

**Back-to-the-Future Yale University  
INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

**Teaching and Learning Experiment**

**Principal Investigator:** Stanley Milgram, Assistant Professor of Psychology

**You are invited to participate in a research study. The purpose of this study is to learn about memory and learning and the effect of punishment on learning.**

**INFORMATION**

1. In this study, we are bringing together a number of adult of different occupation and ages. Some of them will be “teachers” and some will be “learners.” We want to find out just what effect different people have on each other as teachers and learners, and also what effect *punishment* will have on learning in this situation.<sup>1</sup>
2. This study will last no more that one hour. No further participation on your part will be required.

**RISKS**

There are no known long-term risks from participating in this experiment.<sup>2</sup>

**BENEFITS**

This study should increase our understanding of the learning and interpersonal relations.

**CONFIDENTIALITY**

The information in the study records will be kept strictly confidential. Data will be stored securely and will be made available only to persons conducting the study unless you specifically give permission in writing to do otherwise. No reference will be made in oral or written reports which could link you to the study.

**COMPENSATION**

For participating in this study you will receive \$4.50. [\$25 in 2005]

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL TREATMENT**

Medical personnel are on call in case of emergency.

**CONTACT**

If you have questions at any time about the study or the procedures, you may contact the researcher, XXX. If you feel you have not been treated according to the descriptions in this form, or your rights as a participant in research have been violated during the course of this project, you may contact YYY, Chair of the BTTFYale IRB for the Use of Human Subjects in Research Committee, [address/phone] or ZZZ, Assistant Vice Chancellor, Research Administration, [address/phone]

**PARTICIPATION**

Your participation in this study is voluntary; you may decline to participate without penalty. You will have the opportunity to withdraw your data from the study if you feel offended and do not wish to be included in the experiment or wish to have their data excluded.<sup>3</sup>

**CONSENT**

I have read and understand the above information. I have received a copy of this form. I agree to participate in this study.

**Subject's signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Investigator's signature** Stanley Milgram **Date** January 15, 1962

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Stanley Milgram, *Obedience to Authority* (New York: Harper & Row, 1974), pp. 15, 18.

<sup>2</sup> [Example of standard language from role play by Boettcher and Stephen] There are no real risks from participating in this game. The scenarios involve the division of economic goods, territory, and/or environmental resources for fictitious countries. If you experience psychological distress at any time during the experiment please notify the researcher.

<sup>3</sup> [Example of standard language from role play by Boettcher and Stephen] If you decide to participate, you may withdraw from the study at any time without penalty and without loss of benefits to which you are otherwise entitled. If you withdraw from the study before data collection is completed your data will be returned to you or destroyed.