SDS 237: Data Ethnography
Interview Informed Consent Form

Interviewer Name: _____

This interview is being conducted as part of a project assigned in Smith College's Spring 2022 *Data Ethnography* course. The learning objectives for this course may be reviewed at: https://sds-237-data-ethnography-spring-22.github.io/public-website/index.html. Questions about the course or this interview assignment can be directed to Professor Lindsay Poirier (lpoirier@smith.edu).

The goal of the interview project is to develop a deeper understanding of cultures of data work. The interviewer may ask questions covering topics such as:

- Your pathways into data work and how data expertise develops,
- How your ideas about the role, significance, and representativeness of data have formed,
- What your day-to-day interactions with data are like,
- How data work is valued and rewarded,
- How individuals perceive their sense of belonging in data communities,
- Social factors that lead to feelings of exclusion,
- Norms of behavior in data communities and how/when they are contested

The interview will last approximately 30 minutes.

Data collected from this interview will be summarized in a paper for *Data Ethnography*. The paper will be read by both the course instructor and other students enrolled in the course. The paper will not be shared with anyone other than the instructor and students enrolled in the course. Any notes from the interview, audio-tape recordings, or transcriptions will only be accessible to the interviewee.

Below you may designate whether you agree to have the interview be audiotaped, and you may designate whether you consent to have your name quoted in the paper.

Your participation in this interview is completely voluntary. There is no direct benefit to you from taking part in this interview. The risks of participation are minimal. It is possible that some of the questions might make you feel uncomfortable or upset. You do not have to answer any of the questions you do not want to answer.

I, _____, agree to be interviewed as part of a project aiming to deepen understanding of the cultures of data work. The interview material will be used to draft a paper for Smith College's *Data Ethnography* course. Below, I indicate which forms of recording and use I agree to, or do <u>not</u> agree to, with my initials:

I agree to be audiotaped:

No _____   Yes _____

I agree to have direct quotes transcribed in the final write-up:

No _____   Yes _____

I agree to have my name and credentials attached to summaries and quotes in the final write-up:

No _____   Yes _____

I also recognize the following conditions:

- I can ask that the audiotape be turned off at any time during this interview, and the tape will be turned off.
- During the interview, I can designate any comments I make as "off the record" and these comments will not be included in the final write-up.
- In the future, I can ask for all or parts of audio recordings and/or transcripts to be destroyed.
- I can ask for additional conditions, and have listed these below:

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INTERVIEWER   DATE

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INTERVIEWEE   DATE

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INTERVIEWEE EMAIL