Seed Grant Report – Summer 2010

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Thanks to a Seed Grant ($3,000) from the IUSB Research and Development Committee, I travelled to London and Paris between July 11 and 28. The purpose of this seed grant was to assess the extent and nature of primary resources for research on allotment and community gardens (1850-1918) for a book under contract with the University of Virginia Press. This preliminary research is to be used in the preparation of research grants to support further research and manuscript preparation during summer 2011 and 2011-2012.

In London, research was conducted at the British Library, National Archives, London Metropolitan Archives, Royal Horticultural Society Lindley Library and the Camden local history collection.

In Paris, research was conducted at the Bibliothèque Nationale de France (Richelieu and Tolbiac), Archives de la Ville de Paris, Bibliothèque Historique de la Ville de Paris, Société Nationale d’Horticulture de France and the Association pour l’histoire des Chemins de fer en France.

Resources available in these multiple venues exceeded expectation and will provide ample documentation for elaborating a specific research program, and for grant writing.

A travel expenses report was submitted shortly after return to the US.

In order to comply with the terms of the Seed Grant, namely applications for grants totaling up to $50,000, the following grants applications have been submitted:

8/17/2010 Graham Foundation – Preliminary Grant $12,490
8/18/2010 Guggenheim Fellowship amount unspecified
9/3/2010 NEH – Summer Stipend $6,000
9/6/2010 ACLS – Burkhardt Residential Fellowship $75,000
9/6/2010 ACLS – Fellowship $25,000

Copies of the grant applications are appended.