

Notice of Research

Study

The lecturer for **CSC309**, **Karen Reid**, is participating in a research study to help us understand how instructors use direct and indirect feedback to ensure their classes are going well. The study aims to learn more about your professor's habits, activities and decisions.

Researchers

The study is being conducted by **Velian Pandeliev**, a Ph.D. student at the Technologies for Aging Gracefully Lab at this department. Its methods have been approved by the Social Sciences, Humanities and Education Research Ethics Board at the University of Toronto. If you have any questions or concerns, you may contact Velian at velian@taglab.ca.

How does this affect you?

To help us understand the role of student discussions in this process, your lecturer has given Velian read-only access to your class discussion board in Piazza. Like a teaching assistant, Velian will be able to see your discussion posts and your lecturer's replies.

However:

- Velian will **not** have access to any of your other coursework, submissions or grades
- Velian will **not** participate in the discussion
- Velian will **not** influence your lecturer in any way

This study will not affect your day-to-day experience with the class, and you will not have to do anything differently.

Your discussion board data

Some of your posts and discussions may be relevant to Velian's research and he may extract them and include excerpts from them in published scholarly work about your lecturer's teaching.

Before he does, he will remove anything that could indicate who wrote the post including names, course codes and other identifying details.

He will also wait until the term is over and your grades are finalized before revealing any of his results to your lecturer or publishing them.

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Compensation

To show our appreciation for letting us analyze discussion board contributions, students still enrolled in the study at the end of the term will participate in a draw for

One of three 50\$ gift cards to the University of Toronto Bookstore

The winners will be notified via their University of Toronto e-mails.

Opting out

You may opt-out of contributing your data to the study at any time during the term and up to 7 days after your final grades are released by visiting the following link:

<http://tinyurl.com/309withdraw>

When you opt out, all content you have submitted to the discussion board so far will be excluded from the study, and none of your new content will be considered for the study.

Your contributions will remain on the discussion board.

If you withdraw from the course, you will remain in the study and in the gift card draw. Only data you submitted while enrolled in the course will be used in analysis.

Contact information about the study

At any time during or after the study, you may contact **Velian Pandeliev** at velian@taglab.ca to have any questions concerning the research project answered. You may also request that we keep you informed about the results of the study or any publications that follow.

Contact information about the rights of research subjects

If you have any concerns about your treatment or rights as a research subject, you may contact the Office of Research Ethics at ethics.review@utoronto.ca or 416-946-3273.

This notice is also available online at:

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