Consent Form

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Dear Participant:

You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by Principal Investigators Austen Adair (aa1419@txstate.edu; 512-245-1361) and Jonathan Stansbury (js2039@txstate.edu; 512-245-1362) in the Department of Communication Studies at Texas State University. The purpose of this research study is to explore students' perceptions of instructors who are perceived to be homosexuals. Since you are currently a college student, you are being invited to participate in this study. To participate in this study, you must be *at least* 18 years old.

Do not put your name on this questionnaire to ensure anonymity. Please be sure to read each section carefully and answer all questions honestly. There is no right or wrong answer. Participation in this study is voluntary. You can terminate your participation at anytime without penalty. If you are a student your actual performance in this study or your refusal to participate or withdrawal from this study will in no way affect your class standing, grades, job status, or status in any athletic or other activity associated with Texas State University or your instructor. There are no known risks associated with participation in this study, and benefits include contributing to a body of research. You will be asked questions in the following format: “My communication with my teacher feels satisfying.” It should take approximately 15 minutes to complete this questionnaire.

You may earn extra credit if you are taking a class that offers credit for research studies. The class instructor will assign credit according to class policy.

If you would like more information about this research project, feel free to contact Austen Adair or Jonathan Stansbury by email. Confidential data and surveys will be retained by Mr. Adair and Mr. Stansbury for two years. This study has been acknowledged by Texas State University’s Institutional Review Board (IRB approval # \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_). Pertinent questions about the research, research participants' rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413; lasser@txstate.edu), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102). If you feel strong anxiety towards answering any question in the following survey, you have the option to exit the survey at any time. In addition, you may contact the Texas State Counseling Center at (512) 245-2208 for further assistance if needed. A summary of the findings will be provided to participants upon completion of the study, if requested by contacting Mr. Adair or Mr. Stansbury.

Thank you for your participation.

Sincerely,

Austen Adair Jonathan Stansbury

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Please complete the following:

I, (insert name), fully understand the consent form and its contents. By clicking agree, I condone my participation in this research study.

Agree Disagree