

April 4th, 2018

RE: **REB # 2018-04**
Title: **Furries, Bronies, Otherkin, and Therianthropes: A study in hybrid identities**
PIs: **Dr. Clive Baldwin (STU SCWK, CRC Narrative Studies)**

Thank you for your recent application for ethics approval. The REB conducted a review of your submission for compliance with the Tri- Council Policy Statement, *Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans* (2014) (hereinafter “TCPS2”) and the St. Thomas University Research Ethics Board Senate document. The Board is pleased to grant **approval** for the above named research for a period **of one year**.

Please note the following regarding all research that has been granted ethical approval by the REB:

1. If there are any substantial changes to the research plan or research protocol the Chair of the REB must be promptly notified (see Article 6.16, TCPS2). This includes the reporting of [unanticipated issues](#) (Article 6.15, TCPS2) or [requests for amendment](#).
2. If the project continues after one year, please file an [Annual Renewal](#) form with the REB to renew your ethical approval.
3. When the project has been completed please notify the Chair of the REB by completing the [Final Report](#) form.

(These and other resources are available on the St. Thomas University [REB website](#).)

Your REB certificate number should also appear on all public documents associated with this research as well as any documents shared with potential and active participants. These documents should also contain the contact information for the REB Chair (Dr. Karla O’Regan, rebchair@stu.ca), should your participants have any questions or concerns about their involvement in the study or their rights as participants.

Should there be any further ways the REB can assist your research, please don’t hesitate to follow up. I can best be reached via email (rebchair@stu.ca) as can Danielle Connell, the REB Coordinator, at: reb@stu.ca (or phone: 452-0647).

Best wishes for a successful research process!

Sincerely,



Karla O’Regan, PhD
Research Ethics Board, Chair