**Consent Form for Survey Participation**

**Sexual Health Inventory: Attitudes, Perceptions, and Experiences of College Students Survey**

Fall 2009

Dear Texas State University Student:

You have been invited to participate in a research study that will assess the attitudes, perceptions, and experiences regarding sexual health issues of students enrolled at Texas State University-San Marcos. You were selected as a potential subject in the study because of your current enrollment in the University Seminar course. The survey includes 52 items and takes an estimated 60 minutes to complete. This study is important in discovering the beliefs of students about the topics of reproductive and sexual health and will provide important information and data to assist in creating a more knowledgeable, informed, and healthier student body.

This study is being conducted by Brittany Rosen, a graduate student in the Health Education division, as a thesis project. Other individuals involved in the study include Dr. David Wiley and Julie Eckert. Dr. Wiley is a professor of Health Education at Texas State University and Ms. Eckert is the Health Education Coordinator at the Alcohol and Drug Resource Center at Texas State University.

There is little research on these topics at Texas State University and your contribution will be valued in the study of students’ attitudes, perceptions, and experiences regarding sexual health issues. Your participation in this study involves answering this survey and returning it to the survey administrator. Your participation is voluntary and you are not obligated to answer any of the items in the survey. The only perceived risk is possible personal discomfort due to the sensitive nature of the questions. However, the benefit from participating in the study is voicing your opinions about sexual health issues. Sample questions from the survey include the following:

***Sample Question 1****: If I wanted to use a condom, a sexual partner would think I didn’t trust him/her.*

***Sample Question 2****: I am confident I could talk to a sexual partner about using condoms.*

Please understand that all information provided will be kept anonymous and presented in aggregate form, meaning an individual's responses will not be identifiable. Individuals who will have access to data include Brittany Rosen, Julie Eckert, Dr. David Wiley, and Brittany Rosen's thesis committee members, Kelly Wilson, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Health Education at Texas State University, and Emilio Carranco, M.D., Director of Texas State University Student Health Center. The data collected from this survey will be stored in the principal investigator's office in a locked filing cabinet until January 2010 when the Scantrons will be shredded. Your decision to participate or not participate will not affect your current or future relationship with Texas State University in any way, including your grade in the University Seminar course. Please understand you are under no obligation to participate in the study, and may withdraw from the study at any time.

This research study has been reviewed by the Institutional Review Board – Human Subjects in Research, Texas State University. Pertinent questions about the research, research participants' rights, and/or research-related injuries to participants should be directed to the IRB chair, Dr. Jon Lasser (512-245-3413 – lasser@txstate.edu), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102).

If at any time you have any questions about this study or require further information, you may contact Brittany Rosen (br1100@txstate.edu) or Dr. David Wiley (davidwiley@txstate.edu). You may also use Ms. Rosen’s email address to obtain a copy of this study's results.

By completing and returning this survey you are agreeing to participate in this study. You are free to take this consent form with you to keep the information provided on this form.

Thank you for helping with this study.

Sincerely,

Brittany Rosen

Principal Investigator