

**Closing Report for IUSB Faculty Research Grant, Summer 2007**  
**“Crossing Economic, Cultural and Religious Boundaries: Muslim Men Operating  
in Christian Markets in Thirteenth-Century Cocentaina”**

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**1. Description of grant-supported activity.** As indicated in the proposal, I spent May and June transcribing and editing the documents that detail the economic transactions of two successful Mudejar businessmen from the town of Cocentaina in eastern Spain. I had collected the documents in the summer 2006 from two main sources: the Archives of the Crown of Aragon in Barcelona and the Municipal Archives of the town of Cocentaina. I was able to transcribe and edit all the documents from Barcelona. However, I encountered difficulties when transcribing about half the data collected in Cocentaina because all I had were xerox copies of medieval documents which are in very poor condition. Thus, I will have to go back to Cocentaina to check the original documents since that collection is not available on microfilm or digital format. In addition to the archival sources, I spent the summer months, and especially late July and August, reading secondary sources on the topic of Mudejar studies.

**2. Were you able to complete the project?** As stated above, I was unable to finish the project because I ran into difficulties during the transcription phase. Nevertheless, I am excited about the information that I gained from my transcription of these original documents. I was able to trace the family background of these two men and in one case, I was able to trace the family financial transactions partially through the next generation. This data supports my thesis concerning the economic and political power that individual Mudejars were able to gain in the late thirteenth-century.

**3. Did, or will, the project result in a specific product-a manuscript, composition, syllabus, etc?** Yes, with the information that I collected, I wrote a twenty-page paper. I have submitted a proposal to present this paper at the Mediterranean Studies Association 2008 International Congress to be held in May at the Leuphana Universitat, Luneburg, Germany. Also, I plan to expand this paper into the originally planned 30 page article after I check the original documents at the Municipal Archives of Cocentaina in the summer 2008.