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Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form, for Students Earning Credit

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING

A first-hand experience with laboratory procedures is an important part of many courses in psychology. At NYU, we take advantage of our faculty's active research programs to give students that experience. Students in most courses participate in carefully supervised studies, thus gaining otherwise unobtainable experience with original research in psychology.

We have both department and university-wide committees that approve studies for our students. These committees are very exacting in enforcing high ethical standards. Each of the research projects contains safeguards designed to protect the rights and welfare of the students who participate. All records are confidential, so the privacy of the student's data is protected.

The Study: Your child, _____, is invited to take part in a study named Aperture. It is being conducted by Dr. Karen E. Adolph who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at Department of Psychology, Meyer Building Rm. 410, Karen.adolph@nyu.edu, (212) 998-3552.

Its Purpose: The study is designed to learn more about adults' ability to perceive affordances and thus to prospectively control their actions.

Its Procedures: If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: answer several questions relevant to the study, and will walk over a large wooden platform platform through apertures of varying sizes. Your child may be asked to wear a device that records his or her eye movements and/or to wear padding to change their body dimensions. Participation will take about 60 minutes, and he or she will receive 1 credit.

Its Risks of Harm: There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life.

Its Benefits: Although your child will receive no direct benefits for participation in this study, it may make your child more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and help the investigator better understand adults' ability to perceive affordances to guide their actions.

Your Child's Rights: Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. He or she will have the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefers not to answer, in any interviews, questionnaires or surveys. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive the 1 credit offered in exchange for that participation.

