Consortium on Law and Values Award - Close Out Report


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3. My dissertation project examines professional and public discussions before and stemming from Congressional action that established ethical guidelines for biomedical research and the first federal bioethics commission between 1960 and 1975. This award funded visits to archival records of bioethics institutes and travel for oral histories with early bioethicists, which revealed what was motivating professional and growing public interest in the ethics of biomedicine and how interdisciplinary work was being done in the area of bioethics.

4. Results:

1. The research trips have allowed me to write up the result for one chapter so far. This part of my dissertation I plan to submit for publication in one of the journals in the history of science.

2. I presented a talk at the International Society for the History, Philosophy, and Social Studies of Biology Conference on July 13th, 2011, based on the research I completed with the award funding.

5. Future Project Plans: The consortium award has allowed me to complete all of my remaining research for my dissertation. I was able to write one chapter this June based on the research I did with the funding. I will be able to write of the remaining parts of my dissertation this fall and spring because I have completed my research with the help of the consortium award. I expect to defend my dissertation in May 2012.