CLOSING REPORT
Faculty Research Grant

“American Political Science Association Civic and Political Engagement Book”
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1. Description of grant-supported activity.

I am co-editing a manuscript with Dr. Alison Rios Millett McCartney (Directory, International Studies Program, Towson University) and Dr. Dick Simpson (Chair, Department of Political Science, Southern Illinois University). As editors, we are responsible for: inviting and approving all contributors, reviewing and approving all content, submitting final content in Word to APSA for copy editing and printing, making suggestions on photos and graphics to be included at the beginning of each section, and handling all communications with contributors. In addition to reviewing, revising, and approving content for the chapters appearing in this book, I authored a substantive chapter on field experiments and the critical end-of-the-book chapter on assessment methods. Both chapters are complete and have been reviewed, revised (and eagerly accepted) by the co-editors.

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

The project is scheduled to be completed and published before the August 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Political Science Association. I completed all of my scheduled chapter reviews and original single-authored contributions to the book. The book is currently under review. We hope to do a book launch at the nation’s largest political science conference next August. If this date does not work, the book will be launched next February at the Teaching & Learning Conference.

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.

This project will result in a book/monograph entitled: “From Service Learning to Civic and Political Engagement.” The book will be published by the American Political Science Association. We have completed writing and edits for all chapters. Comments from APSA-selected external reviewers still need to come back before final manuscript edits, copy edits, and publication can take place.

The original timeline looked like this:
Jan 1: send list of potential reviewer to APSA
Feb 1: deliver manuscript in Word
Feb 1-29: outside review process; compile single bibliography
March 1-31: receive comments from reviewers; corrections due March 31
April: copyediting process begins; editors recommend photos, finalize index & bibliography
May: submit materials for accompanying online site; round two copyediting
June: round three copy editing, if needed
July: book sent to printer
August: book in print; book launch at APSA conference in New Orleans

Because APSA has been slow in getting reviewers and reviews back, we are a few months behind schedule. Although the APSA publishing staff has not said so, it seems very likely that the launch will be delayed until February 2013 at the APSA Teaching & Learning Conference.