**CONSENT TO TAKE PART IN ANONYMOUS RESEARCH**

**TITLE OF STUDY:** Production, perception, and processing of prosody in second language acquisition

**Principal Investigator:** Joseph V. Casillas, PhD

This consent form is part of an informed consent process for a research study and it will provide information that will help you decide whether you want to take part in this study. It is your choice to take part or not. Your alternative to taking part in the research is not to take part in it.

**Whos conducting the study and what is it about?**

You are invited to take part in a research study that is being conducted by Joseph Casillas, who is a Professor in Spanish and Portuguese in the School of Arts and Sciences at Rutgers University. The purpose of the research is to learn about the second language acquisition of Spanish.

Dr. Casillas may be reached at joseph.casillas@rurtgers.edu.

**What will I be asked to do if I take part in the study?**

You will be asked to complete 3 tasks. A vocabulary task, a short questionnaire and a matching task. In the matching task you will hear and see sentences and decide if they match. The information will be anonymously collected. No one will know which responses are yours. Your participation in the study will be about 25 minutes. We anticipate 200 subjects will take part in the study.

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

We do not foresee risks to subjects participating in this study.

**Are there any benefits to me if I choose to take part in this study?**

There are no benefits of taking part in this study aside from contributing to scientific knowledge.

**Will I be paid to take part in this study?**

You will be paid $3.96 for your participation. This is a $9.50 hourly rate for 25 minutes of your time.

**How will information about me be kept private or confidential?**

The research is anonymous. No information will be collected that can identify who you are. Additionally, to keep the data safe we store all results on a private, password protected server that encrypts the data.

**What will happen to information I provide in the research after the study is over?**

After the study is over the information may be used by or distributed to investigators for other research without obtaining additional permission from you.

The research team and the Institutional Review Board at Rutgers University are the only parties that may see the data, except as may be required by law. If the findings of this research are professionally presented or published, only group results will be stated.

**What will happen if I do not wish to take part in the study or I later decide not to stay in the study?**

It is your choice whether you take part in the research. You may choose to take part, not to take part 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 taking part, your relationship with the study staff will not change, and you may do so without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. Please note, however, that once you have submitted your responses, you may no longer withdraw them as we will not know which ones yours are.

If you have questions about taking part in this study, you can contact the Principal Investigator: *Joseph V. Casillas, PhD, Department of Spanish and Portuguese, Rutgers University.*

If you have questions about your rights as a research subject, you can contact the IRB Director at:

Arts and Sciences IRB (732) 235-2866 or the Rutgers Human Subjects Protection Program at (973) 972-1149 or email us at [humansubjects@ored.rutgers.edu](mailto:humansubjects@ored.rutgers.edu).

By beginning this research, I acknowledge that I am 18 years of age or older and have read and understand the information. I agree to take part in the research, with the knowledge that I am free to withdraw my participation in the research without penalty.

Please print a copy of this consent form for your records.

If you are 18 years of age or older, understand the statements above, and consent to take part in the study, click on the "I Agree" button to begin the research.   If not, please click on the “I Do Not Agree” button which exit you from this screen/program.

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