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Closing Report for Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2007

In March 2007, I received a Faculty Research Grant to work on a chapter about the novelist Frances Burney for my current book project, *Fictions of Intelligence: Eighteenth Century-English Novels and the Commerce of Information*. My goal was to produce an article from the chapter and submit it for publication, which I have accomplished. After I presented part of the article at the fall 2007 meeting of the Midwest Modern Language Association, the chair of my panel, Professor Melanie Brown, solicited it for inclusion in an anthology entitled *Media and Reception*, which is under consideration at Cambridge Scholars Press. The article is entitled “‘The Art of Defamation:’ Regulating Newspaper Scandal in Late Eighteenth-Century England” and focuses on the similarities between debates about censoring newspaper scandal and regulating financial credit. I marginalized Burney’s presence in the article so that I could get an additional publication out of the project. I am currently revising the Burney section and plan to submit it to the journal *Eighteenth-Century Studies* in the coming weeks.