My co-author and I submitted our paper, “With a Little Help from My Friends? Gender, Social Closure, and Network Support in a Financial Services Organization,” to the top journal in Sociology: American Sociological Review. We knew it was a long shot because the journal’s acceptance rate is 5%, but felt that we had received such positive feedback on our work that it was worth it. The paper was rejected, but we received very helpful feedback. All of the reviewers recommended a major revision (a different focus and research question!), which we began last summer. I shared this major revision with my writing group, made revisions, and submitted it to the 2012 Annual Meeting of the American Sociological Association (to be held in August). We just submitted this paper, “Support from Intra-Organizational Networks: The Benefits of Strong Ties,” in January so we have not heard whether the paper has been accepted for presentation. We plan to submit this paper to a refereed journal this spring.

We also began work on a second co-authored project: “Race and Access to Network Help at Work: Informal Racial Stratification in a Financial Services Organization.” The paper was accepted for presentation at the Annual Meetings of the Southern Sociological Society this March, but I had to withdraw the paper because the Meetings conflicted with a family commitment.

At the beginning of the summer, David Blouin and I submitted our article, “Successful Models of Undergraduate Research in Sociology,” to a peer reviewed journal. We made minor revisions and the paper was published in Sociological Imagination in November (volume 47: 5-19).

In June, I submitted my sole-authored article, “Race, Gender, and Social Support: A Study of Networks in a Financial Services Organization,” for review at Sociological Focus. After two revisions, the article is now forthcoming in this refereed journal.