

Faculty Research Grant
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1. Description of grant-supported activity.

The grant supported travel to and research in London (5/18-6/10), Belgium (6/10-7/2), Berlin (7/2-22) and Paris (7/22-8/10) during the summer 2005. Three weeks were spent in each venue, consulting the following collections:

London: Public Record Office, London City Archives, British Library and London School of Economics Library and Archives.

Brussels : Archives de la Ville de Bruxelles, Archives Nationales, Bibliothèque Royale and Institut Royal du Patrimoine Artistique.

Berlin: Geheimes Staatsarchiv (Stiftung Preußischer Kulturbesitz), Landesarchiv Berlin and Staatsbibliothek zu Berlin.

Paris: Paris City Archives, National Archives (CARAN), and Bibliothèque Nationale (Cartes et Plans at Richelieu branch, and general collections at Tolbiac branch).

2. Were you able to complete the project? Describe any difficulty you had.

The planned research was performed as intended. It yielded extensive notes from original sources and references to secondary sources to be consulted after return to the United States

3. Did, or will, the project result in a specific product -- a manuscript, composition, syllabus, etc? If so, please describe and indicate state of development.

The intended outcome of this research is integration of this archival research into the revision of my dissertation for publication. Initially, I will seek a publisher for the whole manuscript. Should this not be met with success, a number of substantive papers (at least six) can be derived from the material for smaller publications or articles. The updated bibliography, in annotated form, should find a publication venue very easily since it does fill a substantial gap in the field.

During the 2005-2006 academic year, the secondary sources accessible in this country in article form were tracked down. It had been my intention to request on interlibrary loan the monographic titles uncovered during my research. This activity was delayed because of my mother's illness and death in June 2006. I have nonetheless devised a strategy to carry on with this work during the upcoming months. I plan to begin writing during the

fall semester and expect to be in a position to contact publishers by the end of Spring semester 2007.

I remain very grateful for the support of the Faculty Research Grant, which has enabled me to fill research gaps in preparation for the long-term project to revise my dissertation into a book-length manuscript.