Use of Audio/Video Recordings and Photographs Collected for Research
- New IRB Team Member

#### **IRB Satisfaction Survey – Thank You to Respondents!**

The Office of Research Integrity and Assurance (ORIA) recently conducted an anonymous, on-line survey for investigators who had received an approval or exemption from the IRB within the last six months. We want to thank each of the 236 investigators who participated in this survey – a 48 percent response rate that exceeded our expectations! In the coming weeks, we will review the comments and feedback you gave us, follow up with a summary report, and develop a plan of action for **changes and improvements**. We look forward to working with you all in the future.

#### **Responsible Use of Audio/Video Recordings and Photographs Collected for Research**

Many research projects include audio and video recording procedures and/or taking photographs of participants for valid study-related purposes, including providing such recordings to the participants as an incentive for participation. Since audio/video recordings and photographs can provide direct links back to people, and compromise their privacy and confidentiality, it is important that investigators seek explicit consent for the recordings and for their intended use. Thus, when such procedures are proposed, the IRB requires that participants give permission for these recordings, and that asking permission is incorporated into the informed consent process.

The use of audio and video recordings or photographs collected during the course of conducting research is limited to what research participants agree to allow in the consenting process. Although the IRB does not require it, investigators should consider whether the [University's Performance Release Agreement](#) would be suitable for use of media for use in social media, presentations or for publicity purposes.

Additionally, investigators should take care to keep audio/video recordings and photographs taken for personal purposes, such as travel logs or diaries, separate from research recordings.

**New IRB Staff Member – Myles Gideon**

We are happy to introduce a new member of the IRB team: Myles Gideon. Myles will be responsible for the review and processing of applications submitted to the IRB, as well as providing assistance and guidance to researchers who wish to conduct research with human participants. Myles comes to us from the American Jewish World Service in New York City, where he was a member of the Grants management team. Prior to that, Myles worked at the Arcus Foundation in a similar role. Myles has a Master of Library Science degree from Queens College, CUNY, and a Bachelor of Arts, Women's and Gender Studies, from Yale University.

---

If you have any questions or comments regarding these or any other topics relevant to the IRB, please contact the IRB office at [irbhp@cornell.edu](mailto:irbhp@cornell.edu), or call Matthew Aldridge (255-6182), Denise Payne (255-5138), or Myles Gideon (254-5162) for assistance [irbhp@cornell.edu](mailto:irbhp@cornell.edu).