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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 "familiar people". 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 Cheryl Waksalak who is the principal investigator, as part of her graduate training. The faculty sponsor of this work is Prof. Jim Uleman, Department of Psychology.

If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he/she will be asked to: Complete various written questionnaires such as trait ratings and open-ended descriptions in which you will describe the characteristics, attitudes, and typical behaviors of people you know. Your child's participation will take about one hour, and he or she will receive 1.0 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 1.0 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 research records will be strictly maintained by the assignment of codes not identifiable with real names. Materials will be kept in a locked laboratory room accessible only by the researchers. 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, Cheryl Waksalak, at the psychology department, cf236@nyu.edu; 212-998-7834; 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003, or the faculty sponsor, Prof. Jim Uleman, at jim.uleman@nyu.edu, 212-998-7821; 6 Washington Place, 7th Floor, New York, NY 10003. For questions about your child's rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), NYU, (212) 998-4808 or human.subjects@nyu.edu, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

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Permission

Parent's Signature

Date