Informed Consent Form for Cal Poly Research

INFORMED CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A STUDY ENTITLED
"Exploring the Relationship Between Computing Education and Applications of Computing"

A research project on the new 'introduction to computing' courses is being conducted by Dr. Chris Clark, Dr. John Clements, Dr. David Janzen, Dr. Michael Haungs, Dr. John Seng, and Dr. Zoe Wood in the Department of Computer Science at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. The purpose of the study is to determine the effects of the new courses.

You are being asked to take part in this study by completing a few surveys. Your participation will take approximately thirty minutes to complete two surveys. All other activities will be conducted in the normal practice of completing the course. Please be aware that you are not required to participate in this research, you may omit any items you prefer not to answer, and you may discontinue your participation at any time without penalty.

No risks have been identified associated with participation in this study. If you should experience any negative outcomes resulting from participating in this study, please be aware that you may contact Dr. John Clements at 756-6528, office 14-208.

Your confidentiality will be protected by identifying all artifacts (surveys) with an internally generated identifier rather than your name. The list of these identifiers will be kept in a locked location (physical or virtual) that only researchers will have access to. This list will be destroyed when no longer needed for this study. Potential benefits associated with the study include improved introductory computing courses along with comparison data that may inform other educators regarding first-year courses.

If you have questions regarding this study or would like to be informed of the results when the study is completed, please feel free to contact Dr. John Clements at 756-6528. If you have questions or concerns regarding the manner in which the study is conducted, you may contact Dr. Steve Davis, Chair of the Cal Poly Human Subjects Committee, at 756-2754, sdavis@calpoly.edu, or Dr. Susan Opava, Dean of Research and Graduate Programs, at 756-1508, sopava@calpoly.edu.

If you agree to voluntarily participate in this research project as described, please indicate your agreement by signing below. Please keep one copy of this form for your reference, and thank you for your participation in this research.

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Signature of Volunteer Date

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Signature of Researcher Date