

**UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON
CONSENT FORM (JS v.1)**

**Dialect Evolution and Ongoing Variable Linguistic Input: Pacific
Northwest English 200 Years after Lewis and Clark**

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Researchers' statement

We are asking you to be in a research study. The purpose of this consent form is to give you the information you will need to help you decide whether to be in the study or not. Please read this form carefully. You may ask questions about the purpose of the research, what we would ask you to do, the possible risks and benefits, your rights as a volunteer, and anything else about the research or this form that is not clear. When we have answered all your questions, you can decide if you want to be in the study or not. This process is called "informed consent." We will give you a copy of this form for your records.

PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

We are inviting you to participate in a research study about the sounds of American English in the Pacific Northwest. You can be in this study because you are a native speaker of American English and do not have speech or hearing difficulties. We want to know more about the speech sounds of people who speak English in the Pacific Northwest. We want to record and study this speech so that there is information about the Pacific Northwest similar to the information about the speech of other regions in North America. We hope that the results of this study help us to understand the special history of this region.

STUDY PROCEDURES

If you choose to take part in this study, we will ask you to take part in one recording session. **The entire session will take about 1 hour.** You may choose to do the session all at once, or in two parts. Each part of the study will take place in a location that is convenient in your community. In the first part, we will record your voice in a casual conversation with friends or family for about 30 minutes.

In the second part, we will record your voice individually for about 20 minutes as you briefly read some materials and answer some questions that will help us with our study. We would like to know about the people who took part in the study, so we will then ask you some questions about yourself. We will ask your age, gender, and ethnicity. We will also ask where you have lived, gone to school, or worked. We will give you a chance to tell us what it has been like for you and your family to live or grow up in the Northwest. The most sensitive question will ask you to list the ethnicities of the people you talk to most frequently and where they were born. Their names will not be requested. We ask for this information because we want to know if you know people from different backgrounds. You do not have to answer every question.

We will use the recordings to measure the mathematical properties of speech. It is important to the researchers to be able to demonstrate the sounds and their properties to other scientists. We would like to use the recordings in presentations and for education. We would also like to be

able to use the recordings and measurements on the internet as part of a database of North American dialects. Please indicate below (by placing a check in the appropriate boxes) how we can use your recordings, voice measurements and social information. “Data” below refers to recordings and voice measurements, and social information:

The researchers can use my data in any way that they feel is appropriate.

- or - To limit use of your data, check as many as apply:

My data may be made available to researchers **within** the University of Washington and Portland State University.

My data may be made available to the **larger** academic research community, including the University of Washington and Portland State University.

My data may be made available as part of **teaching** materials for use by instructors and students at the University of Washington and Portland State University.

yes no

My data may be included in an internet database of North American English speech.

yes no

Some people who take part in linguistic research want the researchers to use their names when the results of the study are published, and some people do not want their names to be used. Please indicate your preference below:

I give my permission for the researchers to use my name in the published results.

I do NOT give my permission for the researchers to use my name in the published results.

RISKS, STRESS, OR DISCOMFORT

Some people feel that providing information for research is an invasion of privacy. Taking part in this study is voluntary. You can stop at any time. You will be given an opportunity to review the recordings and delete any portions you wish.

BENEFITS OF THE STUDY

This study will benefit the Pacific Northwestern United States. It will provide a historical record of its settlement history and recent changes related to language. You may not benefit directly from taking part in this research.

OTHER INFORMATION

All information you provide will be confidential, unless you have given us permission to publish your name. If we do not have permission to use your name, we will not record your name on any study records or recordings. All of the study information in the database uses a code instead of

your name (e.g., S9AF1A for Seattle speaker, IDcode 9, African-American, female, generation 1, family A). We will keep the link between your name and the code indefinitely.

You may refuse to participate or may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty or loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled.

You will receive \$15 (US) for participation.

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| Printed name of study staff obtaining consent | Signature | Date |
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Subject's statement

This study has been explained to me. I volunteer to take part in this research. I have had a chance to ask questions. If I have questions later about the research, I can ask one of the researchers listed above. If I have questions about my rights as a research subject, I can call the Human Subjects Division at (206) 543-0098. [If relevant, add: I give permission to the researchers to use my medical records as described in this consent form.] I will receive a copy of this consent form.

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Printed name of study staff obtaining consent Signature Date

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