



Informed consent for

Experiences of Teaching in Transition: The Move Online, Spring 2020

Introduction:

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Key Information:

Anyone who experienced the transition to online course delivery in Spring 2020 probably has an opinion on it. This 20-minute survey aims to gather data on those opinions for technical, emotional, pedagogical, and administrative aspects of the transition, from both faculty and students. Participation is voluntary for the entire survey and for specific questions; risks are minimal, as individual contributors will remain anonymous. Data from the survey will be published in a spreadsheet after July 2020, and is valuable both as an enduring testimony of your lived experience, and for its potential to inform a variety of future research.

Purpose:

During the first months of 2020, the coronavirus pandemic compelled institutions of higher education around the world to move classes online. This survey aims to collect opinions and reflections on that transition from instructors and students. The chief benefit of participation is for contributors' voices to be present in future research on the transition, which may include expositing lived experiences, evaluating teaching practices, and/or informing institutional policy decisions.

Procedure:

This four-section survey will gather data on technical, emotional, pedagogical and administrative aspects of the transition to online course delivery. All four sections contain several multiple-choice and sliding scale questions, followed by an essay prompt for further comments. A fifth section asks for more general reflections on the transition. All responses are optional. After July 2020, all data will be published and available to researchers on https://scholarworks.bgsu.edu/hist_pub/11/

Voluntary Nature:

Your participation is completely voluntary. As above, all responses are optional. While you are free to exit the survey at any time, your data will only be recorded by going to the last section and hitting submit.

Confidentiality and Risks:

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The data collected here will be anonymous—organized only according to broad demographic categories—so risks are minimal for individual contributors. This is an electronic survey, possibly subject to tracking software and casual observation on public computers, so participants are advised to use personal devices, not leave the survey open when not filling it out, and clear their browsing histories when finished.

Contact and Consent:

Hitting “I accept” below, and continuing to the next section constitutes consent for your data to be published as above. This study has been approved with exempt status from the Bowling Green State University Institutional Review Board (BGSU IRB). Your choice to contribute or not will have no bearing on any relationships you may have with BGSU. For further questions about your rights a participant, please contact the BGSU IRB at 419-372-7716, or orc@bgsu.edu.

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