1. **Description of grant-supported activity**

This report follows a $3,000 Summer Research Grant I received for Summer 2, 2016. Between the last week of June and the first two weeks of July, I studied the following books at the National Library of Spain in Madrid,

1) Polo, Marco (1947 [1477]) *Libro de las cosas maravillosas de Marco Polo*. Ed. Benítez Claros, Rafael. Sociedad de Bibliófilos Españoles: Madrid.

These books helped me put Rodrigo Fernández de Santaella’s work into the context of late 15th century Spanish cartographies of discovery as the boundaries of East and West were challenged academically in the humanistic circles.

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

The goal of this project was to collect information on Santaella’s legacy in the city of Seville, (soon to become the main port to commerce with the New World), his statute in the intellectual circles of the time period, and his participation in the controversy around Columbus’s claim. I collected almost as much information as I sought. There are no major difficulties to report.

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

This project will result in a manuscript that will be submitted for publication by the end of 2016. The main arguments and structure of the paper are set in the shape of a dozen pages to be further elaborated, revised, and submitted for publication by the end of this year. I am very thankful for the support of the Research and Development Committee in this project.