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INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW BOARD
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June 11 2026

Dear Kristin:

I am pleased to inform you of the official approval of your IRB application in connection with your project “Teaching Data Analysis Through Solid Earth Investigations” (IRB 2025-26 2123 KOCONNELL). Your research falls within the federal **exemption**, 45 [CFR 46.104\(d\)](#), under category 2: Research that only includes interactions involving **educational tests** (cognitive, diagnostic, aptitude, achievement), **survey procedures**, **interview procedures**, or **observation of public behavior** (including visual or auditory recording) if at least one of the criteria listed in the regulations is met.

Consequently, the IRB is not required by federal law to provide ongoing oversight of your project. You are not required to maintain a formal, signed consent form for each subject. Nonetheless, in accordance with Carleton IRB policies, we expect that you will inform your research subjects of the purpose and scope of your research, as well as of their right not to participate, to withdraw at any time as they see fit, and to contact you if they should have any questions.

If the scope of your research changes in such a way that it no longer clearly falls within the exemption outlined above, you would be required to inform the IRB and/or submit a new application.

This approval expires three years from today’s date. To renew it, please resubmit your application including 1) a brief description of any changes you have made to the research protocol, and 2) a note that this is a renewal for IRB 2025-26 2123 KOCONNELL

I suggest that you retain a copy of this letter for your files. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about IRB policies or procedures. We wish you much success with this research project.

Sincerely,
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