

To: Eric Leuschner

From: Pauline Scott

Re: Sabbatical Report, Fall 2017

The proposed plan for my sabbatical leave was to complete an article in progress, prepare a second article, and do the preliminary research and proposal for a book on early modern revenge drama. Although I did not complete all of the planned work, I did make significant progress. First, I completed my research for an article examining the influence of William Shakespeare's play "The Tempest" on Keri Hulme's novel *The Bone People* and I am now working on revisions in preparation for submitting the piece for publication. In the course of doing research for this article, I developed the idea for a second article on women's adaptations of "The Tempest" using Margaret Atwood's new novel *Hagseed*, along with work by Hulme and Isak Dinesen. Because Atwood's work is new and highly regarded, I believe that this piece will be very publishable. I drafted a proposal based on this work and submitted it to the "Exploring the Renaissance" international conference, sponsored by the South Central Renaissance Conference, where it has been accepted. I look forward to receiving input from other scholars of Renaissance literature on my work and plan to talk with the editors of publications in the field about submitting a full-length article based on the presentation.

The majority of my sabbatical was spent reading primary and secondary source material for my book project on early modern revenge drama. As there are a significant number of plays that may be considered to fall within this tradition, I spent several weeks reading primary texts and winnowing down the list of plays to include in my book. I then spent several months reading secondary materials on the revenge tradition, as well as studies of individual authors and texts. Finally, I spent the remainder of my leave time finalizing the plan for the layout of the nine chapters that will comprise the book.

I am grateful to the university for giving me the time to focus on my research, which will benefit both my scholarship and my teaching in my area of specialization. While I still have work to do, I could not have made this much progress so quickly had I not been granted leave. I am excited to move forward with my current work and to continue to develop future projects based on the research that I have already completed.