Informed Consent Form for Battery Supplement

You are invited to take part in a study called the "Battery Supplement." It is designed to help faculty and graduate students in the NYU Psychology Department conduct research by providing data from psychological scales. It is being conducted by Professor James Uleman, a faculty member and Investigator in the Psychology Department and the Director of the Psychology Subject Pool.

The Battery Supplement consists of a series of scales about your feelings, your attitudes and beliefs, your knowledge of attitudes held by society in general, and your perceptions of your own personality characteristics. The Battery Supplement takes about a half hour to complete.

On this form, you are asked for your informed consent to participate in this research. In addition, you must indicate whether or not you are willing to be contacted to participate in additional studies, if your responses to these scales satisfy you for them. Giving your informed consent, as well as permission to be recruited, is entirely up to you. Whatever you decide will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way, and you will still get a half hour's research credit.

If you do qualify for additional studies, we will need a way to contact you. Some researchers may want to contact you because they are seeking particular kinds of participants. If you are willing to be contacted directly for particular studies, fill out the Confidentiality Key on the next page. It asks for personal identity and contact information. How this contact information might be used is described in detail later in this Consent Form, and you are asked about the uses to which you consent.

There are no known risks associated with your participation in this research beyond those of everyday life, although some scales may ask about sensitive topics or issues. If you find any of the scales upsetting, you may contact Professor Uleman or the NYU Counseling Services (212-491-6900). Although you will receive no direct benefits for taking part in this research, it may make you more aware of how knowledge is discovered in psychology and the kinds of scales used in a wide range of research programs.

Taking part in this study is voluntary. Except for a few basic demographic questions at the beginning, you have the right to skip or not answer any scales (pages) or questions you prefer not to answer. The decisions you make to take part, or to skip scales or questions, will not affect your grade or academic standing in any way.

Confidentiality of your responses will be strictly maintained by separating them from the Confidentiality Key (if you complete it). The data from the scales and Demographics Information Sheet (but not your identity) will be available to the researchers who contributed scales to this study, and to those working with them. Your responses to the scales will only be connected with your identity if you complete the Confidentiality Key, and this key will only be available to those whom you authorize to contact you, below. Personal identifying information will never be directly linked with your other responses in any research report, publication or presentation. Only summary or statistical data will be used, so that it will be impossible to identify you or any other specific person from these reports. Data from this study will be kept for at least 7 years, as recommended by the American Psychological Association. But de-identified data, which cannot be connected to any one person, may be kept longer.

If you are under 18 years of age, you must get your parent's or guardian's permission to give your consent. So if you are under 18 and want to consent, please have your consent read and complete the two pages. But then go to http://www.psych.nyu.edu/research/required.html and download two parental permission forms for the "Battery Supplement." Get your parent's or guardian's signature on one copy of these forms (leaving the other with your parent) and turn in the signed copy to Human Subjects (Psych Dept., Meyer Bldg., Room 402) or your Intro. Psych TA. Only then will it be possible for us to keep your responses to these scales.
2. I agree to be contacted by the Departmental Representative, if I qualify for particular studies.

3. I agree to be contacted by researchers working on particular studies, if I qualify for them.

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 Professor Lishman at 212/998-7024, or at jim.lihman@nyu.edu, or at the Department of Psychology, 3 Washington Place, Room 705. For questions about your rights as a research participant, you may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAHIS), NYU, (212) 998-4608 or csa@humandbcoa@nyu.edu, 696 Broadway, Suite 804, New York, NY 10012.

You may download a copy of this consent document to keep at http://psych.nyu.edu/research/rel24nl.html, under "Battery Supplement.”

4: Your Name:

8: Date