Closing Report for 2009 IUSB Faculty Research Grant

“All in the Family? Understanding the Meaning of Cats and Dogs in the Lives of American Pet Owners”

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1. Description of grant-supported activity

In my grant proposal, I requested summer salary to revise one paper, “Are Religious People more Compassionate,” I was writing with a co-author, for publication and to adapt and revise sections of my dissertation for journal publication.

2. Were you able to complete the project? Did, or will, the project result in a specific product -- a manuscript, composition, syllabus, etc?

I used a portion of the summer salary to revise my co-authored paper, which is currently under review at Social Forces, a peer-reviewed journal in sociology. The remainder of my summer was spent revising sections of my dissertation for presentation and publication. One paper I adapted and presented at the American Sociological Association (ASA) conference last August, “Are Dogs Children, Companions, or Just Animals? Understanding Variations in People’s Orientations toward Pets” is nearing completion for submission to an interdisciplinary journal called Anthrozoos. I am also presenting a second paper, “I Can’t be without a Dog! Understanding Variations in Interactions and Relationships with Pets,” at the ASA conference this August. I expect to send it out for journal publication in the Fall.