

The Impact of Scholarly Digital Storytelling in Higher Education

INFORMED CONSENT FORM — FACULTY

RESEARCH PROCEDURES

This research is being conducted to gain insight into teacher and student experiences with scholarly digital storytelling in higher education, including impact on academic research, communication of scholarly work beyond the classroom, and application of digital skills beyond the classroom. If you agree, you will be asked to participate in an individual interview (in-person or virtually) and to permit researchers to review course assignments, including syllabi, from your digital storytelling assignment or course. The interview will take approximately one hour. Consent to participate in the research allows us to use your data for research purposes.

The interview will be recorded via audio and/or video during the in-person interview for purposes of analysis. The digital files will be stored on a password-protected university computer and only the researchers will have access to the digital files and the transcription. The digital files will be destroyed in 5 years.

RISKS

There are no foreseeable risks for participating in this research.

BENEFITS

There are no benefits to you as a participant other than to further research on teaching and learning in higher education.

CONFIDENTIALITY

The data in this study will be confidential. A code will be placed on the digital interview file and the transcript file as well as on any other collected data. Through the use of an identification key, only the researchers will be able to link your interview data and course assignments to your identity. For any manuscripts that may result from this research, each participant will be given a pseudonym. For interviews conducted virtually, participants may review Skype's privacy statement here: <https://privacy.microsoft.com/en-US/privacystatement>.

PARTICIPATION

Your participation is voluntary, and you may withdraw from the study at any time and for any reason. If you decide not to participate or if you withdraw from the study, there is no penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. There are no costs to you or any other party. All participants must be at least 18 years of age.

CONTACT

This research is being conducted by Dr. _____ at George Mason University. She/he may be reached at (phone) _____ or (email) _____ for questions or to report a research-related problem. You may contact the George Mason University Institutional Review Board office at 703-993-4121 if you have questions or comments regarding your rights as a participant in the research.

This research has been reviewed according to George Mason University procedures governing your participation in this research.

CONSENT

I have read this form, all of my questions have been answered by the research staff, and I AGREE to participate in this study. I AGREE to audio and/or video taping of the interview.

Name [printed]

Signature

Date of Signature