

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 21, 2022

TO: Walter Curtis Lee Jr, Jeremi S London

FROM: Virginia Tech Institutional Review Board (FWA00000572)

PROTOCOL TITLE: A Multiple Case Narrative Analysis of Sociopolitical Development: Exploring the Journeys of Black Engineers Engaged in Disaster Management

IRB NUMBER: 22-796

Based on the submitted project description and items listed in the Special Instructions section found on Page 2, the Virginia Tech Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) has determined that the proposed activity is not research involving human subjects as defined by HHS and FDA regulations.

Further review and approval by the Virginia Tech Human Research Protection Program (HRPP) is not required because this is not human research. This determination applies only to the activities described in the submitted project description and does not apply should any changes be made. If changes are made you must immediately submit an Amendment to the HRPP for a new determination. Your amendment must include a description of the changes and you must upload all revised documents. At that time, the HRPP will review the submission activities to confirm the original "Not Research" decision or to advise if a new application must be made.

If there are additional undisclosed components that you feel merit a change in this initial determination, please contact our office for a consultation.

Please be aware that receiving a "Not Research" Determination is not the same as IRB review and approval of the activity. You are NOT to use IRB consent forms or templates for these activities. If you have any questions, please contact the Virginia Tech HRPP office at 540-231-3732 or irb@vt.edu.

PROTOCOL INFORMATION:

Determined As: **Not Research**
Protocol Determination Date: **September 21, 2022**

ASSOCIATED FUNDING:

The table on the following page indicates whether grant proposals are related to this protocol, and which of the listed proposals, if any, have been compared to this protocol, if required.

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

This activity does not meet the federal definition of research. The purpose of the project is to explore the process of socio political development in 4-6 Black engineers' narratives who are motivated to address social inequities through their engineering work. The objective is to determine how pathways through socio political development manifest within the career journeys of these individuals who are motivated to address social inequities through their engineering work. These narratives will highlight the need for a greater emphasis on socio political development within engineering education. The results will not be generalizable.

***Please note, this determination only covers the activities described in this determination submission. Any future plans to further analyze or compare will need to be submitted and approved by the HRPP office before analyses or comparisons can occur.

Date*	OSP Number	Sponsor	Grant Comparison Conducted?

* Date this proposal number was compared, assessed as not requiring comparison, or comparison information was revised.

If this protocol is to cover any other grant proposals, please contact the HRPP office (irb@vt.edu) immediately.