

# Photojournalism for Research: Your story in a photo

## Information, Consent and Registration

### Introduction

The goal of this workshop is two-fold: first, to build your skills in photography and photojournalism, and second, to capture the relationships between people and the Grand River or Lake Erie. Your final submission to this research and, if you so choose, to the competition will be based on one (or more) of the following themes: things you care about, water challenges, or ideas for solutions.

This event is organized as part of a PhD research project at the University of Waterloo. The researcher, Elaine Ho (PhD Candidate), will use the ideas and perspectives shared in your work to shape the future of water monitoring in your community. Elaine is also the Resident Researcher at [Great Art for Great Lakes](#). Water monitoring in this study refers to the way we measure and interpret the health of our river and lake. Common things to monitor include water quantity (e.g., drought versus flooding), water quality (e.g., presence of *E. coli* or pollutants like mercury) and living things (e.g., checking fish for parasites or illness, ensuring they are breeding).

### Eligibility (you must meet both criteria):

1. You are a member of Six Nations of the Grand River **OR** you live, work, or attend school in Haldimand County.
2. You are 16 years of age or older. Signed consent to participate in this research is required; if you are 16 or 17 years old, you will need your legal guardian to sign for you.

### More information and signed consent

**Title of the study:** Monitoring in the Grand-Erie Interface: Developing a framework for the lower Grand River and nearshore Lake Erie in consideration of cumulative effects

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To help you make an informed decision regarding your participation, this letter will explain what the study is about, the possible risks and benefits, and your rights as a research participant. If you do not understand something in the letter, please ask one of the investigators prior to consenting to the study.

### What is the study about?

You are invited to participate in a research study about the priorities of the Six Nations and Haldimand County communities as they relate to the lower Grand River and nearshore Lake Erie. The purpose of this study is to collect information about the priorities of community members

regarding the water system – what matters most, how people have interacted with the water system (e.g., swimming, drinking, business, culture), what are the challenges they see, and what are some ideas for solutions to those challenges.

This study is being undertaken as part of my PhD research. The information gathered through this study will be used to inform future water monitoring and decision-making in the lower Grand River and nearshore Lake Erie.

## **I. Your responsibilities as a participant**

### **What does participation involve?**

Participation in this study consists of attending the photojournalism workshop in its entirety and submitting a photo to the researcher that will be incorporated into her research (according to the theme described on the first page and on the registration form below) with a short write-up to the researcher. Your submitted photo will be included in a photoshow that will be publicly accessible online as a way to share the results of this research. You will have the option to include your name with your photo or to keep the photo anonymous.

Outside the research, you will also have the opportunity to participate in a photo competition. For those who participate in the competition, top scoring images will have the option to be displayed in print. Participation in the competition is an extra opportunity to showcase your work, it is not part of the research itself nor is the competition required for your photo/write-up to be included in this research. Because a cash prize is being offered using resources of the researcher, only those who participate in the research have the option to enter the competition (e.g., if your friend does not participate in the research he or she would not be permitted to enter the competition).

You may submit your photo to the research by emailing the image, write-up and the registration form on the last page of this document to the researcher at [e23ho@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:e23ho@uwaterloo.ca) (see the registration form for image specifications and details on the write-up). There is an option on the registration form specifying whether you want to participate in the optional competition.

Please note, if you incur any costs to participate in this research (e.g., these may include park entry fees, boat rental, parking, public transit, etc.), you are solely responsible for those expenses. Also, if you choose to have a print version of your image displayed (if it is a top-scoring image), the cost for printing the image is your responsibility as well (but we can help you find the most cost-effective options).

### **Why is the photoshow mandatory?**

One goal of this research is to share your views with those who make decisions about your local water resources. There is no way to share the stories and techniques represented in your submitted photo better than to show the photo itself. Therefore, compiling all submitted images into a photoshow is the best way to portray your voice to these key people. As an added bonus, the video will be made available online so that you as a photographer may share it and demonstrate your contribution to this work. If you ask for your name to be attributed with your photo, it will be included on the screen when your photo appears (either bottom left or right corner, depending on background colors in the photo). The photoshow is also a way the researcher can share your unique perspective during conference presentations, thesis defense, etc.

The write-up you submit is for analysis purposes only (e.g., to create a 1-page summary report) and will ensure the researcher does not misinterpret your photo. Your write-up is not publicly displayed. The summary report will not be able to accurately capture your voice on its own without

sharing the photoshow/images that accompany the analysis, especially given it will be a summary of everyone's contributions.

### **Who may participate in the study?**

To participate in this study you must be a member of the Six Nations of the Grand River **OR** a person who lives, works, and/or attends school in Haldimand County. You must also be 16 years of age or older at the time of registration (if under 18 years old, your legal guardian must sign this consent form).

## **II. Your rights as a participant**

### **Is participation in the study voluntary?**

Your participation in this study is voluntary. You may decline to participate at any time during the study. Once the final report and/or photoshow (whichever comes first) are shared by the end of August 2019, you will no longer be able to withdraw consent.

### **Will I receive anything for participating in the study?**

There is no remuneration for participation in this study. The optional competition (which is not part of the actual research) has one prize of \$250 in addition to the option to display top-scoring images in print. Only those individuals who consent to participate in the research may participate in the competition.

### **What are the possible benefits of the study?**

Insights from all photo write-ups will be synthesized into a report and all submissions will be compiled into a photoshow. The report and photoshow will be valued resources that may influence present or future water monitoring and/or water management decisions in your community. In other words, this is an opportunity to be engaged with and influence management processes that are not often open to public participation.

### **What are the risks associated with the study?**

Registration forms and submissions are made via email. Please be advised that when information is transmitted over the internet privacy cannot be guaranteed. There is always a risk your responses may be intercepted by a third party (e.g., government agencies, hackers). University of Waterloo practices are to turn off functions that collect machine identifiers such as IP addresses. We will not use or save this information without your consent.

### **Will my information be kept confidential?**

The registration information provided on this form will not be shared and will be destroyed upon completion of my PhD research. Your write-up will be compiled with others anonymously for the summary report. However, some parts of write-ups may be included with your photo (e.g., to present an example of an image and what it depicts) in research presentations or other materials. As such, if you have requested your name to be attributed to your photograph, the accompanying write-up will also be identifiable.

### **Data retention and storage**

Registration forms, write-ups and digital photos will be kept on my personal, password-protected computer until the study is complete, at least until December 31, 2020. Print photos on display will be returned to the photographers. Please note your submitted photo will be used in a photoshow (on Youtube, which will be embedded onto the study website along with other materials and

outcomes: [www.granderiestudy.ca](http://www.granderiestudy.ca)) and possibly in other research materials (e.g., conference presentations – possibly alongside your write-up per the above paragraph).

### **III. Questions, comments, or concerns**

#### **Who is sponsoring/funding this study?**

This study is partly supported by the Lake Futures project (under Global Water Futures) at the University of Waterloo.

#### **Has the study received ethics clearance?**

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE #40417). If you have questions for the Committee contact the Office of Research Ethics, at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 36005 or [ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca).

#### **Who should I contact if I have questions regarding my participation in the study?**

If you have any questions regarding this study or would like additional information to assist you in reaching a decision about participation, please contact Elaine Ho by email at [e23ho@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:e23ho@uwaterloo.ca). You may also contact my supervisor or co-supervisor. My Supervisor is Dr. Andrew Trant, who can be reached at 519-888-4567 x30385 or at [atrant@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:atrant@uwaterloo.ca). My co-supervisor is Dr. Simon Courtenay, who can be reached at 519-888-4567 x35796 or at [simon.courtenay@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:simon.courtenay@uwaterloo.ca).

Thank you for your time and consideration,



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## Consent Form (Participation in Research)

By providing your consent, you are not waiving your legal rights or releasing the investigator(s) or involved institution(s) from their legal and professional responsibilities.

**Title of the study:** Monitoring in the Grand-Erie Interface: Developing a framework for the lower Grand River and nearshore Lake Erie in consideration of cumulative effects

I have read the information presented in the information letter about a study conducted by Elaine Ho, under the supervision of Dr. Simon Courtenay and Dr. Andrew Trant, School of Environment, Resources and Sustainability, University of Waterloo. I have had the opportunity to ask questions related to the study and have received satisfactory answers to my questions and any additional details.

I was informed that participation in the study is voluntary and that I can withdraw this consent by informing the researcher.

This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through a University of Waterloo Research Ethics Committee (ORE #40417). If you have questions for the Committee contact the Office of Research Ethics, at 1-519-888-4567 ext. 36005 or [ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:ore-ceo@uwaterloo.ca).

For all other questions contact Elaine Ho at [e23ho@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:e23ho@uwaterloo.ca).

I meet all eligibility criteria described on this form.

I agree to the use of insights learned from my work, including the use of all or part of my photo write-up, in any thesis, presentation or publication that comes from this research.

I agree to the use of my submitted photograph in the photoshow and in any thesis, presentation or publication that comes from this research that will be created as a result.

I would like my submitted photo to be attributed/credited to my name (as described on the registration form – next page) in all uses.

I am interested in receiving a copy of the report that comes out of this research.

By signing this Consent Form, I agree of my own free will to participate in this study.

Participant's name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under the age of 18, legal guardian must sign this form)

Participant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## Registration Form (Participation in Research)

**How to submit your photo:** Email the following three things to Elaine Ho at [e23ho@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:e23ho@uwaterloo.ca): [1] this form (including the Information and Consent Form as well as the Registration Form); [2] your photo in a resolution of approximately 1400x1050 pixels in JPEG or similar format (contact Elaine if you're not sure about format); [3] your write-up of no more than 200 words, either in a separate word document or in the content of the email. Please include "Photo submission" in the email subject line.

**Legal first name:**

**Legal last name:**

**Photographer's name or company for attribution/credit (if different than legal name):**

**Email address:**

**Phone number (optional):**

**Age:**

**Are you:**

- A member of the Six Nations of the Grand River? **Yes / No**
- A person who lives, works, and/or attends school in Haldimand County? **Yes / No**

**Which theme(s) will you be addressing?**

Things you care about       Water challenges       Ideas for solutions

**Photo competition preferences**

I want to participate in the photo competition for a chance to win a \$250 cash prize.

*If competing:* I want my name to be included with my competition submission.

*If competing:* I want to display a print copy of my photo if it is one of the top-scoring images.

I confirm that the above registration and submission preferences are true and accurate.

Signed,

Photographer's legal name (printed): \_\_\_\_\_  
(If under the age of 18, legal guardian must sign this form)

Photographer's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_