



Consent Form 1 - Survey Participant

The purpose of this form is to provide you with context and information about participating in my research study and offer you the opportunity to decide whether you wish to participate. Your participation is voluntary, and you may refuse to take part in the research or withdraw at any time without penalty. Eligible participants must be over the age of 18.

Purpose of this Study

My research develops the Gujarati theory of ધ્યાન (*dhyaan*), which translates to care, attention/focus, and embodied awareness/meditation, as a methodology for research and pedagogy. To that end, the purpose of this study is to identify practices of ધ્યાન (*dhyaan*) - care, attention, and embodied awareness - towards students' linguistic identity and agency in the classroom. It attempts to answer the following questions:

- How are instructors in the field of Rhetoric and Composition enacting ધ્યાન (*dhyaan*) towards students' linguistic identity and agency in their classroom?
- How are instructors integrating practices of ધ્યાન (*dhyaan*) in their syllabi, specifically in relation to their required readings and personalized course policies?

Participation Information

You can participate by taking a few moments to complete this online survey (approximately 15 minutes) and reflect on your teaching practices. The survey link will be live for three weeks from today's date and you may submit your responses at any time within this time frame.

If you are full-time faculty, you will have the option to indicate your interest to participate in an in-depth interview (approximately 45 to 60 minutes) via Zoom. Each interview participant will receive a \$15 gift card from Amazon in appreciation of your time and energy. If you indicate interest, I will reach out to you via email to share another consent form and schedule a time for the interview.

Possible Risks of Participating

Whenever one works with email or the internet; there is always the risk of compromising privacy, confidentiality, and/or anonymity. Your confidentiality will be maintained to the degree permitted by the technology being used. It is important for you to understand that no guarantees can be made regarding the interception of data sent via the internet by third parties.

Possible Benefits of Participating

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The study will contribute to research on more inclusive and embodied pedagogical practices in the Humanities. You will have the opportunity to reflect on specific aspects of your pedagogy, which may help you understand your own practices more deeply.

Privacy Information

To protect your identity, you can respond to the survey from a location of your own choosing. You also have the option to respond confidentially. Those who express interest in an interview will provide their email address for scheduling purposes only and will be asked to select a pseudonym during the interview.

The results of this survey will be viewed by Urmi Parekh and Kevin Adonis Browne only. Excerpts from survey and interview responses will be pseudonymized and aggregated response information may appear in future publications, conferences, and workshops.

Contact Information

For questions, concerns or more information regarding this research you may contact Urmi Parekh at uparekh@syr.edu or 857.452.4501 or Kevin Adonis Browne at browne@syr.edu or 868.737.8934. If you have questions or concerns about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the Syracuse University Institutional Review Board at (315) 443-3013.

I am 18 years of age or older and I understand what my participation in this research involves.

By continuing, I agree to participate in this research study.