Agreement for Use of the Measure of Epistemological Reflection (MER)

The following conditions apply to the use of the MER in order to ensure that the instrument is appropriate for the proposed use and interpreted adequately. The MER is copyrighted and thus reproduction or use of the instrument requires written permission. Permission will be granted for its use providing the proposed study is an appropriate use of the instrument and the interpretation is consistent with the interpretation guidelines.

I agree to comply with the conditions below in exchange for permission to use the MER in the study entitled:
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The principal investigator(s) will provide a completed MER Usage Proposal Form to request permission for use.

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The principal investigator(s) will learn the qualitative interpretation process that accompanies the MER and use it to interpret the MER responses, taking care to implement the suggested means for establishing goodness of the interpretation.

The principal investigator(s) agree to provide a summary of the completed study within one year of the completion of data collection.

The principal investigator(s) will not release the instrument to others or utilize the instrument for purposes other than those specified in this agreement.

Name of Principal Investigator: _____________________ Signature: _________________

Marcia B. Baxter Magolda

Date:

To request permission to use the MER send completed form and Proposal Form to:
Marcia B. Baxter Magolda, Department of Educational Leadership, 350 McGuffey Hall, Miami University Oxford, Ohio 45056; (513)-529-6837
This form is intended to provide basic information regarding your proposed use of the MER. This information will be used to determine whether the content and design of the MER is appropriate for your proposed use. All information will remain confidential.

Date:

Principal investigator(s) name, telephone, email address:

Brief statement of the purpose of the study and why the MER is important in this context.

Brief statement of the nature of the study, including to whom the MER will be given, how participants will be selected, and how the MER will be used. Please include a timeline for the study as well.

Interpretation of MER responses: In submitting this proposal you agree to learn and implement the qualitative interpretation process described in Baxter Magolda, M. B. (2001). A Constructivist Revision of the Measure of Epistemological Reflection. Journal of College Student Development, 42 (6).

Upon receipt of this form and the MER Usage Agreement form, I will review your request. You will receive a response as soon as possible. Thanks for your interest in the Measure of Epistemological Reflection. Please return proposal and agreement form to:

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