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**Parent's or Guardian's Informed Permission Form**  
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*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 Emotion GSR. It is being conducted by Sonya Dougal who is the principal investigator. She can be reached at The Department of Psychology, email: [sd71@nyu.edu](mailto:sd71@nyu.edu), phone: 998-7902, office: 873 Meyer Hall. The faculty sponsor of this work is PROF. Elizabeth Phelps who can be reached at The Department of Psychology, email: [liz.phelps@nyu.edu](mailto:liz.phelps@nyu.edu), phone: 998-8317, office: 863 Meyer Hall.

**Its Purpose:** The study is designed to learn more about the physiological response to words that are hypothesized to be emotionally arousing.

**Its Procedures:** If you give permission for your child to be in this study, he or she will be asked to do the following: View a list of words and rate how arousing and positive or negative they are while electrodes on my finger will measure changes in electrical activity on the skin. Participation will take about 1 hour.

**Its Risks:** There are no known risks associated with this study.

**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 the physiological response to arousing words.

**Consent:** Participation in this study is completely voluntary. Non-participation or withdrawal will not affect your child's grade or academic standing in any way. Further, once participating, he or she may withdraw at any time and still receive his/her 1 credit offered in exchange for that participation.

**Privacy:** Confidentiality of my research records will be strictly maintained by assignment of codes not identifiable with real names. This information will be kept until 5 years after publication, as recommended by the APA. The data will be discarded by shredding the files.

**Debriefing:** On completing the study your child will receive a thorough written explanation of it that you may ask to see.

*The information above has satisfied me such that I agree that my child may participate in your study. If I have any additional questions or want to report a problem, I may reach the researcher, Sonya Dougal, or his/her Faculty Sponsor, Prof. Elizabeth Phelps, at their contacts provided above. For questions about my child's rights as a research participant, I may contact the University Committee on Activities Involving Human Subjects (UCAIHS), Office of Sponsored Programs, NYU, (212) 998-2121.*

*I have received a copy of this permission document to keep.*

Permission Granted for my Child's Participation

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Parent's or Guardian's Signature

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Date