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3. Procedures to be followed: Participation in this research will include completion of interview either a tape-recorded face-to-face or via phone or video chat (Skype/Zoom/application of participant’s choosing) of approximately 1 hour in duration, and possible follow up questions via phone, video chat, email for clarification of information or questions. The interview will focus upon your life history and experiences as an adult labeled as Disabled, particularly your experiences regarding technology and assistive technology.

4. Discomforts and Risks: Possible risk could include embarrassment or discomfort in telling of stories of disability and/or technology in participant’s life. Participant may request to pause and/or stop the interview at any time, if discomfort in retelling any sensitive issues and if felt by the participant.

5. Benefits: The benefits to participants include getting to express experiences of your life in how it pertains to your disability and use of technology and assistive technology. The benefits to society include a better understanding of the complexity of disability as an identity category and how technology changes that identity or perceptions of others. A greater awareness of the richness of disability could lead to better acceptance and counter dehumanization practices often observed in society to people with a disability.

6. Duration/Time required from the participant: 1) 20 minutes email/chat to complete demographic questions and set up interview time. 2) A one hour interview consisting of principal investigator’s interview questions. 3) Brief follow-up via email or phone for any clarifying questions or follow up not to exceed 30 minutes.

7. Statement of Confidentiality Your identity will be kept confidential in the resultant study by the use of a pseudonym. No information about you, or provided by you during the interview will be shared outside the scope of this dissertation or a paper summarizing this research, except if necessary, to protect your rights or welfare (for example, if you are injured and need emergency care); or if required by law. Data from the study will be maintained electronically in password protected files and physical copies of interview data will be locked in file cabinet of primary investigator. I am the only one who will have access to this material. Data collected from my study will be stored for at least three years before being discarded. All data will be destroyed after 3 years after the conclusion of research. Dr. Ming Fang He will be responsible for records after I have left the university.
8. Future use of data. De-identified or coded data from this study may be placed in a publically available repository for study validation and further research. You will not be identified by name in the data set or any reports using information obtained from this study, and your confidentiality as a participant in this study will remain secure. Subsequent uses of records and data will be subject to standard data use policies which protect the anonymity of individuals and institutions. This work will be published through Georgia Southern’s digital commons and accessible for download.

9. Right to Ask Questions: Participants have the right to ask questions and have those questions answered. If you have questions about this study, please contact the researcher named above or the researcher’s faculty advisor, whose contact information is located at the end of the informed consent. For questions concerning your rights as a research participant, contact Georgia Southern University Institutional Review Board at 912-478-5465.

10. Compensation: No compensation is offered for participation in this research.

11. Voluntary Participation: If you want to review the interview information or withdraw my consent at any time during the study, you will contact the interviewer to do so with no risk or penalty. Participants may end participation at any time by telling interviewer. Participants do not have to answer questions that they do not want to answer.

12. Penalty: There is no penalty for deciding not to participate in the study; you may decide at any time that you do not want to participate further and may withdraw without penalty or retribution.

13. All information will be treated confidentially. There is one exception to confidentiality that I need to make you aware of. In certain research studies, it is our ethical responsibility to report situations of child or elder abuse, child or elder neglect, or any life-threatening situation to appropriate authorities. However, I am not seeking this type of information in our study nor will you be asked questions about these issues.

14. You must be 18 years of age or older to consent to participate in this research study. If you consent to participate in this research study and to the terms above, please sign your name and indicate the date below

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep for your records. This project has been reviewed and approved by the GSU Institutional Review Board under tracking number H19400. Contact for answers to questions about subjects’ rights (GSU IRB—irb@georgiasouthern.edu. Phone 912-478-5465.)

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Participant Signature

Date

8-26-2019

I, the undersigned, verify that the above informed consent procedure has been followed.

Investigator Signature

Date

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