Proposal for Professional Leave  
submitted by John Hawk  
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I respectfully submit this proposal to the Dean of the Library and the Professional Development Leave Committee. I am requesting a leave of seven weeks in order to continue my research and writing on a book-length study of the life and work of the photographer, Lee Moorhouse. I began the project in 1996 and since that time have been collaborating with photography historian, Thomas Robinson. In the course of my research I have visited the National Archives, Whitman College, Umatilla County Historical Society, and the Pendleton Public Library. We have been working with the University of Washington Press on the project and are hopeful that they will be the publisher of the work. For more details on Lee Moorhouse and the scope of my research, please see the portfolio that I submitted to the Press. I also have included the response from Michael Duckworth, Acquisitions Editor. If I can provide more information, please let me know and I will be happy to do so.

Goals to be achieved during leave:
My goals to be achieved during the leave are: 1) to organize my cumulated research 2) to complete research at the University of Oregon and the Oregon Historical Society and 3) to make progress in writing the manuscript. At this time I estimate that 80% of the research for the project has been completed and that 25% of the writing has been completed. I estimate that 80% of my leave time would be committed to organizing my research and writing.

Role of project to professional development:
This project relates to my professional development as a special collections librarian and also addresses my subject specialty in the field of American history. I have found this undertaking to be rewarding in the many ways that it serves as continuing education and an opportunity to consider the intersection of photography, history, and special collections.

Time schedule of professional leave:
Because of public service responsibilities in the Rare Book Room, the only reasonable time for me to take professional leave would be during January (prior to the start of the semester) and during the summer months. I propose taking 2 or 3 weeks of leave during January and the balance of leave in a 4 or 5 week period in July and/or August. I will need to travel to Oregon during these times to complete my research and to collaborate with Thomas Robinson. I can do most of the writing in San Francisco.

Perceived funding needs:
I do not anticipate any specific funding costs. I may request assistance for travel to Oregon. I would have no lodging costs.

*Please return portfolio to John Hawk when finished.