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**University of Central Arkansas
Informed Consent Cover Letter
Survey of Burnout Among Academic Librarians**

You are being asked to participate in a research study. Before you give your consent to volunteer, it is important that you read the following information to be sure you understand what you will be asked to do.

Investigators

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Purpose of the Research

The purpose of our survey is to learn how academic librarians have been affected by their political environments and what support is needed and offered through administration and professional organizations.

We plan to publish the survey findings in a journal article as well as in a future conference presentation.

Procedures

If you volunteer to participate in this study, you will be asked to complete a 16 question survey. Your participation will take approximately 30 minutes.

Potential Risks or Discomforts

This survey will ask respondents about them and/or their families being affected by the political climate. The researchers understand that this might cause discomfort for some individuals, and they may not complete the survey. However, if they do complete the survey, the researchers believe the long-term benefits will far outweigh any short-term discomfort.

Potential Benefits of the Research

There is the potential that subjects will benefit from a greater awareness of library resources and services and learn useful strategies from professional peers.

Confidentiality and Data Storage

No personal information will be collected. All surveys will be administered anonymously. The data from this survey will be kept in a shared Google Drive accessible only to the investigators listed above, for three years (December 2026). Only the investigators listed above will have access to the data.

Participation and Withdrawal

Your participation in this research study is voluntary. You may refuse to participate or stop participation at any time without penalty. To stop simply stop answering the questions and exit the survey.

Questions about the Research

If you have any questions about the research, you may contact any of the investigators listed above. This research project has been reviewed and approved by the Institutional Review Board for the Protection of Human Subjects at the University of Central Arkansas.

I have read the information provided above. I understand that by completing this survey, I am agreeing to participate in this research study.

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