

**Closing Report for IUSB Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2004**  
**“From Muslim to Mudejar Women: Gender and Social Change in Thirteenth-Century Spain”**

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- 1. Description of grant-supported activity.** As indicated in the proposal, I spent six weeks in Spain in the summer of 2004. I went daily to the Municipal Archives of the town of Cocentaina, in the province of Alicante. I searched all the thirteenth-century notarial registers from the court of the local Christian justice of the peace in search information about Muslim women. The bulk of my time was spent transcribing the medieval documentation, which was written in Latin and Catalan. Since the archives were open only for a few hours in the morning and in the afternoon, I spent the rest of the time editing the transcriptions. Moreover, I took several trips to major cities, such as Valencia, to consult secondary bibliography at university libraries or to buy books.
- 2. Were you able to complete the project?** I was able to complete the data collection phase. Presently, I am writing an article that examines the role that Muslim women played in the newly-established Christian society, and specifically, how Muslim women learned to use the Christian legal system to bargain for power for themselves and their kin.
- 3. Did, or will, the project result in a specific product—a manuscript, composition, syllabus, etc.?** Yes. I will present the abovementioned article to the Women’s Studies lecture series on April 8, 2005. I intend to finish the article in the summer of 2005 and will submit it for publication in a journal in my field.

Moreover, I already used some of the data that I gathered last summer at the Municipal Archives of Cocentaina to write another article about the economic activities of the local Muslim community during the second half of the thirteenth century. In September 2005, I presented this article at the XVIII Congress of History of the Crown of Aragon celebrated in Valencia, Spain. This paper will be published in the conference proceedings.