COGS 102B - Informed Consent

Overview

All investigations involving human subjects at UCSD are governed by a set of regulations. These regulations have been put into place to protect the rights of people who participate as subjects in research projects. If a research process will put a subject at risk, the subject must be informed of the risks and must consent to the participate prior to the conduct of the research. You MUST comply with these terms.

Before you collect data from anyone, you MUST obtain their written informed consent. That is, you must tell them what you want them to do, what information you are going to collect, and what you will do with the information that you collect. If any children will serve as your subjects, you must obtain consent from their parents or legal guardians.

*** You MUST retain one copy of the consent given by all participants, give a copy to each participant, and submit a copy with your project write-up when you turn it in.***

Risk Management

The principal potential risks of the projects for this class are that a subject might say or do something in the course of an interview or recording that, if later revealed by the student, could cause the subject embarrassment or some undesired social consequence.

***You WILL NOT interview or record subjects involving their personal lives or other topics that may be socially sensitive.***

***You WILL do whatever you can to protect the interests of your subjects.***

When your analysis is complete, the audio and video tape recordings you make will be turned in to the instructors, for use in evaluating your projects and subsequent disposal. No extra copies will be made and kept by you.

If complications arise in your relationship to your subjects, report the problem to Dr. Johnson immediately. The instructors together with the student and the subject will work together to resolve any difficulties.

Methods for Obtaining Informed Consent

Consent forms will be provided in class with the instructions for each of the projects, and will also be available on the website for the class. These forms must be read, signed, and dated by ALL participants (i.e. anyone being photographed, interviewed, or video-taped) or, if participants are under-age, by a parent or legal guardian, as well as by the student conducting the project. The contents of each form are reproduced below.

### COGS 102B * Photo Consent

As a part of a course I am taking, I would like to observe your activities as you ____________________________________.

I am primarily interested in the ways you make use of information in this environment. I will take photographs of you and the materials with which you interact. At times, I may take notes on your activities, or may ask you to elaborate on or clarify your actions. My photographs and notes will be used only for the purposes of this class project. You will not be identified by name in the write-up of the project. Your participation is entirely voluntary. Do you agree to participate in this study?

### COGS 102B * Audio-Recording Consent

As a part of an assignment for a course I am taking, I would like to record an interview with you. This recording will be used only for the purposes of this class project. I will treat everything you say in confidence but, just to be safe, please do not discuss sensitive topics. I will transcribe the recording of our interview and when the transcription is complete, the transcription and tape will be submitted to my instructors with my project write-up. Following their evaluation of the project, the tape will be destroyed by them. You will not be identified by name in the transcription or the project write-up. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may end the interview at any time. Do you agree to participate in this study?

### COGS 102B * Video-Taping Consent

As a part of a course I am taking, I would like to video your activities in the course of _______________________________.

I am primarily interested in the ways you make use of information during this activity. At times, I may take notes on your activities, or may ask you to elaborate on or clarify your actions. This video and any notes I take will be used only for the purposes of this class project. A segment of the tape will be shown in class during a presentation on this project. The videotape will then be submitted to my instructors with my project write-up. Following their evaluation of the project, the tape will be destroyed by them. You will not be identified by name in either the presentation or the write-up of the project. Your participation is entirely voluntary, and you may halt the taping at any time. Do you agree to participate in this study?