***Title of the Study***: Towards the Development of Evidence Based American Sign Language (ASL) Lab: Exploring Students’ Perspectives

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You are being invited to take part in a research study. Please find below information about this research for you to think about before you decide to take part. Ask us if you have any questions about this information or the research before you decide to take part.

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| **Key Information for You to Consider** |
| * **Statement of the Research Study.** You are being invited to volunteer to take part in our research study. It is up to you whether you choose to take part or not. There will be no penalty or loss of benefits to you if you choose not to take part or decide later not to take part. * **Purpose**. The reason that we are doing this research is to explore ASL students’ perspectives about what makes a good ASL lab. * **Duration.** We think that taking part in our study will last approximately 1 month. * **Research Activities.** You will be asked to complete a questionnaire and a follow-up interview. Then, we’ll check in with you again, either through e-mail or another meeting (at your choice) to discuss our interpretations of your perspectives and see if there is anything you would like to add or clarify.   **Risks:** There are no known risks for participating in this study.  **Benefits:** As a result of taking part in this research, you will help the field of ASL instruction understand what students think about ASL labs and how to improve them. You will be compensated in the form of a $15 Amazon.com gift card for your time. |

What is this study about?

Researchers at Florida State University are studying students’ perspectives of ASL labs to support traditional ASL instruction. Researchers are interested in finding out what components of the lab students think are important, and what improvements might need to be made. You are invited to take part in the study because you are a current, or recent (within 1 year) ASL student with valuable perspectives to share. Your involvement in the study is expected to last about 1 month between the questionnaire, interview, and follow up conversation.

What will happen during this research?

If you agree to be in this research, your participation will include:

* Completion of an online questionnaire about your perspectives of an ASL lab.
* Follow up interview of approximately 1 hour, via Zoom, to discuss your perspectives in more detail.
* A follow up check-in with one of the researchers, via e-mail communication or Zoom meeting, to discuss the researcher’s interpretation of your perspectives and provide any additional thoughts or clarification.

To make sure we don’t miss anything, we would like to audio and/or video record your interview. You may still participate in the study if you do not wish to be recorded.

What will you do to protect my privacy?

We will take steps to protect your privacy and confidentiality. The results of the study may be published or presented, but no information that may identify you will ever be released. You will choose a pseudonym (fake name) that we will use to discuss your perspectives amongst the research team, and which will appear in any publications. Despite taking steps to protect your privacy or the confidentiality of your identifiable information, we cannot guarantee that your privacy or confidentiality will be protected. For example, if you tell us something that makes us believe that you or others have been or may be physically harmed, we may need to report that information to the appropriate agencies.

Individuals and organizations responsible for conducting or monitoring this research may be permitted access to and inspect the research records. This includes the Florida State University Institutional Review Board (FSU IRB), which reviewed this study

If identifiers are removed from your identifiable private information that are collected during this research, that de-identified information could be used for future research studies without your additional informed consent. For example, we could look at this data again in the future to see how perspectives may change over time.

What are the risks of harms or discomforts associated with this research?

There are no known risks or harms associated with this research. However, we are asking you to give up some of your time to participate.

How might I benefit from this research?

There may be no personal benefit from your participation but the knowledge you share can help improve the field of ASL instruction.

**What is the compensation for the research?**

You will not receive any compensation for your participation in this study.

What will happen if I choose not to participate?

It is your choice to participate or not to participate in this research. Participation is voluntary. There is no obligation to participate.

Is my participation voluntary, and can I withdraw?

Taking part in this research study is your decision. Your participation in this study is voluntary. You do not have to take part in this study, but if you do, you can stop at any time. Your decision whether to participate will not affect your relationship with the researchers. If you withdraw from the study after the interview, information you shared may still be included in the study. If you withdraw from the study during or before the interview, any information you provided on the questionnaire will be destroyed.

Can I be removed from the research without my OK?

If it is determined that you do not qualify for this study, we may remove you from participation. For example, students who have not been in an ASL class for more than 1 year are not eligible to participate.

Who do I talk to if I have questions?

If you have questions or concerns, contact the research team at:

Kristen Guynes

(850) 354-3176 (voice/text)

843.410.2113 (videophone)

[Kristen.guynes@fsu.edu](mailto:Kristen.guynes@fsu.edu)

The Florida State University Institutional Review Board (“IRB”) is overseeing this research. The FSU IRB is a group of people who perform official independent review of research studies before studies begin to ensure that the rights and welfare of participants are protected. If you have questions about your rights or wish to speak with someone other than the research team, you may contact:

Florida State University IRB

2010 Levy Drive, Suite 276

Tallahassee, Florida 32306

850-644-7900

humansubjects@fsu.edu

**STATEMENT OF CONSENT**

I have read and considered the information presented in this form. I confirm that I understand the purpose of the research and the study procedures. I understand that I may ask questions at any time and can withdraw my participation without prejudice. I have read this consent form. My signature below indicates my willingness to participate in this study.

I consent to participate in this study.

Printed Name of Adult Participant

Signature of Adult Participant Date

I agree to be audiotaped

YES (initial) \_\_\_\_ NO (initial) \_\_\_\_

I agree to be videotaped

YES (initial) \_\_\_\_ NO (initial) \_\_\_\_

E-mail address where you would like the Amazon.com gift card sent, upon completion of your participation: ­­­­­­­­

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**Researcher’s Signature**

I have fully explained the research study described by this form. I have answered the participant and/or parent/guardians’ questions and will answer any future questions to the best of my ability. I will tell the family and/or the person taking part in this research of any changes in the procedures or in the possible harms/possible benefits of the study that may affect their health or their willingness to stay in the study.

Printed Name of Research Team Member Obtaining Consent

Signature of Research Team Member Date