

## CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN A RESEARCH STUDY

**Title of Study:** Effect of withholding acoustic cues to English-Spanish codeswitching in Wh-questions

**Principal Investigator:** Jiawei Shao, MA

**STUDY SUMMARY:** This consent form is part of an informed consent process for a research study, and it will give information that will help you decide if you want to take part in this study. It is your choice to participate or not.

The **purpose of the research** is to: look at how Spanish-English bilinguals perceive other speakers when they are speaking in Spanish. If you take part in the research, you will complete a written questionnaire and participate in an interview. Your time in the study will take no more than two hours (120 minutes): 90 minutes in the first session and 30 minutes for the second session.

**Possible problems or risks** of taking part in the study are minimal but may include becoming tired while answering questions. In that case, you can take a break.

Your alternative to taking part in the research study is **not** to take part in it.

The information in this consent form will give more details about the research study and what will be asked of you if you choose to participate in it. If you have any questions now or during the study, you can ask them, and you will receive answers you completely understand. After your questions are answered and if you still wish to participate in the research study, you will be asked to sign this consent form. **You are not giving up any of your legal rights by agreeing to participate in this research or by signing this consent form.**

**Who is conducting this study?**

*Jiawei Shao* is the Principal Investigator of this research study. The Principal Investigator has the overall responsibility for the conduct of the research. The Principal Investigator will also sign this informed consent.

**Why is this study being done?**

This study will show us how Spanish-English bilinguals perceive an utterance mixing Spanish and English.

**Who may take part in this study and who may not?**

Spanish-English bilingual speakers of all backgrounds can participate in this study.

**Why have I been asked to take part in this study?**

You are a Spanish-English bilingual speaker.

**How long will the study take and how many subjects will take part?**

Around seventy (60) people will participate in the study. Each person will participate for a maximum of one hours (60) minutes.

**What will I be asked to do if I participate in this study?**

This study has only one session. If you agree to participate, we will arrange an in person meeting to conduct the experiment, during which you will have to complete two sets of task, a short Spanish test and a written questionnaire about your background. No image, video or sound will be. The speed and accuracy of your response will be collected used for analysis, but your identity will be made anonymous, so that no one can identify you.

**What are the risks of harm or discomforts I might experience if I take part in this study?**

The risks of participating in this study are minimal. Some possible risks are becoming tired during the experiment. If you decide to quit the study, your responses will NOT be saved.

**Are There Any Benefits To Me If I Choose To Participate In This Study?**

There are no direct benefits to you for taking part in this research. You will be contributing to knowledge about bilinguals' perceptions of other speakers.

**What Are My Alternatives If I Do Not Want To Take Part In This Study?**

Your alternative is **not** to take part in this study.

**How Will I Know If New Information Is Learned That May Affect Whether I Am Willing To Stay In The Study?**

During the study, the investigator will tell you about any new information that may affect whether you are willing to continue taking part in the study. If new information is learned that may affect you after the study is completed, you will be contacted.

**Will There Be Any Cost To Me To Participate In This Study?**

You will not have to pay to participate in this study.

**Will I Be Paid To Participate In This Study?**

After you complete the session, you will receive \$15. The money will be delivered to you via a money-transfer service (for example, Venmo or Zelle), cash or gift card.

If you wish to receive the money in a different way, please ask the investigator, Jiawei Shao.

**How Will Information About Me Be Kept Private Or Confidential?**

All efforts will be made to keep your personal information in your research record confidential, but total confidentiality cannot be guaranteed. No information that can identify you or other subjects will be collected. The investigator will not use your real name in any of the documents she keeps. Instead, you will be given a personal

identification number. The data will be saved on a secure laptop, protected with a password known only by the investigator. The laptop will be kept in a safe place and only the investigator will have access to that place.

### **What Will Happen To My Information—data, recordings and/or images—Collected For This Research After The Study Is Over?**

The information collected about you for this research will not be used by or distributed to other investigators.

### **What Will Happen If I Do Not Wish To Participate In The Study Or If I Later Decide Not To Stay In The Study?**

It is your choice if you want to participate in the research. You may choose to participate, not to participate or you may change your mind and withdraw from the study at any time. If you do not want to enter the study or decide to stop participating, your relationship with the investigator will not change, and you can do so without penalty and without losing any benefits that you may deserve.

You may also withdraw your consent for the investigator to use the information already collected about you *after* the study ends, but you must do this in writing to Jiawei Shao, [jiawei.shao@rutgers.edu](mailto:jiawei.shao@rutgers.edu). However, some information that has already been collected may not be withdrawn or removed because there may not be any identifiers to connect the information with you.

### **Who Can I Contact If I Have Questions?**

If you have questions, concerns or complaints about the research, wish more information, you can contact the Principal Investigator: Jiawei Shao, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, [jiawei.shao@rutgers.edu](mailto:jiawei.shao@rutgers.edu).

If you have questions, concerns, problems, information or input about the research or would like to know about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the Rutgers IRB Director at: Arts and Sciences IRB, 335 George St., Liberty Plaza Ste. 3200, New Brunswick, NJ 08901 (732) 235-2866 or the Rutgers Human Subjects Protection Program

at (973)972-3608 or (732)235-9806, email us at [human-subjects@research.rutgers.edu](mailto:human-subjects@research.rutgers.edu)  
or write us at 335 George Street, Liberty Plaza Suite 3200, New Brunswick, NJ 08901.

### **AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE**

#### **Subject Consent:**

I have read this entire consent form, or it has been read to me, and I believe that I understand what has been discussed. All of my questions about this form and this study have been answered. I agree to participate in this study.

Subject Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Subject Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Signature of Investigator/Individual Obtaining Consent:**

To the best of my ability, I have explained and discussed all the important details about the study including all of the information contained in this consent form.

Investigator (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_