

Hello,

My name is Joel Muraco and I am a doctoral student in Family Studies and Human Development at the University of Arizona working with Dr. Stephen Russell.

My dissertation research is focused on the influence of minority stress in the lives of gay and lesbian couples. Minority stress is often experienced by gay and lesbian individuals as a result of their identities not aligning with society's expectations. Specifically, my study seeks to better understand how minority stress influences behaviors, physical and psychological health, and relationship quality.

To be eligible to participate, you must identify as gay or lesbian, be in a current romantic relationship for at least 2 months, be over the age of 18, and both you and your partner have to be willing to participate.

The study includes an initial baseline survey and then a daily diary component for 14 days. The daily diary component only consists of 21 multiple choice questions and you will receive a daily reminder email.

We ask that you and your partner participate within the same time frame, as data from both partners across the same days are more informative than data from both partners across different days. All surveys are to be completed individually, and not as a couple. We will not share your data with your partner.

Participation is completely voluntary and you can quit at any time. If you are interested in participating, the baseline survey can be found here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/5GSY6DC>.

Once you and your partner complete the baseline survey, you will both be contacted within 48 hours to begin the daily diary component of the study. Instructions specific to the daily diaries will follow in the email you will receive.

If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me, Joel Muraco, at muraco@email.arizona.edu.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Joel

An Institutional Review Board responsible for human subjects research at The University of Arizona reviewed this research project and found it to be acceptable, according to applicable state and federal regulations and University policies designed to protect the rights and welfare of participants in research.
