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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is T. Christopher Crandall and I am a returning undergraduate student in the Department of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, working under Professor Brian Powers. I am currently undertaking a research study regarding current and emerging practices in the treatment of survivors of interpersonal violence.

I am seeking mental health professionals to participate in this study in order to provide insight into the current status of trauma-informed mental health treatment and practices, and to explore emerging and best practices in the field. It is my hope that the information gained from this study will benefit the fields of both research and practice in understanding of the advances, innovations and best practices currently being utilized in the psychosocial treatment of victims and survivors of interpersonal violence. As this study will be conducted cross-culturally (The Netherlands, Germany, England and U.S.) the results have the power to inform practice within the practitioner communities in these countries as well.

The study has two separate, though related, components: a questionnaire and a personal interview. Study participants may participate in either component or both.

If you participate in the questionnaire you will be asked about your current knowledge about trauma and survivorship, current and emerging treatment practices. The questionnaire is completed online, should take about 30 minutes and may be found at the following link.

https://berkeley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_cFUpKX75h7JEymF

Participants in the interview will be asked similar questions as those on the questionnaire, though will have the opportunity to provide more in-depth answers. The interview will take 1-2 hours and can be arranged by phone or in-person.

For more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact me within the U.S. at 510-229-7807, internationally at 00-1-510-229-807, or by email at <u>tchristophercrandall@berkeley.edu</u>. You may also contact my faculty advisor, Professor Brian A. Powers in the Department of Sociology at 510 - 642-4766 or by email at <u>brpowers@berkeley.edu</u>.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

T. Christopher Crandall