**Consent Form**

Computer-Mediated and Interpersonal Communication Research Study

Texas State University-San Marcos and the Department of Communication Studies support the practice of the protection of human rights of research participants. The following information is provided so that you can decide whether or not to participate in this study. You should be advised that if you decide to participate, you are free to withdraw from the study at any time. If you do, it will in no way effect your relationship with the department, the services the department may provide you, or Texas State University-San Marcos. If you have any questions regarding this research project, you may contact Christina Fleuriet at [cf27@txstate.edu](mailto:cf27@txstate.edu) or call 512.245.2142.

Data will be collected through a paper questionnaire given to you by your instructor or the researcher. The time to complete the 52-item questionnaire is estimated to be between 10 and 15 minutes. There are no anticipated risks. Data about you, your interpersonal relationship, and computer-mediated communication will not be shared with other participants, nor will it be shared with Texas State University-San Marcos employees. Survey data will be collected on a one time basis only. You will be asked to briefly respond to questions about yourself, your view of relationships, and your perception of text messaging. All participants will be given the same survey with slight modifications on some of the questions.

You have been asked to be a participant in this research study due to your enrollment in a specific core curriculum course at Texas State University. You may withdraw your consent to participate at any time. All responses are anonymous and will be kept confidential. Participant responses will be kept for a period of approximately one year. If requested, a summary of the findings of this research will be provided to participants at the completion of the study. Please email cf27@txstate.edu. Pertinent questions about this research, your participant rights, and/or research-related injuries may be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – [lasser@txstate.edu](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

**Participant Certification**

*I have read the Consent Form. I understand that all information will be kept confidential and anonymous. I have had the opportunity to ask questions and receive answers to any questions I may have had regarding the use and disclosure of my information. I understand that if I have any additional questions, I may contact Christina Fleuriet at 512.245.2142.*

*I agree to take part in this study as a research participant.*

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Participant’s Signature

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