ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RISK AND RELEASE
Non-Harvard Personnel Using Harvard Research Laboratory and Collection Facilities

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I, the undersigned, accept and agree to the following terms and conditions in consideration for my use of Harvard’s research facilities, laboratory and collection space at the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

1. **Access to Facilities.** The research facilities are being made available to me as an educational opportunity. I am not a student, employee or affiliate of Harvard.

2. **Health and Safety Risks.** I understand that Harvard research laboratories may contain hazardous substances and equipment. I will take every precaution necessary to protect my health and safety, and the health and safety of others. I will acquaint myself with and conduct my activities in accordance with all safety rules and safe operational procedures. If I am not familiar with or I do not know how to handle safely a substance or piece of equipment, I will seek assistance from qualified Harvard personnel. I recognize that I may be subjected to potential risks, illnesses and injuries. I have made my own investigation of these risks, understand these risks and assume them knowingly and willingly.

3. **No Medical Coverage.** I understand that if I am injured as a result of my activities at Harvard, I am not covered by Harvard insurance of any kind. It will be my responsibility to pay for emergency room care, doctors’ services, hospitalization, and any other related costs, medical or non-medical. I will not be eligible to participate in Harvard’s health, disability or life insurance programs.

4. **Appropriate Conduct.** I agree to observe all applicable governmental, University and departmental policies, rules and regulations that pertain to my conduct on campus and in the research facilities. I agree that Harvard officials may require me to leave the research facilities if they believe that I have violated a policy, rule or regulation or if they believe that my conduct is inappropriate.

5. **Confidentiality.** I agree not to disclose or to use, directly or indirectly, any proprietary or confidential research, data, trade secrets or other similar information of which I may become aware as a result of my activities in Harvard’s research facilities.
6. **ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND RELEASE OF CLAIMS.** Knowing the risks described above, I agree, on behalf of my family, heirs and personal representative(s), to assume all the risks and responsibilities surrounding my use of and access to Harvard’s research laboratories. To the maximum extent permitted by law, I release, hold harmless and agree to indemnify Harvard, its officers, directors, faculty, staff, representatives, volunteers, employees and agents, from and against any present or future claim, loss or liability for injury to person or property which I may suffer, or for which I may be liable to any other person, during my use of and access to the research laboratories, resulting from any cause including but not limited to negligence (except for fraud, willful misconduct or violation of law) by Harvard, its directors, officers, faculty, staff, representatives, volunteers, employees or agents.

I have carefully read this Acknowledgement of Risk and Release before signing it. This agreement shall be governed by the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, which shall be the forum for any lawsuits filed under or incident to this agreement.

Signed: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

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