**INFORMED CONSENT (Booth University College)**

Research Project Title: Memory and Depression

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This consent form, a copy of which you can download to your computer, is only part of the informed consent process. It should give you the basic idea of what the research is about and what your participation will involve. If you would like more detail about something mentioned here, or information not included here, you should **contact Nahanni Ranes**. Please take the time to read this carefully and to understand any accompanying information.

Purpose: This study aims to assess relationship between memory and symptoms of depression.

Procedure: In this study, you will be shown words one at a time with instructions to either remember or forget each word. Then, your memory of the to-be-remembered words will be tested. We will also ask you some questions about your mood and potential experiences with depression. We will also ask you to return for a follow up session one week later. You will review this consent form again during that session.

Risk: There is a possibility that answering questions about your experiences with depression might trigger an increase in depressive symptoms. If you are concerned about experiencing an increase in depressive symptoms as a result of this study, **you should not participate**. You are free to discontinue participation in the study **at any time and with no consequences**. If you are struggling with depression or any other psychological distress, you should contact [rhonda.friesen@boothuc.ca](mailto:rhonda.friesen@boothuc.ca) for a referral to mental health services.

Data collection devices: All parts of this study will be completed on your own personal computer. Responses will be made with your mouse and keyboard.

Anonymity and confidentiality: All data will be completely anonymous. Your data file will be given a random alphanumeric code, and no identifying information will be included in the data file. Your email address will be used to connect the data files from the two sessions but will subsequently be removed and deleted.

Storage of data: Your data will be kept in an online repository at <https://osf.io> permanently. The data file will not contain any information that could identify you as a participant.

Feedback: At the end of the second session of the study, you will be provided with full information regarding the study and its hypotheses. After the study, you can contact Nahanni Ranes at any time for further discussion.

This research has been approved by the Research Ethics Board (REB) at Booth University College in Winnipeg, Manitoba and the Research Ethics Committee at Crandall University in Moncton, New Brunswick.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS EXPERIMENT

**Following the link below will begin the experiment, acknowledging that you consent to participate in this study and understand that you may stop participating at any time.**

[**https://run.pavlovia.org/evan.curtis/nranese1s1**](https://run.pavlovia.org/evan.curtis/nranese1s1) (Click “Ok” to start the experiment”)