

## **Consent Information Sheet**

### Initial Interview

You are invited to participate in a research project exploring how first-year writing directors, particularly in times of personal and/or collective crisis, respond to and navigate particularly precarious situations. This study is being conducted by Ethan Voss under the direction of his advisor, Dr. Julie Lindquist.

Please read this form and ask any questions you may have before agreeing to be in the study. This study has been reviewed by Michigan State's IRB office and approved as exempt (STUDY#00009920).

### **INFORMATION**

Amidst increased social, political, economic, and environmental tensions and collective disruption, first-year writing directors have continued to lead their programs and serve as crucial support structures for their instructors, graduate teaching assistants, first-year students, and other extensive campus-community stakeholders.

The purpose of this study is to better understand the work of first-year writing directors, the crisis situations they find themselves in, and how they best navigate moments of uncertainty. The purpose of this first interview is to discuss the participants' responses to the research questions. Upon completion of the first interview, participants will be asked to participate in a follow-up interview to ensure clarity and to address follow-up questions relating to their initial responses in an effort to gather more in-depth information related to the research questions.

### **PROCEDURES**

If you opt to participate, you will be asked to participate in an hour-long, semi-structured Zoom interview. This interview will adhere to a consistent protocol of standard interview questions while also permitting conversational moves in response to the ongoing dialogue in an effort to trace the paths of the narratives as they unfold. The interview will be recorded, audio transcribed, and uploaded to Microsoft OneDrive. I will share the transcripts with each respective participant to ensure accuracy and transparency.

## **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The records of this study will be kept private. All data will be anonymized for use in future manuscripts and publications. Research records will be stored securely on Michigan State University's OneDrive; only the investigator will have access to the records. Data will not be used for evaluative purposes.

## **RISKS AND BENEFITS OF BEING IN THE STUDY**

This study has minimal risks. Any risk is related to experiencing personal discomfort associated with reflecting on experiences that may have been difficult or traumatizing.

There is no immediate benefit if you choose to participate in this survey; however, your responses will give you an opportunity to critically reflect and learn from your personal experiences as a first-year writing director.

## **VOLUNTARY NATURE OF THE STUDY**

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your decision whether or not to participate will not affect your current or future relations with Michigan State University, the researcher, or the Department of Writing, Rhetoric, and Cultures. If you decide to participate, you may decline to answer any questions or withdraw from the study at any time.

## **CONTACTS AND QUESTIONS**

If you have questions, you are encouraged to contact Ethan Voss ([vossetha@msu.edu](mailto:vossetha@msu.edu)) or Dr. Julie Lindquist ([lindquill@msu.edu](mailto:lindquill@msu.edu)) directly.

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