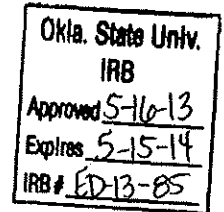


**Informed Consent to Participate
OKLAHOMA STATE UNIVERSITY**

(Please read the following and indicate your voluntary participation below).



INVESTIGATOR & PROJECT TITLE: My name is Nicole Colston and I am a PhD student in Environmental Science at Oklahoma State University. I hope to solicit your participation in my on-line survey as part of my dissertation research about science teaching and learning in Oklahoma, titled "Tracing the Flow: Climate Change Education Actor-Networks in Oklahoma Secondary School Science".

THE PURPOSE: The purpose of this research is to identify trends in science education in Oklahoma, including the practice of climate change education and possible controversy surrounding its implementation. Data collected will be used to identify key actors, science education networks, and practices influencing the treatment of climate change education in science classrooms.

WHAT TO EXPECT: The questionnaire will take approximately 30 minutes to complete. You will be asked questions about your personal experiences as a science teacher in Oklahoma, including your access to resources, curriculum choices, and attitudes about science education practices. I am particularly interested in your attitudes and opinions about climate change education in school science. Your response will be very helpful for the success of this study. Information gathered from teachers across the state could be used to support efforts to improve the experiences of science teachers and learners in Oklahoma schools.

CONFIDENTIALITY: Your responses will be collected by a secure survey program, called Qualtrics, provided by Oklahoma State University. Your participation in this study is voluntary. There is no penalty for refusing to participate and you are free to withdraw your consent and participation at any time during the questionnaire.

At the end of the survey, the researcher will request your permission to contact you about future research opportunities, including:

- 1) a *potential* follow-up interview by phone with the researcher
- 2) a *potential* focus group with other science teachers.

After the survey is complete, you can enter to *win one of five \$20 VISA gift cards* by drawing. This information will be collected via an independent link and will not be connected to your survey responses.

All respondents personal contact information, questionnaire responses, and name will remain confidential. However, if you wish to remain anonymous, simply decline to enter your contact information and decline to participate in the drawing.

All information will remain confidential (or anonymous if you choose not to provide your contact information). All information will remain confidential (or anonymous if you choose not to provide your contact information). No one will release information about your individual participation and the data reports will not include specific references to individual names, schools, or communities.

Research records will be securely stored and only the principal investigator will have access to the records. The complete survey will be stored on the principal investigators computer stored in 245 Willard Hall for five years.

RISKS OF PARTICIPATION: There are no risks associated with this project greater than those encountered in ordinary life. If, however, you experience discomfort or stress in this project, you may end participation at any time.

BENEFITS: There are no direct benefits to you. However, you may gain from the indirect benefits of improved science education practices in Oklahoma.

CONTACTS: You may contact Nicole M. Colston at Nicole.colston@okstate.edu or at the following address and phone numbers, should you desire to discuss your participation in the study and/or request information about the benefits of the study: Nicole Colston, 245 Willard Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, (405)744-8018 (campus office) or (828)773-7662 (cellphone).

You may contact my advisor Dr. Julie Thomas at Julie.Thomas@okstate.edu or at the following address and phone numbers, should you desire to discuss your participation in the study and/or request information about the benefits of the study: Dr. Julie Thomas, 245 Willard Hall, Stillwater, OK 74078, (405)744-7396 (campus office).

If you have questions about your rights as a research volunteer, you may contact: Dr. Shelia Kennison, IRB Chair, 219 Cordell North Stillwater, OK 74078, (405)744-3377 or irb@okstate.edu.

