

## Letter of Approval

February 13, 2009

Re: Social Capital and Civic Engagement of Marginalized Youth on MySpace Research Enhancement Program, Texas State University

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs (MSA) is pleased to support the Co-Principal Investigators (Drs. Anne Deepak and Amy Russell) in their research study on social capital and civic engagement of marginalized youth on MySpace. Support from MSA will include access to the office's affiliation programs that provide support for underrepresented students with the purpose of degree completion and the development of skills for life long success. This support will enable recruitment of the sample that this research study is investigating. The programs administered by MSA that the Investigators may access for study recruitment are: Educational Talent Search, Office of Disability Services, Rural Talent Search, Student Support Services, and Upward Bound.

MSA's support in this project is tremendously beneficial due to the access allowed to the Investigators through collaboration with MSA in seeking youth who are marginalized and underrepresented, which matches the target population for this research study. MSA will provide rich and meaningful data collection resources to this Research Enhancement Program project. Please contact the office with additional questions or information. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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