

Closing Report for 2002 Faculty Research Grant
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Description of Grant-Supported Activity

The grant was used for summer salary to support a research project on children's understanding of intentions and desires. I used the time to collect data from children, to code and analyze the data, and to begin a journal article manuscript on this project.

Were you able to complete the project?

Yes and no. I proposed two studies for this grant, and I was able to gather data for one of them. After pilot testing the other one, I realized the concept would require substantial reworking to yield interpretable data. I also used this time to work on a different line of research, so the time was not wasted.

Did the project result in a specific product?

Yes. I submitted a manuscript for publication in the summer of 2003. Unfortunately, the manuscript was not accepted, but I received good feedback about additional studies that might make this line of research publishable. I also presented my findings from this project and the other project mentioned above at two national conferences.

Schult, C. A. (2003, April). *Planning vs. wanting: Children's understanding of the differences in commitment to action for intentions and desires*. Poster presented at the biennial meeting of the Society for Research in Child Development, Tampa, FL.

Schult, C. A., & Talcott, L. S. (2004, April). *Parents' use of intention information when judging children's lies*. Poster presented at the Conference on Human Development, Washington, D.C.