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Agreement to Participate for
Exempt Studies

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Survey Study for the Reference Guides to Rhetoric and Composition Book Series (WAC Clearinghouse)

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You are being asked to take part in a research study. The purpose of the research study is to learn what readers find useful in the *Reference Guides to Rhetoric and Composition Book Series* through WAC Clearinghouse, including: to generate topic ideas; to gain ideas for how to more equitably to narrate key topics in the field without reproducing historical biases and exclusions; and in doing so, to generate interest in the series and recruit new authors who are interested in narrating alternative syntheses of the field. We actively invite contributions from prospective authors (both new and returning). The goal of this survey is to reimagine the current book series and center equity-driven publishing and reviewing practices, opening space for wider participation and contribution from a variety of authors.

Please read the following before agreeing to be in the study. If you agree to be in this study, it will take you approximately 12-15 minutes to complete this survey. Questions will be asked about your basic demographics and background in the field, suggestions for themes and approaches for narrating the field, and authoring with the *Reference Guides to Rhetoric and Composition Book Series*. There are no known risks, benefits, or compensation, although we are offering mentorship opportunities for prospective authors at the conclusion of the survey.

Your responses will be strictly anonymous. The responses will be used to help the editorial board make decisions for future directions of the book series and may be used in future research papers or presentations.

Your information collected as part of the research could be used for future research studies or distributed to another investigator for future research studies without additional approval from you.

The decision to participate in this study is voluntary and the decision is entirely up to you. You may refuse to take part in the study at any time without affecting your relationship with the investigators of this study or the University of Rhode Island (URI). Your decision will not result in any loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You have the right not to answer any single question, as well as to withdraw completely from the survey at any point during the process.

You have the right to ask questions about this research study and to have those questions answered by me before, during or after the research. If you have questions about the study, at any time feel free to contact **Leah Heilig** from the Department of Professional and Public Writing at the University of Rhode Island at (320) 293-6239 or leah_heilig@uri.edu.

Additionally, you may contact the URI Institutional Review Board (IRB) if you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant. Also contact the IRB if you have questions, complaints or concerns which you do not feel you can discuss with the investigator. The University of Rhode Island IRB may be reached by phone at (401) 874-4328 or by e-mail at researchintegrity@etal.uri.edu. You may also contact the URI Vice President for Research and Economic Development by phone at (401) 874-4576.

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By clicking below to be taken to the survey, you indicate that you have read and understood the above, agree you are over 18, and volunteer to participate in this study.

Survey Link:

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