**Appendix C (Participant Consent Form)**

Consent Form

January 25, 2011

Dear Participant:

You are being asked to participate in a research study conducted by Principle Investigator Mark Generous ([mg1634@txstate.edu](mailto:mg1634@txstate.edu); 512-245-2165) in the Department of Communication Studies at Texas State University – San Marcos. The purpose of this research study is to examine the potential anxiety homosexual men experience while communicating with heterosexual men, as well as what variables, if any, influence said anxiety. Since you are a homosexual male, you are being invited to participate in this study. To participate in this study, you *must be at least* 18 years old.

In order to maintain anonymity, please refrain from putting your name on the survey. All surveys will remain confidential. Be sure to read *each and every* section carefully and answer *all* questions honestly and thoughtfully. The questions have no right or wrong answer – the answers should come from your felt and experienced perceptions. Participation in this study is voluntary, and you are able to terminate your participation in the study at any time without penalty. There are no known risks associated with participation in this study. However, there are benefits, which include contributing to a large body of research, as well as helping to answer questions about the communicative interactions between homosexuals and heterosexuals. Completion of this survey should take approximately 30 minutes.

If you wish to acquire additional information about this study, please feel free to contact Mark Generous at (512) 245-2165, or by e-mail at [mg1634@txstate.edu](mailto:mg1634@txstate.edu). This study has been acknowledged by Texas State University’s Institutional Review Board. Questions regarding 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](mailto:lasser@txstate.edu)), or to Ms. Becky Northcut, Compliance Specialist (512-245-2102). If you wish to hear more about the present study/results, the findings will be provided to participants upon the study’s completion by requesting such from Mark Generous.

Thank you for your participation. It is *greatly* appreciated.

Kind Regards,

Mark Generous

Graduate Instructional Assistant/Research Practicum Student

[Mg1634@txstate.edu](mailto:Mg1634@txstate.edu)

**Please complete the following information (this information will NOT be attached to your survey answers):**

*Participant Name*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*Participant Signature*: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

*E-mail Address* (if you so desire – this is in order to contact you about other study’s you are eligible to participate in):

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