Parental/Guardian Permission Form for Department Pool Participants Earning Credit

Your child ___________________ has been invited to take part in a research study called What and when? about judgments of facial expressions. This study will be conducted by Sarah Casper, as part of her independent study project, and supervised by Dr. Yaacov Trope, Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts & Science, New York University.

If you give permission to be in this study, your child will be asked to do the following: write a brief essay and make simple judgments about facial expressions. Participation will take about 30 minutes, and will earn 0.5 credits.

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, this research may help the investigator understand how people see and judge facial expressions.

Participation in this study is voluntary. Your child may refuse to participate or withdraw at anytime without penalty. If your child withdraws at any time, no credit but also no penalty will be given. Nonparticipation or withdrawal will not affect your child’s grades or academic standing. Your child has the right to skip or not answer any questions he/she prefer not to answer.

Your child’s responses will be kept confidential. Confidentiality of your child’s research records will be strictly maintained by assigning code numbers to each participant so that data are never directly linked to individual identity. All data will be kept in a locked lab on a password protected computer only accessible by the investigator. The data from the study will be kept at least until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. When it is destroyed, this will be done by deletion of computer data.

If there is anything about the study or your child’s participation that is unclear or that you do not understand, if you have questions or wish to report a research-related problem, you may contact Dr. Yaacov Trope at 212-998-3897, yt2@nyu.edu, 6 Washington Place, 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, New York University, 665 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, New York, 10012, at ask.humansubjects@nyu.edu or (212) 998-4808.

You have received a copy of this document to keep.

Agreement to Participate

Participant’s Signature ______________________ Date ________________