INFORMED CONSENT

This study is being conducted by Emily Lasko and Dr. Amy Hackney. Emily is a Master’s Experimental Psychology student at Georgia Southern University and Dr. Hackney is a faculty member in the Psychology Department at Georgia Southern University.

The purpose of this research is to investigate emotional responses to pictures. The study will include the completion of two personality assessments, a questionnaire, viewing a series of images, answering questions about emotional responses, and the measurement of skin conductance responses.

Participation in this research includes minimal risk, no more than would be encountered in daily life events. Possible risks include slight discomfort due to the content of some of the images.

Participating in this study will not have direct benefits to you personally. It will, however, have potential benefits to society as a whole by contributing to the body of knowledge about emotional responses to pictures.

The study will take less than 50 minutes to complete.

Your participation in this study will remain completely anonymous. No identifying information will be collected or distributed. De-identified or coded data from this study may be placed in a publically available repository for study validation and further research. You will not be identified by name in the data set or any reports using information obtained from this study, and your confidentiality as a participant in this study will remain secure. Subsequent uses of records and data will be subject to standard data use policies which protect the anonymity of individuals and institutions.

Participants have the right to ask questions and have those questions answered. If you have questions about this study, please contact Emily Lasko (the Principal Investigator) or Dr. Hackney, whose contact information is located at the end of the informed consent. For questions concerning your rights as a research participant, contact Georgia Southern University Office of Research Services and Sponsored Programs at 912-478-5465.

You will receive 1.5 course credits toward your Introductory Psychology requirements for your participation in the study. Participation is voluntary and you may end your participation at any time before or during the study by letting the attending Research Assistant know that you would like to stop. You will not be penalized in any way if you choose to cease participation.

You must be 18 years of age or older to consent to participate in this research study. If you consent to participate in this research study and to the terms above, please sign your name and indicate the date below. By signing this informed consent, you are acknowledging that you have read and understood the instructions and costs and benefits to participating in this research. Moreover, you are
indicating that you would like to participate in this study as a volunteer. If you do not wish to take this survey or are hesitant about participating, let the research assistant know and please email the primary investigator to discuss any concerns you may have.

You will be given a copy of this consent form to keep for your records. This project has been reviewed and approved by the GSU Institutional Review Board under tracking number H16422.

Title of Project: The relationship between emotional responses and skin conductance
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Participant Signature __________________________ Date ______________
I, the undersigned, verify that the above informed consent procedure has been followed.

Investigator Signature __________________________ Date ______________