Research Participants Needed!

My name is Raquel Wright-Mair and I am a Ph.D. candidate from the University of Denver’s Morgridge College of Education. I am currently looking for 8-10 participants willing to be involved in a research study about the lived experiences of faculty of color at predominantly White institutions in Colorado. This study seeks to develop high impact practices and conceptual ways of supporting and improving the experiences of faculty of color across higher education, but specifically in predominantly White environments.

If you are interested in participating in this study please complete this online screening questionnaire so that I can verify that your experience fits the criteria outlined for this study. This online questionnaire will collect general information about your background, racial identity, and experiences working at a PWI. The results of this questionnaire will be kept confidential. Any identifiers that will compromise your identity will not be shared in findings or reports. Towards the end of the questionnaire, you will be asked to opt in to be a part of the larger study. I will review all questionnaires and select participants who meet criteria for the study.

If you are selected to continue in this research study, and agree to participate, the requirements will include participation in two 60-90 minute face-to-face, audio taped interviews. You will also be given the option to create a short counternarrative at the end of the second interview to be used in the larger study. A counternarrative is described as an argument or story of people frequently overlooked and provides an alternative perspective to mainstream narratives. Although interviews will be audio recorded I plan to ensure confidentiality by not disclosing any information provided by you during data collection. Additionally, you will be allowed to choose a pseudonym that will be used to identify your responses throughout the study. Each interview will last approximately 60-90 minutes and will focus on your experiences as a faculty of color on a predominantly white campus, including discussion about how you think institutional support could enhance or change your current or past lived experiences. Data collected from interviews will be used in the findings section of my dissertation study.

I will contact you if you have been selected to participate in this study. At that time we can schedule a date, time and location for our first interview. If you have any questions I can be contacted via email at raquel.wright-mair@du.edu or by phone at 720-499-8001. Participation in this study is completely voluntary. You can choose to participate in the study or not at any point. Thank you for your time!

Sincerely,

Raquel Wright-Mair