## **Identifying and Understanding Cognitive Biases in Social Anxiety**

The Anxiety and Research Treatment (ART) Lab at Georgia State University is conducting a study to better understand social anxiety. Specifically, we are examining mental biases that may contribute to social anxiety. We are seeking individuals who may have social anxiety disorder, are 18 or older, and who speak English. Those with social anxiety may feel anxious when talking to others, being in a group, or public speaking. They may avoid parties or social gatherings, and their symptoms interfere with daily life and/or cause them distress.

If you qualify and decide to volunteer, you will be compensated \$50 for completing questionnaires and tasks assessing social anxiety and mental biases at GSU. The experiment takes place in two sessions scheduled one week apart. Participation will take 2-3 hours for the first session and 1.5 hours for the second session. Total participation time will be 3.5-6 hours, depending on the individual. Participants will also be asked to complete two online surveys sent one week after the second session. In order to determine your eligibility for the study, you must first complete a telephone screening interview followed by a structured interview in-person during the first session. Compensation is provided only if you are eligible for the study.

If you would like to participate or simply would like more information, please call us at 404-413-6313 or email us at anxietylab@gsu.edu with your name and your phone number. Someone from our staff will contact you, provide you with more information about the study, and conduct a brief interview, which will take approximately 15-20 minutes. Please be assured that all information is kept strictly confidential. We look forward to hearing from you.

