**Consent to Participate in a Research Study**

**Research project title: Helping blind people to eat**

This study is being conducted for college credit in the class *Product Design 3* at Art Center College of Design, Pasadena.

**Principal Investigator: Jie Liu**

**Faculty Advisor:**

Candice-Leigh Baumgardner – Associate Professor / Director of Social Sciences

Art Center College of Design, Pasadena

**Invitation to participate in a research study**

**Jie Liu** invites you to participate in a student research study about t**o help blind people eating by video interview and photo recording.**

This study is part of an undergraduate course on research methods and studio design practice at Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, and **Jie Liu** will receive college credit for completing the study.

**Your involvement**

If you agree to be part of the research study, you will be asked to participate in a series of interviews and observations. You will be photographed and video or audio recorded, and will have full access to the interviews, images, and field notes taken during the research. **You will be a part of great design and make blind people’ life better. And you will enjoy a free meal.** You have the right to leave this study at any time, for any reason, and do not need to offer any explanation if you do choose to opt out.

**Risks and discomforts**

The researchers have taken steps to minimize the risks of this study. Even so you may still experience some risks related to your participation, even when the researchers are careful to avoid them. If you would like to speak with a counselor to address any discomfort or upset you experience due to your participation in this project, you may call the Maple Counseling Center at (310) 271-9999, or the crisis line at (877) 727-4747.

**Compensation**

You will not be compensated for your participation in this study.

**Confidentiality**

**I will use your photo and interview video only for this project, and I can protect confidentiality in many ways. This may include use of pseudonyms, blurring of faces, and other means of obscuring the identity of the individuals for formal presentations and portfolios. Note that these steps will not be taken for internal class presentations and critiques.**

There are some reasons why people other than the researchers may need to see information you provided as part of the study. This includes organizations responsible for making sure the research is done safely and properly, including Art Center College of Design and the Office of Human Research Protections. Also, to receive credit for our participation in the *Product 3* class, we are required to present this research to fellow students, instructors, and staff at Art Center in class weekly. You are invited to join us during presentations on **Oct.20-Oct.27 and Dec.10-Dec.17** So that we may present our research to you. Though members of the general public will not be invited to classes or presentations, community members involved in other students’ research studies will be invited as well. Though we will be careful not to include identifying information in our formal presentations, there is a chance that other individuals attending classes or presentations may recognize you or your voice, likeness, or other information you have provided to us during our research.

To keep your information safe, the researchers will keep all data, interview transcript, and images/videos safe by using lock and key for paperwork and password protected files on computers. Also, if you tell us something that makes us believe that you or others have been or may be physically harmed, we may report that information to the appropriate agencies.

**Storage and future use of data**

The data you provide will be kept confidential and used for educational purposes only unless subjects are otherwise notified. The researchers will retain the data/specimens for **1 year**. The data/specimens will not be made available to other researchers for other studies following the completion of this research study and will not contain information that could identify you.

**Voluntary nature of the study**

Participating in this study is completely voluntary. Even if you decide to participate now, you may change your mind and stop at any time. If you decide to withdraw early, all information provided throughout the study will be shredded and electronic files will be deleted.

**Contact information**

If you have questions about this research, including questions about the *Product 3* class or Art Center College of Design, you may contact **Jie Liu** at **818 860 6226** or **jasonliucn@outlook.com** and/or Candice-Leigh Baumgardner at cbaumgardner@artcenter.edu.

**Consent**

By signing this document, you are agreeing to be in the study. You will be given a copy of this document for your records and one copy will be kept with the study records. Be sure that questions you have about the study have been answered and that you understand what you are being asked to do. You may contact the researcher if you think of a question later.

*I agree to participate in the study.*

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