

## **INFORMED CONSENT FORM**

### **CSE 098**

### **Intelligent Machine: The Computer in Popular Culture Spring 2008**

#### **Data Collection Activity**

This note is to inform you that Professor Daniel Lopresti is engaged in a research project entitled "Following the Paper Trail: Reliable Processing of Voting Records for Trustworthy Elections." Survey forms asking your opinion about films we have watched in CSE 098 may be scanned and used by Professor Lopresti and his colleagues during the conduct of this research. This data collection will take place over the course of the Spring 2008 semester.

The purpose of the study is to investigate the manner in which people create markings on survey forms designed to resemble election ballots, with a special focus on ambiguous or difficult-to-interpret markings.

There are no risks associated with your participating in this study. The possible benefits include developing a better understanding of an important aspect of the voting process, the ways in which ballot images might be marked or mismarked, as well as being made aware of potential threats to fair elections.

All survey forms will be collected anonymously, so no information obtained through this research project could be used to identify you personally.

Your participation in filling out the survey forms is entirely voluntary and will have no impact whatsoever on your grade in CSE 098. By submitting a survey form you have marked to Professor Lopresti, you are agreeing that the form may be scanned and used in the study.

If you have any questions about this study, you may contact Professor Daniel Lopresti at (610) 758-5782.

You may report problems that may result from your participation or direct questions in regard to your rights as a subject in this study to Ruth L. Tallman, Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Lehigh University, (610) 758-3024. All reports or correspondence will be kept confidential.