

Statement of Consent to Participate in the Course Blog for HIST 423

The Federal Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) protects students' rights to keep their "educational records" (e.g. grades, personal information, etc.) from being made public.

The course blog for HIST 423, which you will be required to use this semester, is publicly accessible on the Internet. The writing you do on the blog in posts or comments will therefore be available to people outside the class and the University. Various precautions can and will be taken to ensure that your privacy is not violated. For example, you can post to the blog using a pseudonym or using only your first name to prevent identification of your work. Also, the course blog will not be archived by search engines like Google, so it will be difficult for people searching for you to stumble upon it. Your grades on any written work in this class will *never* be disclosed publicly.

Nonetheless, in an effort to ensure that your FERPA privacy rights are protected, please sign this consent form.

I, _____ (print name), understand that writing on the course blog is a required assignment in HIST 423 for the Fall 2008 semester. I further understand and consent to the fact that my post and any comments I make on the blog will be accessible to the public on the Internet. I give permission to Professor McDaniel to include me as a participant in the course blog.

Signed,

(your signature)

(date)