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RESTATEMENT OF PROBLEM

This grant helped to fund my attendance to the Annual Meeting for the Society for the Study of Social Problems in San Francisco, California in August of 2014.

REVIEW OF THE WORK/PROCEDURE

I presented research entitled “Meta-Analysis: Relationship between Connectedness and Self-Directed Violence.” Attending this conference gave me the opportunity to discuss with others my findings from this research and possible avenues for the future of the research.

OUTCOMES

My paper was in a session entitled “Prospects in Advancing Mental Health and Health Research.” In this session I interacted with others studying brain trauma from a cross cultural approach, those studying socioeconomic health disparities in rural and urban China, and an individual exploring a variety of methodological approaches to mental health research.

CONCLUSIONS

This was a successful experience. From all of my interactions I found new ways to think about my own project and received valuable feedback, as well as give my colleagues other material to consider. Attendance at this conference also enhances my teaching abilities. I always return from a conference with more enthusiasm for my discipline and for research. This comes through in my classrooms. This project in particular was informative for my teaching of the sociology of health and illness and research methods.