



DETERMINATION OF EXEMPT STATUS

May 17, 2021

Dear Ryan DeCarsky:

On 5/17/2021, the University of Washington Human Subjects Division (HSD) reviewed the following application:

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| Type of Review: | Initial Study |
| Title of Study: | Deaf-Queer: Identity and Community in the United States |
| Investigator: | Ryan DeCarsky |
| IRB ID: | STUDY00013305 |
| Funding: | None |

Exempt Status

HSD determined that your proposed activity is human subjects research that qualifies for exempt status (Category 2).

- COVID NOTE: Researchers must comply with current infection control requirements and complete a self-assessment that activities fit within allowable research as described on the [HSD website](#).
- This determination is valid for the duration of your research.
- This means that your research is exempt from the federal human subjects regulations, including the requirement for IRB approval and continuing review.
- **Depending on the nature of your study, you may need to obtain other approvals or permissions to conduct your research. For example, you might need to apply for access to data or specimens (e.g., to obtain UW student data). Or, you might need to obtain permission from facilities managers to approach possible subjects or conduct research procedures in the facilities (e.g., Seattle School District; the Harborview Emergency Department).**
- HSD does not make determinations on behalf of other institutions. If other institutions are involved in the research, they may need to make their own determination or they may decide to be guided by our determination.

If you consider changes to the activities in the future and know that the changes will require IRB review (or you are not certain), you may request a review or new determination by submitting a Modification to this application. For information about what changes require a Modification, refer to the [GUIDANCE: Exempt Research](#).

Thank you for your commitment to ethical and responsible research. We wish you great success!

Sincerely,

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