

To: Provost Missy Alexander,
Jennifer O'Brien, Chair, Academic Leave Committee

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RE: Academic Leave Report



I am writing to report on the results of my Spring, 2016 sabbatic leave to write a textbook in life span developmental psychology. *Life Span Development in Context: A Topic Approach* is scheduled to go into production in July, 2017 and will be published by SAGE Publications in January, 2018.

My sabbatic leave was central to my success in writing a substantial portion of this book. Over the Spring semester I completed a full draft of the following 8 chapters of this 17 chapter book:

Part 1: Foundations of Development

Chapter 1: Understanding Human Development: Approaches and Theories

Part 2: Biological Development and Health

Chapter 2: Biological and Environmental Foundations of Development

Chapter 3: The Prenatal Period, Birth, and the Newborn

Chapter 4: Physical Development and Aging

Chapter 5: Health and Wellness

Part 3: Cognitive Development

Chapter 6: Cognitive Change: Cognitive-Developmental Approach

Chapter 7: Cognitive Change: Information Processing Approach

Chapter 8: Intelligence

My work on these chapters has also permitted me to update several of my courses, most notably, Child Psychology (PSY210), but also Adolescent Psychology (PSY211) and The Adult Years (PSY222). I am very appreciative of the time this opportunity has afforded.