

Informed Consent

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Project Title: **Teaching Pragmatics to Newcomers to Canada**

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INVITATION

You are invited to participate in a study that involves research. The purpose of this study is to investigate what supports teachers need to teach culturally conditioned language skills, so that newcomers will have more opportunity to obtain and retain employment.

WHAT'S INVOLVED

As a participant, you will be asked to complete an email interview, which should take approximately 45 minutes. You will be asked questions regarding your knowledge of teaching pragmatics, your teaching practice, and the resources available to you.

POTENTIAL BENEFITS AND RISKS

Possible benefits of participation include the opportunity to discuss and reflect on your pedagogical practices with the researcher. Your ideas will also contribute to the development of a resource handbook for ESL instructors. There are no known or anticipated risks associated with participation in this study.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The data and findings from this study will be used to inform the development of a professional development resource. Data contributed by you will remain confidential. Your name will not be included or associated in any way with the data collected for the study.

Data collected during this study will be stored in my home in a locked cabinet in my home office. Data will be kept until approximately August 30, 2017 after which time digital files will be deleted and written records will be shredded. Access to this data will be restricted to Gwen Zeldenrust, researcher and Dr. Kamini Jaipal-Jamani.

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATION

Participation in this study is voluntary. If you wish, you may decline to answer any questions or participate in any component of the study. Further, you may decide to withdraw from this study at any time, you may do so without any penalty or loss of benefits. All your data collected will also be deleted or destroyed at that time.

PUBLICATION OF RESULTS

The project is expected to be completed by August 30, 2017. Feedback about this study will be available from Gwen Zeldenrust gs04vm@brocku.ca after August 2017. The results of the study will be published as a Masters project by Brock University and available through their digital repository. A copy of the resource handbook will be provided to you if you indicate below that you would like to receive a copy.

CONTACT INFORMATION AND ETHICS CLEARANCE

If you have any questions about this study or require further information, please contact Gwen Zeldenrust or Dr. Kamini Jaipal-Jamani using the contact information provided above. This study has been reviewed and received ethics clearance through the Research Ethics Board at Brock University REB # **16-085** If you have any comments or concerns about your rights as a research participant, please contact the Research Ethics Office at (905) 688-5550 Ext. 3035, reb@brocku.ca.

Thank you for your assistance in this project. Please keep a copy of this form for your records.

CONSENT FORM

I agree to participate in this study described above. I have made this decision based on the information I have read in the Information-Consent Letter. I have had the opportunity to receive any additional details I wanted about the study and understand that I may ask questions in the future. I understand that I may withdraw this consent at any time.

Please email me to acknowledge agreement to this consent form. Also, please indicate in the email if you would like to receive a copy of the Resource Handbook for Instructors.