

## DEPARTMENT HEAD APPROVAL FORM

TO: Project Directors

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SUBJECT: HUMAN USE COMMITTEE REVIEW

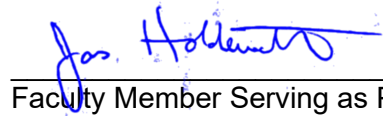
Please submit this page, signed by yourself, and your Department Head or Dean, when submitting a proposal to the Human Use Committee for expedited approval.

Your signatures are stating that you are aware of this proposal and/or survey being conducted, and all aspects of the study comply with the appropriate University Policies and Procedures.

(Print or type below)

Agricultural Sciences and Forestry

Department



\_\_\_\_\_  
Faculty Member Serving as Principal Investigator (Signature)

5/5/20

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Date

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Student Researcher (If applicable)

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Academic Program

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Date

Joshua Adams, Ph.D.

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Department Head Name (Print)

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Department Head  
(Actual Original Signature Required)

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Date

Do you plan to publish this study? NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Will this study be published by a national organization? NO	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Are copyrighted materials involved? NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Do you have written permission to use copyrighted materials? NO	<input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/>
Researchers must comply with all training requirements from their funding agency.	
COMMENTS:	

### STUDY/PROJECT INFORMATION FOR HUMAN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE

Describe your study/project in detail for the Human Subjects Committee. Please include the following information.

**TITLE:** Sudden Social Distancing. Impacts of COVID-19 Social Distancing on Six Courses.

**PROJECT DIRECTOR(S):** Jason Holderieath, Ph.D., Michael Crosby, Ph.D., and T. Eric McConnell, Ph.D.

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**DEPARTMENT(S):** Agricultural Sciences and Forestry

#### PURPOSE OF STUDY/PROJECT:

The study will compare previous quarter's of the same course and same instructor to determine the impacts of the changes to course delivery and policy due to COVID-19.

#### SUBJECTS:

Students in SASF courses taught over the past three spring quarters that have been taught by the same instructor.

#### PROCEDURE:

A journal in Agricultural Economics is seeking updates showing impacts of COVID-19. We intend to show a difference in grades attributable to COVID-19 by reviewing three years of grades in classes taught in the School of Agricultural Sciences and Forestry and comparing for differences.

#### INSTRUMENTS AND MEASURES TO INSURE PROTECTION OF CONFIDENTIALITY, ANONYMITY:

The registrar's office will only release grades, with no identifying information or directory information for courses with greater than ten enrolled students.

#### RISKS/ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS:

The only risks to study subjects are potential accidental data releases.

#### BENEFITS/COMPENSATION:

None.

#### SAFEGUARDS OF PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING:

None.

## HUMAN SUBJECTS CONSENT FORM

The following is a brief summary of the project in which you are asked to participate. Please read this information before signing the statement below.

TITLE OF PROJECT:

PURPOSE OF STUDY/PROJECT:

PROCEDURE:

INSTRUMENTS:

**RISKS/ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS:** The participant understands that Louisiana Tech is not able to offer financial compensation nor to absorb the costs of medical treatment should you be injured as a result of participating in this research.

The following disclosure applies to all participants using online survey tools: This server may collect information and your IP address indirectly and automatically via "cookies".

**EXTRA CREDIT:** If extra credit is offered to students participating in research, an alternative extra credit that requires a similar investment of time and energy will also be offered to those students who do not choose to volunteer as research subjects.

**BENEFITS/COMPENSATION:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, attest with my signature that I have read and understood the following description of the study, "\_\_\_\_\_", and its purposes and methods. I understand that my participation in this research is strictly voluntary and my participation or refusal to participate in this study will not affect my relationship with Louisiana Tech University or my grades in any way. Further, I understand that I may withdraw at any time or refuse to answer any questions without penalty. Upon completion of the study, I understand that the results will be freely available to me upon request. I understand that the results of my survey will be confidential, accessible only to the principal investigators, myself, or a legally appointed representative. I have not been requested to waive nor do I waive any of my rights related to participating in this study.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Participant or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** The principal experimenters listed below may be reached to answer questions about the research, subjects' rights, or related matters.

Give name and contact information:

Members of the Human Use Committee of Louisiana Tech University may also be contacted if a problem cannot be discussed with the experimenters:

Dr. Richard Kordal, Director, Office of Intellectual Property & Commercialization Ph: (318) 257-2484,  
Email: rkordal@latech.edu

## STUDY/PROJECT INFORMATION FOR HUMAN SUBJECTS COMMITTEE

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**TITLE:** An exploration of personality characteristics and mood state.

**PROJECT DIRECTOR(S):** Professor XYZ

**EMAIL:** xxx

**PHONE:** xxx

**DEPARTMENT(S):** Behavioral Sciences

**PURPOSE OF STUDY/PROJECT:** To determine the relationship, if any, between socialized personality characteristics and mood state.

**SUBJECTS:** Louisiana Tech University students selected from psychology classes.

**PROCEDURE:** Approximately 200 students from introductory psychology classes will voluntarily complete a packet of self-report inventories, including a sex role questionnaire, a depression inventory, and a self-efficacy survey. Data will then be analyzed to determine the relationship among these variables.

### **INSTRUMENTS AND MEASURES TO INSURE PROTECTION OF**

**CONFIDENTIALITY, ANONYMITY:** The 21 items Beck Depression Inventory (BDI) developed by Aaron T. Beck will be used to assess mood. The Bem Sex-Role Inventory (BSRI), a 60 item inventory developed by Sandra Bem, will be utilized to assess sex-role. The 27 item Self-Efficacy Scale (SES) developed by Robert Tipton and Everett Worthington will be used to measure self-efficacy. Additionally, a brief self-report instrument developed by the researchers will be used to collect demographic information and additional characteristics. All collected information will be held confidential and only viewed by the researchers

**RISKS/ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS:** The participant understands that Louisiana Tech is not able to offer financial compensation nor to absorb the costs of medical treatment should you be injured as a result of participating in this research.

**BENEFITS/COMPENSATION:** None

**SAFEGUARDS OF PHYSICAL AND EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING:** This study involves no treatment or physical contact. All information collected from the survey will be held strictly confidential. No one will be allowed access to the survey other than the researchers.

**Note: Use the Human Subjects Consent form to briefly summarize information about the study/project to participants and obtain their permission to participate.**