

## **The University of Texas Rio Grande Valley**

### **Informed Consent Form**

[The Corpus of Spanish and English in the Rio Grande Valley]

Investigators: *Professor Ryan M. Bessett, PhD. and Katherine O'Donnell Christoffersen, Ph.D..*

Background: We are conducting a research study on the language and culture in the Rio Grande Valley.

Procedure: You will be asked about yourself and your community for approximately 60 minutes, and to answer questions about your use of Spanish and English. The conversation will be recorded and archived, in addition to a transcription of the conversation, non-identifiable demographic information about yourself, and your responses to your use of Spanish and English. The archives will be made available for researchers interested in analyzing Rio Grande Valley Spanish and English.

Risks or Possible Discomforts Associated with the Study: There are no anticipated risks associated with your participation in this study

Benefits of Participation: There is no direct benefit to your participation in this study, but the knowledge gained may be of benefit to others, including those interested in how Spanish is spoken in the United States today.

Voluntary Participation: Your participation in this study is voluntary; you may discontinue your participation at any time without penalty. If for any reason you decide that you would like to discontinue your participation, simply tell the researcher that you wish to stop.

Anonymity and/or Confidentiality: All identifiable information about yourself will be removed from the audio recording and marked as "XY" in the transcription.

Who to Contact for Research Related Questions: For questions about the research itself, or to report any adverse effects during or following participation, contact the researcher, [Ryan Bessett] at [ryan.bessett@utrgv.edu].

Who to Contact Regarding Your Rights as a Participant: This research has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for Human Subjects Protection (IRB). If you have any questions about your rights as a participant, or if you feel that your rights as a participant were not adequately met by the researcher, please contact the IRB at (956) 665-2889 or [irb@utrgv.edu](mailto:irb@utrgv.edu).

Signatures: By signing below, you indicate that you are voluntarily agreeing to participate in this study and that the procedures involved have been described to your satisfaction. The researcher will provide you with a copy of this form for your own reference. In order to participate, you must be at least 18 years of age. If you are under 18, please inform the researcher.

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**Participant's Signature**

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**Date**