

Sabbatical Leave Report

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This brief narrative will report on the successful sabbatical leave I had during the fall semester of 2007. The sabbatical did not take exactly the course that I had intended, but it was successful nevertheless.

My objective during this sabbatical was to make a detailed outline of each chapter. I had researched, but I needed to begin to put it together. I outlined all of Australian theatre history in each chapter except for chapter six. I discovered that I need to do further research in the late twentieth century (chapter six) and this sabbatical was not the time to do that. Nevertheless, I spent several weeks building the chapters this way.

I discovered during this time that I need to "layer" my book. Once the outline of Australian theatre history was done, I turned to beginning to tying Australian history to Australian theatre, but instead of an outline form, I was compelled to write a narrative draft of my manuscript. I am well into chapter one with this, but the sabbatical is now over and I need to concentrate on other matters.

In summary, this was a very busy and productive semester. The manuscript is now about 313 pages long (mostly single spaced), and well on its way. I am ready and willing to have another such sabbatical at the earliest opportunity!