



SPU Internal Final Grant Report

Academic Year & Type of Grant (FRG, SERVE or Innovation): 2015-16 FRG

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Original Title of the Proposal: "Counterterrorism Strategies: Resolving Complex Conflicts in Afghanistan and Beyond"

The Final Project Report must briefly address the following in 1-2 pages:

1. Summarize the project goals and the activities that took place to meet those goals during the grant period. Note who was involved and if anyone was an SPU student.

I conducted research and wrote up the findings toward the goal of academic publication. In particular, I have produced a book proposal, discussed it with relevant scholars to receive constructive feedback in preparation for submission to a publisher, and made progress on the book manuscript draft. Additionally, I have worked on a version of the material for publication in an academic article as a potential stepping-stone toward accomplishing the larger book project. (No students were involved in this project.)

2. What were the major findings? If there are no findings or completed work at this time, what did you learn from carrying out this project that could be applicable to future scholarly works?

The academic article was submitted to the *Journal of Cold War Studies*, a premier A-list journal in the field chosen as a best outlet for my work that utilizes archival material. The submission was reviewed through a double-blind academic review process and I have recently received a "Revise & Resubmit" decision. One of the major findings is that the work is valued in the field and I am encouraged to pursue publication. I will use this experience toward finalizing the article as well as advancing the book project.

3. How were or will the results be disseminated (publication, presentation, creative work, etc. – be as specific as possible)? Please add an addendum or link to completed projects or provide a time-line for future dissemination.

I plan on publication in an academic journal and eventually with a book publisher. As opportunities arise, I would also like to present my work. In terms of a timeline, I plan to wrap up the article revision over the summer of 2016 and continue to work on the book during my sabbatical in the fall of 2016. Additionally, I continue to incorporate relevant aspects of my research into my teaching as appropriate. This project's topics are covered by several of my classes, which tend to be of great interest to our students.



4. What future scholarly works will be related to this project?

In addition to the aforementioned scholarly outputs, I would also like to disseminate my findings through a public policy oriented and/or practitioner venue such as by publishing an article in a policy-relevant journal or presenting the material to a broader audience.

5. Is there external funding that you would like to pursue with the [Office of Sponsored Programs](#)?

Yes, I have several follow-on academic projects underway and would like to seek further research funding and course release to facilitate their timely completion.

6. Did you run into any problems or difficulties in completing the project? How were these resolved?

No.

7. If you had student participation – how did participation in this project further their professional goals or vocational understanding?

No students participated in this project.