Consent Cover Letter
Research Support Services for Modern Languages and Literatures

The purpose of this research study is to examine the research practices of faculty in literature in all languages, culture (e.g. folklore, performance studies, and literary history) and writing studies. We are doing this study in order to articulate the best resources and services that instructors at the University of Utah need to be successful in their work.

If you agree, you will participate in an audio-recorded interview about your research practices. The interview should take about 60 minutes. Your participation is completely voluntary. You may choose not to answer a question or are free to withdraw consent and discontinue participation in the interview at any time for any reason without penalty or loss of benefits.

There are no known risks associated with participating in this study. You may experience a benefit in the form of increased insight and awareness into your research practices and support needs.

The interview will take place in a private office. The recorded interviews will be stored as digital audio files on a password-protected computer. The files will be destroyed after transcription. A pseudonym will be attached to the interview transcript. You will not be identified in any publications.

If you have any questions complaints or if you feel you have been harmed by this research please contact <<researcher name>>, University of Utah Marriott Library, at <<phone number>>.

Contact the Institutional Review Board (IRB) if you have questions regarding your rights as a research participant. Also, contact the IRB if you have questions, complaints or concerns which you do not feel you can discuss with the investigator. The University of Utah IRB may be reached by phone at (801) 581-3655 or by e-mail at irb@hsc.utah.edu.

By participating in the interview, you are giving your consent to participate in this research and to be audio-recorded. Thank you for your willingness to participate!