

## **WhatEvery1Says: The Humanities in Public Discourse Informed Consent - Survey**

*Purpose:* WhatEvery1Says (WE1S) is a Mellon-funded public humanities research project, with the primary aim of using digital methods to analyze how the humanities are portrayed in current media and popular discourse. A key ambition of the project is to understand how different communities relate to and speak about the humanities, with the ultimate goal of crafting humanities advocacy materials informed by such research. Our specific purpose in involving human subjects research is to bring diverse voices into the Digital Humanities process and to put our computational findings in conversation with a wider range of experiences than those represented in our print corpus.

*Procedures:* You are being asked to participate in a survey, which consists mainly of questions about your educational experiences and perspectives, particularly in relation to the humanities. The majority of questions are optional, with only a few being required. Your work will save as you go; you may return to the survey at a later time to complete it. Incomplete responses will be recorded as is, after a week of inactivity. Your participation throughout is voluntary. **You must be 18 or older to participate.**

*Benefits:* All participants who fill out the survey by June 1, 2019 and who choose to provide their names and contact information can be entered in a raffle to win one of ten Amazon gift cards -- five with a \$50 value and five with a \$20 value. (Members of the WE1S research team itself, past or present, are ineligible for the raffle.)

*Risks:* We anticipate no physical or psychological risks for participants.

*Confidentiality:* You may choose whether to provide your name and contact information for the purposes of entering a raffle or following up with the project to participate in a focus group. In any public outputs of the project, your real name and contact information will not be attached to any of the answers that you provide to written survey questions.

You may skip or decline to participate in any questions that you feel uncomfortable answering. You have complete control over the amount of personal information that you reveal. Should you be uncomfortable using your own computer to answer written questions, you may request a loaner laptop for this purpose.

Your responses and comments may be used or quoted for research and teaching purposes by the WhatEvery1Says Team or by individual project members, including, but not limited to, presentations, publications (such as blog posts, journal articles, and books), and advocacy and pedagogical materials. Your data and responses may be transcribed and added to our existing corpus of materials, to be analyzed through digital methods. Your responses may also be shared with project collaborators beyond UCSB.

*Right to Refuse or Withdraw:* Your participation is voluntary and you may stop or withdraw your survey responses at any time.

*Questions:* Please contact Postdoctoral Scholar for the WE1S Project, Abigail Droge ([adroge@ucsb.edu](mailto:adroge@ucsb.edu)), with any questions.

If you have any questions regarding your rights as a research subject, please contact the Human Subjects Committee at (805) 893-3807 or [hsc@research.ucsb.edu](mailto:hsc@research.ucsb.edu). Or write to the University of California, Human Subjects Committee, Office of Research, Santa Barbara, CA 93106-2050

## **WhatEvery1Says: The Humanities in Public Discourse Informed Consent - Focus Group**

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*Procedures:* You are being asked to participate in a focus group, which may consist of one or more of the following components: conversations about personal and public perceptions of the humanities; questions about your educational experiences and perspectives, particularly in relation to the humanities; a presentation and discussion of key research methods and preliminary findings of the WE1S project; and a conversation about suggested interventions for the future of the project. The focus group will consist of both written and oral answers to questions. **You must be 18 or older to participate.**

*Benefits:* Participants will be introduced to a Digital Humanities project and will gain basic exposure to some of the project's key methods and questions. Moreover, participants will be encouraged to provide feedback and suggestions for the project, which gives them an important voice in guiding future research and advocacy work related to the humanities.

In addition, participants who choose to provide their names and contact information will be entered in a raffle for one of three \$100 gift cards. (Members of the WE1S research team itself, past or present, are ineligible for the raffle.)

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*Confidentiality:* You may choose whether to provide your name and contact information for the purposes of entering a raffle or following up with the project. In any public outputs of the project, your real name and contact information will not be attached to any of the answers that you provide to written survey questions or oral responses.

You may skip or decline to participate in any questions that you feel uncomfortable answering and you may leave the focus group at any time. You have complete control over the amount of personal information that you reveal. For research and transcription purposes, the focus group will be audio recorded, but such recordings will not be publicly released. Should you be uncomfortable using your own computer to answer written questions, you may request a loaner laptop for this purpose.

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