# Participant Recruitment Letter

**Title: A Study of Multiple Topic Assignment to Disaster Webpage Content and Inter-Indexer Consistency Computation**

We would like to recruit participants, who were trained in the Library and Information Sciences field, and whose first language is English. We will keep recruiting people until we have five completed results. The recruiting criteria are that the participant is not a minor and English is her/his first language. Participants individually index a total of 30 textual documents with topical keywords that match the theme of documents.  Each document is a news article related to a hurricane disaster. A couple of example documents are here:

[http://spare05.dlib.vt.edu/~seungwon/ctr\_30/1.pdf](http://spare05.dlib.vt.edu/%7Eseungwon/ctr_30/1.pdf" \t "_blank)

<http://spare05.dlib.vt.edu/~seungwon/ctr_30/5.pdf>

The study involves the steps listed below:

* Step 1: Read, sign the informed consent form (if you agree), and send it to researchers by FAX/scanned PDF/images/mail.
* Step 2: Complete an online demographic survey and submit the form.
* Step 3: In the main task survey form, read each document (click a link to open), think of multiple topics that may describe/explain the main theme of the document, and add those topics into an empty text box under each document link.
* Step 4: Do step 3 for all 30 documents, answer an optional question (if desired), and submit the completed form.

It will take approximately 3 hours to complete the task.  You can stop and resume work anytime; however, we encourage finishing the task in at most 2 days. A $30 Amazon gift card will be provided online to you **upon completion** of the study without partial compensation.  If you are interested in this study or have a question, please don't hesitate to contact me at:

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