



Memory Disorders Research Center

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150 South Huntington Ave.
Boston, Massachusetts

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Dr. Kenneth Elmore
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Dear Dean Elmore,

I am a researcher at the Memory Disorders Research Center at the Boston Veterans Affairs Healthcare System with a pending appointment as Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the Boston University School of Medicine (offer letter attached). I am writing to request your approval to recruit BU undergraduates as research participants. The BUMC Institutional Review Board, which will review my application, requires that I obtain a letter of endorsement from the Office of the Dean of Students in order to proceed with recruitment of student research participants.

The experiments that we will conduct with undergraduates are part of a larger program of research that aims to understand the cognitive and neural basis of memory. The study participants include young and older adults, who will participate in behavioral and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) studies. We will obtain informed consent from each participant prior to his or her participation in an experiment. The experiments are designed to examine the neural correlates of memory, and typically require participants to view pictures or words on a computer screen and to answer questions about those stimuli. The experiments involve minimal risk to participants.

I have enclosed (1) the text of the recruitment ad to be posted on the electronic bulletin board at Boston University; (2) a copy of the research consent form that is under review by the IRB at the VA; and (3) a description of the research protocol. If this project meets with your approval, I would appreciate your sending me a letter to that effect, which I

will forward to the IRB with my application. The letter would need to indicate that you have reviewed the IRB application for the project (entitled “Individual differences in learning and memory across the lifespan”) and that you approve of the way in which students will be recruited and used in these studies. The letter may be sent to me at the following address:

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (857) 364-4191 or scott.hayes@va.gov. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott Hayes", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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