

## INFORMED CONSENT FORM

Thank you for agreeing to participate in this study, which will take place from October 8, 2004 to December 8, 2004. This form details the purpose of this study, a description of the involvement required and your rights as a participant.

The purpose of this study is:

- to gain insight into why *Sex and the City* is so popular among Boston University female undergraduates.

The benefits of the research will be:

- To better understand the success of *Sex and the City*.
- To identify significant components that could help in development of future television shows.

The methods that will be used to meet this purpose include:

- One-on-one interviews
- Mini discussion groups of two or three participants

You are encouraged to ask questions or raise concerns at any time about the nature of the study or the methods I am using. Please contact me at anytime at the e-mail address or telephone number listed above.

Our discussion will be audio taped to help me accurately capture your insights in your own words. The tapes will only be heard by me for the purpose of this study. If you feel uncomfortable with the recorder, you may ask that it be turned off at any time.

You also have the right to withdraw from the study at anytime. In the event you choose to withdraw from the study all information you provide (including tapes) will be destroyed and omitted from the final paper.

Insights gathered by you and other participants will be used in writing a qualitative research report, which will be read by my professor and presented to the RS652 Qualitative Research Class. Though direct quotes from you may be used in the paper, your name and other identifying information will be kept anonymous.

By signing this consent form I certify that I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to  
(Print full name here)  
the terms of this agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

## Informed Consent Form

**Information and Purpose:** The interview for which you are being asked to participate in, is a part of a research study that is focused on examining the development of female collegiate tennis players. The researcher is also interested in the factors that keep players motivated to continue with tennis. The purpose of this study is to gain a better understanding of the development of tennis players and how they were able to reach a high level in the game.

**Your Participation:** Your participation in this study will consist of an interview lasting approximately one hour. You will be asked a series of questions about your life and tennis experiences. You are not required to answer the questions. You may pass on any question that makes you feel uncomfortable. At any time you may notify the researcher that you would like to stop the interview and your participation in the study. There is no penalty for discontinuing participation.

**Benefits and Risks:** The benefit of your participation is to contribute information to the tennis community about your development. This may assist current junior players and their parents or coaches to structure their tennis experiences. There are no risks associated with participating in the study.

**Confidentiality:** The interview will be tape recorded; however, your name will not be recorded on the tape. Your name and identifying information will not be associated with any part of the written report of the research. All of your information and interview responses will be kept confidential. The researcher will not share your individual responses with anyone other than the research supervisor.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the researcher ....or her supervisor ....

By signing below I acknowledge that I have read and understand the above information. I am aware that I can discontinue my participation in the study at any time.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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The purpose of the study being conducted is to learn about the experiences of female graduate students from the Peoples' Republic of China who are studying in the United States. I am interested in learning about both experiences studying in China as well as in the U.S. While there are no direct benefits to the participants, it is intended that future international students fitting this profile will be provided with improved resources in their first semester studying in the U.S. as a result of this study. There are no risks involved in participating in this study.

Participation consists of one interview, lasting approximately one-hour. This interview will be audio taped, unless otherwise requested by the participant. There may be additional follow-up/clarification through email, unless otherwise requested by participant. Privacy will be ensured through confidentiality. If participant wishes for the use of her full name in the study, this request will be adhered to as well. Participation is voluntary and the interviewee has the right to terminate the interview at any time.

A summary of the results will be available to participants upon request. Please contact interviewer ..., with any questions or concerns.

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Signature of Interviewee

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Signature of Interviewer

## **Informed Consent: “Making the Switch”**

### **The Researcher**

My name is ..., and I am a student at Boston University. I am conducting a qualitative research study on computer purchase habits.

### **The Research**

The purpose of this study is to gain insight into why college students make the switch from personal computers to Apple computers. The study’s findings will be able to assist other college students in determining if they would benefit from a similar switch, and it would also allow Apple to release products that better fit its customers’ needs and desires.

### **The Process**

Your participation in the study will involve an interview with an estimated length of one hour. This interview will be tape recorded for later analysis.

### **Risk**

This study poses little to no risk to its participants. I will do my best to ensure that confidentiality is maintained by not citing your actual name within the actual study. You may choose to leave the study at any time, and may also request that any data collected from you not be used in the study.

**By signing below you agree that you have read and understood the above information, and would be interested in participating in this study.**

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**Name**

**Date**

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### Purpose of the Study

This study intends to provide a better understanding of the process through which faculty incorporate computer-based educational resources for the teaching of history. The primary research question that will guide this study is: *What is the impact of computer based resources in the teaching of history?* The data collected in this study will be used to draw conclusions to help history professors and educational technology in education researchers better understand the impact of computer resources on the teaching of history.

### Subject's Understanding

- I agree to participate in this study that I understand will be submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Doctor of Education at Boston University.
- I understand that my participation is voluntary.
- I understand that all data collected will be limited to this use or other research-related usage as authorized by Boston University.
- I understand that I will not be identified by name in the final product.
- I am aware that all records will be kept confidential in the secure possession of the researcher.
- I acknowledge that the contact information of the researcher and his advisor have been made available to me along with a duplicate copy of this consent form.
- I understand that the data I will provide are not be used to evaluate my performance as a teacher in any way.
- I understand that I may withdraw from the study at any the with no adverse repercussions.

Subject's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Researcher:**

**Advisor:**