## **Final Report for**

**Professional Development Grant** 

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For the Following Professional Enhancement Activity:

Attending the 2012 annual meeting of the Communal Studies Association

At Hamilton College and Oneida Community Mansion House in Oneida County, NY

October 4-7, 2012

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B. The requested funding was used to attend the Communal Studies Association (CSA) Annual Meeting at Hamilton College and Oneida Community Mansion House in Oneida County, New York. The CSA is an interdisciplinary scholarly society committed to the study of historic and contemporary communal and utopian societies. The organization also supports the dissemination of knowledge to the public about such communities as well as the preservation of historical communal sites. The annual meeting brings together scholars from a variety of disciplines to share knowledge, research, and pedagogical approaches regarding communal societies. Each year, the CSA meets at the site of a historic or contemporary communal society as well as at nearby academic facilities (This year the conference took place at the historic Oneida community and nearby Hamilton College). The interdisciplinary and site-based nature of the conference provides especially valuable professional enhancement opportunities.

C. The primary purpose of attending this conference was to further my research agenda. At the conference, I presented a paper on a new research project that I am undertaking with colleagues from the University of North Texas. My paper, entitled "Gauging Progress Toward Utopia: Assessing Sustainability Goals at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage," provided an overview of our conceptualization, methodological approach, and preliminary data analysis. It also connected the project to theoretical approaches that I have previously published on in the CSA's peer-reviewed journal, *Communal Societies*. Our project involves working with one of over 500 ecovillages worldwide to help them gauge their progress toward their goal of developing sustainable lifestyles and livelihoods. This collaborative, interdisciplinary project entails collecting a variety of qualitative and quantitative data and the conference provided a unique opportunity to get feedback from scholars from multiple disciplines who also do research in such communities.

D. This conference provided an opportunity to continue to enhance my public speaking skills and disseminate my research. My paper presentation was especially well received at the conference. Immediately after my presentation, the editor of *Communal Societies* asked if I would like to submit my paper for publication in the journal, although I differed until after we've had more time to collect and analyze data during summer 2013. An additional objective of attending the conference was to develop further opportunities for professional service. I was approached by one of the current association board members and asked if I would be willing to serve on the CSA Executive Board starting in 2014. I agreed and look forward to adding this to my professional service activities.

E. Given the overwhelmingly positive outcomes of this professional enhancement activity, I intend to continue to attend this conference in the future. My attendance will become essential as I become a CSA Executive Board member and possibly move into other leadership positions within the organization. My participation thus far has resulted directly in two publications, one anticipated publication, one professional service position, and very valuable opportunities to share my research and refine my public speaking skills. I look forward to continuing to participate in events organized by the CSA.

Attachment: Conference Program with my presentation highlighted.

## Communal Studies Association 2012 Conference

## Oneida Community Mansion House and Hamilton College October 3-6, 2012

Wednesday, October 3, 2012	
8:00 AM	Pre-Conference tour to historic sites associated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) Church and Skaneateles Phalanx.
	Pre-Registration Required
	Thursday, October 4, 2012
9:00 AM	CSA Board Meeting, Vernon Downs Hotel
12:00 PM	Board Meeting Lunch
3:00-5:00 PM	Registration, Lobby, Vernon Downs Hotel
5:00 PM	Reception, Vernon Downs Hotel
6:00 PM	Opening Banquet and Speaker: Anthony Wonderley: "Oneida Community Women and Gender Relations in Context and Time" Vernon Downs Hotel
	Friday, October 5, 2012
7:30-8:45 AM	Breakfast, Vernon Downs Hotel
8:00-9:00 AM	Registration, Oneida Community Mansion House, Museum Library near Main Entrance
8:30-10:00 AM Opening Plenary Session	Location: Big Hall Giles Wayland-Smith: "Liberation Theology: The Oneida Community's Perfectionist Vision in Practice" Pody Vanderwall: "Jessie Catherine Kinsley: Textile Art by a Daughter of the Oneida Community"

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Break	Refreshments will be provided in the Lounge of the Mansion
Dieak	House.
10:00-10:30	Provide Company of the Company of th
	Francis Cape: "Utopian Benches"
Display	(Informal lecture and display in the Dining Room)
10:30AM-12:00	Session 1-A
PM	Contemporary Communities
Concurrent	Location: Dining Room
Session 1	Moderator: Giles Wayland-Smith
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	Torang Asadi: "'He is the Head': Gender, Race, & Leadership in the Twelve Tribes Community"
	Shirley Andrews: "Evangelical Sisterhood of Mary: A Religious
	Enigma"
	Andrea Borella: "The Role of the 'Mothers of Vocation' in the
	Catholic Community of Nomadelfia, Italy"
	Session 1-B
	Mary's City of David, Synanon, and People's Temple
	Location: Big Hall
	Moderator: Christian Goodwillie
	Ron Taylor: "And Thou, O Tower of the Flock, the Stronghold of
	the Daughter of Zion, unto Thee Shall It Come, Even the First
	Dominion; the Kingdom Shall Come to the Daughter of
	Jerusalem"
	Laura Kohl: "Former Resident of Peoples Temple and
	Synanon Discusses the Role of Women."
	Session 1-C
	Oneida Community Mansion House Tour
<u>.</u>	Two tour groups of eight persons each will be conducted
	through the Mansion House. Advance sign-up is required. Meet
	at the main staircase in the front of the house.
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12:00-1:00 Lunch	Lunch will be served in the Lounge of the Mansion House.
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	Session 2-A
Concurrent	Shakers
Session 2	Location: Big Hall
· ·	Moderator: Torang Asadi
	Tom Sakmyster: "Mothers & Daughters at White Water Shaker
	Village"
	Carol Medlicott: "Gender on the Western Frontier of Shakerism"
	Jane Crosthwaite: "Shaker Gift Drawing & Sacred Text as a
	Communal Enterprise"
	Communal Enterprise"

·	Session 2-B
	Contemporary Communities
	Location: Dining Room
	Moderator: Deborah Altus
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	Tom Kendig: "Is the Occupy Movement a Communal Society or Not?"
	Joshua Lockyer: "Gauging Progress toward Utopia: Assessing Sustainability Goals at Dancing Rabbit Ecovillage"
	Etta Madden: "Finding Identity, Leaving Community: Some Stories of Damanhurian Women"
	Session 2-C
	Camphill
	Location: Oneida Room
	Moderator: Dan McKanan
	Robin Jackson: "Women in the Development of the Camphill Movement"
	Zoe Brennan-Krohn: "Beyond Disability: Extending Camphill's Model of Inclusion"
	Pamela Cushing: "The Camphill 'Child Study' Through a
	Disability Studies Lens"
	Session 2-D
	Oneida Community Domain Tour
	One tour group of twenty people will be conducted through the Mansion House grounds, building and landscape architecture,
	and the Community cemetery. Information will be presented on community gardens, leisure activities, and industries. Advance
	sign-up is required. Meet at the main staircase in the front of the house.
2:30-3:00 PM	Refreshments will be provided in the Lounge of the Mansion
Break	House
3:00-4:30 PM	Session 3-A
Concurrent	Oneida Community Heritage
Session 3	Location: Big Hall
	Moderator: Robert Fogarty
	Panel Discussion by Six Descendants of the Oneida Community:
	Robin Vanderwall, Lang Hatcher, Paul V. Noyes, Kelly Rose, and
	Giles Wayland-Smith

	Session 3-B
	Harmony Society
	Location: Dining Room
	Moderator: Walter Brumm
	Joe White: "The Harmony Society: A New Interpretive
	Framework"
	Eileen Aiken English: "A Harlot in Harmonie?"
	Silvia Rode: "Harmonist Archetypes: Millennial Messenger, Seductress, & Industrialist"
	Session 3-C
	Roundtable of Camphill Women Co-workers and Educators Location: Oneida Room
[	Diedra Heitzman, Community member, Camphill Village, Kimberton Hills, Pennsylvania
	Sue Clee, Community member, Camphill Village, Kimberton H
	Becky Rutherford, Teacher and Consultant, Camphill Special
	Schools and the Camphill School of Curative Education and
	Social Therapy
	Mimi Coleman, Art Therapist and Community member, Camp Village, Kimberton Hills.
	Session 3-D
	Oneida Community Mansion House Tour
	A tour group of ten people will be conducted through the
	Mansion House. Advance sign-up is required. Meet at the main staircase in the front of the house.
4:30 PM	Vans and private cars depart for Hamilton College, consult
	registration packet for directions.
5:00-6:00 PM	Exhibition: "The Communal Societies Collection of
	Hamilton College"
6 00 7 00 PM	Reception at Burke Library, Hamilton College
6:00-7:00 PM Plenary Session	Kennedy Auditorium, Science Center, Hamilton College
	Christian Goodwillie: "The Communal Societies Collection of
	Hamilton College"
	Joscelyn Godwin: "Upstate Cauldron: Eccentric Spiritual Movements in Early New York State,"
7:00-9:00 PM	Atrium, Science Center, Hamilton College
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Saturday, October 6, 2012		
7:30-8:45 AM	Breakfast, Vernon Downs Hotel	
8:00-9:00 AM	Registration, Oneida Community Mansion House, Museum Library near Main Entrance	
8:30-10:00 AM	Session 4-A	
Concurrent Session 4	Panel Discussion: "How Communal Studies Scholars get Their Scholarly Work Done"	
	Location: Big Hall Moderator: Susan Love Brown	
	Denise Seachrist: "Administrators, Professors, and Scholars! Oh, my!"	
	Tim Miller: "Fitting Research into the Nooks and Crannies" Elizabeth De Wolfe: "Teaching Ongoing Research to Keep	
	Research Ongoing" Lawrence Foster: "What You Have to Give Up to Be Productive	
	Session 4-B	
	Women in Community	
	Location: Dining Room	
	Moderator: Patricia A. Hoffman	
	Susan Palmer: "Women in Adidam: Sexuality and Sadhana in a Hindu Meditation Community"	
	Casey Harison: "Louise Michel: Revolution, Feminism and the Communalism of the Paris Commune"	
	Judith Wellman: "Brooklyn's Promised Land: Women in Weeksville, An African American Community, 1835-95"	
	Session 4-C	
	Women and Children in Contemporary Communities Location: Oneida Room	
	Moderator: David Hill Rolf Martin: "Grasmere of Rhinebeck, NY and Barlow Farm	
	of Sherman, CT: Two Much-Loved, Part-Time Communities.  Darla Eaton: "Radical Sharing and Cooperation: Life on an Egalitarian Commune"	
	Session 4-D	
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	through the Mansion House. Advance sign-up is required. Meet at the main staircase in the front of the house.	

10:00-10:30	Refreshments will be provided in the Lounge of the Mansion
Break	House
10:30AM-12:00	Session 5-A
PM	Oneida Community
Concurrent	Location: Big Hall
Session 5	Moderator: Peter Hoehnle
	Christa Shusko: "Organizing Bodies: The Erasure of Boundaries at the Communal Table"
	Peter Hoehnle: "Personal Visits and Observations: Charles Nordhoff and The Communistic Societies of the United States"
	Deirdre Stam: Inching toward equality: Women in the Hopedale, MA Community in the 1842-1856"
	Session 5-B
	Women in Community
	Location : Dining Room
	Moderator: David Hill
	Carol Faulkner: "The Unitary Home & Early American Feminism"
	Thomas Guiler: "To Know the Right Woman is to Have a Liberal
	Education: The Utopian Thought of Arts & Crafts Women Irene Sergeant, Jane Byrd McCall Whitehead, & Alice Moore Hubbard"
	Theodore Kallman: "Women & the Christian Commonwealth"
	Session 5-C
	One tour group of eight people will be conducted through
	seldom scene areas of the Mansion House by Curator Anthony
	Wonderley. Advance sign-up is required. Meet at the main staircase in the front of the house.
12:00-1:00 Lunch	Lunch will be served in the Lounge of the Mansion House.
1:00 PM-2:30 PM	The CSA's Annual Auction will be held in the Lounge of the
CSA Auction	Mansion House.
2:30-3:00 PM	Refreshments will be provided in the Lounge of the Mansion
Break	House

3:00-4:30 PM	Session 6-A
Concurrent	<u>Mormons</u>
Session 6	Location: Big Hall
	Moderator: Peter Hoehnle
	Lawrence Foster: "How Joseph Smith May Have Justified His
	Polygamous Marriages to Women Who Were Already Married to Other Men"
	Matthew Grow: "The Nauvoo Relief Society Minutes: A
	Documentary Approach to Early Mormon Women's History"
	Session 6-B
	Problems in Contemporary Communities
	Location: Dining Room
	Moderator: Laura Kohl
	Ayala Cnaan: "Kibbutzim, Typology & Adaptability"
	Deborah Altus: "Developing Literacy in Communal Studies: What Do Scholars Recommend?"
	Session 6-C
	Indexing Membership in Communal Societies
	Location: Oneida Room
	Moderator:
	Panel Presenters: Christian Goodwillie, Glendyne Wergland, and Eileen Aiken English
	Session 6-D
	Oneida Community Domain Tour
	One tour group of twenty people will be conducted through the
	grounds surrounding the Mansion House. Information will be
	presented on community gardens, leisure activities, and
	industries. Advance sign-up is required. Meet at the main
	staircase in the front of the house.
6:00-9:00 PM	Dinner, Business Meeting, and Awards Banquet in the Lounge at
Dinner	the Mansion House.