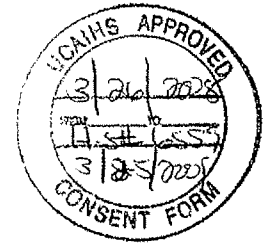


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Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named “Describing People You Know”. The study is designed to learn more about factors that affect how people think about and describe important people in their lives. It is being conducted by Erin Hennes who is the principal investigator, as part of her graduate training. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. James Uleman.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to complete some brief questionnaires about him/her and also to offer trait ratings and open-ended descriptions of various people s/he knows, focusing on their characteristics, attitudes, and typical behaviors. Your child’s participation will take about 1 hour, and he or she will receive 1 hour credit for laboratory participation towards the course research requirement. When your child completes the study, a thorough verbal and written explanation of it will be given to him/her.

There are no known risks associated with your child’s participation in this research beyond those of everyday life. Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make him or her more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand how people think about and describe important people in their lives.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Not taking part or withdrawing after the study has begun will not affect your child’s grade or academic standing in any way. If your child withdraws at any time, he or she will still receive the 1 hour credit offered for taking part. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he or she prefers not to answer.

Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by the assignment of codes not identifiable with real names. The data from the study will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association, and then destroyed by shredding.

If there is anything about the study or taking part in it that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact the principal investigator, Erin Hennes, at 646-670-1600; eph231@nyu.edu; 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, room 761, New York, NY 10003, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. James Uleman, at 212-998-7821, jim.uleman@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, room 753, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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 Parent’s Signature

 Date