**SAMPLE DEBRIEFING SCRIPT**

*[Insert title of the study.]*

Thank you for your participation in our research study, [*insert name of study*].

I would like to discuss with you in more detail the study you just participated in and to explain exactly what we were trying to study.

Before I tell you about all the goals of this study, however, I want to explain why it is necessary in some kinds of studies to not tell people all about the purpose of the study before they begin. *[alternate language for deception studies: “ … to not tell people all about the procedures in which they will be asked to participate.”]*

As you may know, scientific methods sometimes require that participants in research studies not be given complete information about the research until after the study is completed. Although we cannot always tell you everything before you begin your participation, we do want to tell you everything when the study is completed.

We don't always tell people everything at the beginning of a study because we do not want to influence your responses. If we tell people what the purpose of the study is and what we predict about how they will react, then their reactions would not be a good indication of how they would react in everyday situations.

[*insert explanation of study purpose, describe the information about the study purpose or the study procedures that was withheld and explain the reason why the information was withheld, as applicable.*]

If other people knew the true purpose of the study, it might affect how they behave/answer questions, so we are asking you not to share the information we just discussed.

Now that the study has been explained, do you agree to allow the investigator to use the data that we collected from your participation in this study?

I hope you enjoyed your experience and I hope you learned some things today. If you have any questions later please feel free to contact me. [*provide sheet with contact names, addresses, telephone numbers, emails, for Principal Investigator, Faculty Sponsor, other co-investigators*]

Do you have any other questions or comments about anything you did today or anything we've talked about?

Thank you again for your participation.