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From the (Associate) Director:

Greetings and welcome to a new academic year!

I am assuming authorship of this column has provided a brief description of a work tentatively entitled, "Spaniards and Their Savages in the Age of Enlightenment."

represented for Bourbon Spain, which continued Ph.D. at the University of Washington. She received an NEH Fellowship for College Teaching in 1996-97 and has also held a Fulbright Foundation Senior Lectureship (New Zealand) and an Andrew Mellon Fellowship at the Huntington Library. Her teaching interests include the American West and the American Indians, and her work explores issues regarding constructions of race and ethnicity, and their implications for American thought and identity and for Indian policy. Sherry is the author of three books, the most recent of which is *Reimagining Indians, 1880-1940* forthcoming from Oxford University Press.

David writes, "Spain's interest in conquering America continued long after the Age of Conquest. Two centuries after the Spaniards' stunning defeats of the Aztecs and the Incas, independent Indians still controlled most of the area that Spain claimed as its New World empire. How did enlightened, eighteenth-century Spaniards, who fully understood Spain's reputation for treating Indians brutally, try to bring remaining independent Indians under their control? How did independent Indians, from Apaches to Araucanians, shape the policies and practices of the enlightened Bourbon officials who governed eighteenth-century Spain? Scholars have answered these questions for particular locales; I propose to take a hemispheric-wide view of the relations between Spaniards and "savages." My larger view reveals the magnitude of the challenges and opportunities that independent Indians

Both Sherry and I look forward to seeing you at one or more of the Center's activities for the upcoming year (outlined herein). We've assembled a wide variety of programs and a stellar group of post-doctoral fellows. Your participation in the life of the Center will only enhance what we anticipate will be another great year.

Jane Lenz Elder
Associate Director



~~~ **Friends and Fellows** ~~~

We are pleased to introduce our three research fellows for 2000-2001 and provide you with a bit of background information on their work. They form a major part of the life of the Clements

in conclusion . . .

Those of you who live or work close to campus will know of the challenges that SMU's ongoing construction projects present to us all. While we anticipate that the parking situation will ease with the opening of the new garage at the corner of Airline and Daniels and the one underneath the new Meadows Museum, the rerouting of traffic around campus will continue throughout the academic year. Please be aware of the following changes:

- ◆ Daniels will be closed between Hillcrest and Athens Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Saturday. During non-construction hours, two-way traffic will be allowed on Daniels.
- ◆ Traffic that normally uses Daniels will be rerouted to University Blvd. between Hillcrest and Airline Road, making University Blvd. a two-way street. Parking on University Blvd. near Florence Hall,