CONSENT FORM FOR TEACHER-PARTICIPANTS

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Title: Social Interaction and Positioning: On the Way to Becoming More Proficient ESL

Learners

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You are being asked to participate in a research study. This form provides you with information about the study. The person in charge of this research will also describe this study to you and answer all of your questions. Please read the information below and ask any questions you might have before deciding whether or not to take part. Your participation is entirely voluntary. You can refuse to participate without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. You can stop your participation at any time and your refusal will not impact current or future relationships with UT Austin or Texas State University. To do so, simply tell the researcher you wish to stop participation. The researcher will provide you with a copy of this consent for your records.

The purpose of this study is to understand 1) how participation is structured in an ESL classroom, 2) the factors affecting participation and students' positions, and 3) the impact of those positions on English language learning. Positions refer to roles that students take during interaction with others in class. For example, when a student gives an answer to a question, s/he may position herself/himself as a 'knowledgeable member' of the class. 'Knowledgeable member' would be his/her position.

The expected number of participants in this study, including you, is 10-15 people.

If you agree to be in this study, we will ask you to do the following things:

Observations:

- When you interact with your students, you and your students will be observed to determine what
 factors have affected their participation or non-participation and what positions you and your
 students take on.
- Conversations will be audio and video-taped and notes will be taken during the observations. Your class will be observed **two times a week at 2.5 hours per observation**. The class will be observed for about 15 weeks, approximately 30 times.
- No data will be collected from you if you do not volunteer to be in the study, which means this study will not be conducted in your class.

Interviews

• You will be interviewed two times during the semester. **Interviews will occur outside of classroom hours and will be 45 minutes each.** You will be asked questions to understand your perceptions of your students in the speaking class, how you position your learners, and your perspectives on students' participation.

Total estimated time to participate in study is one semester. You will be observed **during classroom hours** for about 15 weeks.

The **risk** associated with this study is no greater than everyday life. You will be provided **confidentiality** to the extent allowed by law. It may cause some discomfort or stress to be observed. However, the investigator will observe you quietly and avoid interacting with you and your students during the class.

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The use of pseudonyms will minimize the risk. Original data will only be analyzed by the researcher. You will have the right to choose not to participate if you feel uncomfortable. There are no negative consequences if you choose not to participate.

There are no direct benefits for participation in this study. However, if you are provided with results from the research, you may learn or better understand what factors affect student participation.

There will be no **cost** to you nor will you be **compensated** for participating in this research study.

Classroom conversations will be audio and video-taped and tapes will be coded so that no personally identifying information is visible on them. Tapes will be kept in a secure place (a locked file cabinet in the investigator's home) and will be heard or viewed only for research purposes by the investigator and her associates. Tapes will be kept in those cabinets for three years for research purposes and then erased.

Your identity will be protected to the extent allowed by law. You will not be personally identified in any reports or publications that may result from this study.

The data resulting from your participation may be made available to other researchers in the future for research purposes not detailed within this consent form. In these cases, the data will contain no identifying information that could associate you with it, or with your participation in any study.

The records of this study will be stored securely and kept confidential. Authorized persons from The University of Texas at Austin, members of the Institutional Review Board, have the legal right to review your research records and will protect the confidentiality of those records to the extent permitted by law. All publications will exclude any information that will make it possible to identify you as a subject. Throughout the study, the researchers will notify you of new information that may become available and that might affect your decision to remain in the study.

If you have any questions about the study please ask now. If you have questions later, want additional information, or wish to withdraw your participation call the researchers conducting the study. Their names, phone numbers, and e-mail addresses are at the top of this page.

If you would like to obtain information about the research study, have questions, concerns, complaints or wish to discuss problems about a research study with someone unaffiliated with the study, please contact the IRB Office at (512) 471-8871 or Jody Jensen, Ph.D., Chair, The University of Texas at Austin Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects at (512) 232-2685. Anonymity, if desired, will be protected to the extent possible. As an alternative method of contact, an email may be sent to orsc@uts.cc.utexas.edu or a letter sent to IRB Administrator, P.O. Box 7426, Mail Code A 3200, Austin, TX 78713.

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Statement of Consent:

I have read the above information and have sufficient information to make a decision about participating in this study. I consent to participate in the study.	
Signature:	Date:
Signature of Person Obtaining Consent	Date:
Signature of Investigator:	Date: