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From the Director:

In May the Clements Center ended its sixth year of operations. Thanks to generous grants from the Summerlee, King, and Summerfield Roberts foundations, the Center has been able to support sixteen residential fellows over the last six years. Without these grants, the Center's budget would have supported only six fellows--one a year.

Fellowships at the Clements Center have changed the career trajectories of young scholars, helping them write better books, find better publishers, and land better jobs than they could have without the time and support that we provide. The three members of our class of 2001-02 each ended up with fine academic appointments for this autumn: Pekka Hämäläinen at Texas A&M; Omar Valerio-Jiménez at California State University, Long Beach; Martina Will de Chaparro at Texas Women's University. *[See inside for this year's fellows.]*

Grants from foundations helped jumpstart our program and we are deeply grateful. Foundation support ended in May having served its purpose of

involved, this dissertation explores the interplay between popular and scholarly discourses in the early twentieth century development of the study of religion.”



Clements Center's Publication News

The Clements Center is proud to announce a new book in its “publishing-on-demand” series: **The Diary of Juan Domínguez de Mendoza's Expedition into Texas (1683-1684)**. It is a critical edition of the Spanish text with facsimile reproductions, edited and with an introduction by **Dr. Brian Imhoff**, Assistant Professor of Spanish at Texas A & M University. The Domínguez de Mendoza expedition into Texas, from December 15, 1683, to July 18, 1684, is one of the earliest explorations of west-central Texas. The diary offers some of the most vivid descriptions of Spanish contact with Native Americans and the natural world. This edition presents the expedition diary in Spanish for the first time, along with a full critical apparatus, annotated commentary, and two facsimile full-text reproductions. The analysis, in English, is based on the seven known manuscripts, two of which have not been discussed previously in the extant literature; it provides useful information for historians, anthropologists, and scholars of other disciplines as well as for philologists. For order information, please see our web site.

Nancy Beck Young, one of the first Clements Fellows in Southwest Studies (1996-97), won the 2000 D. B. Hardeman Prize for her biography of a legendary Texas politician, *Wright Patman: Populism, Liberalism, and the American Dream*. The \$1,000 Hardeman Prize is funded by a grant from the Lyndon Baines Johnson Foundation. Candidates are judged on the importance of their contribution to scholarship on the Congress, and their literary craftsmanship, originality, and depth of research. Dr. Young worked on her manuscript while at SMU during her year as a Clements Fellow. She is an Associate Professor at McKendree College in Lebanon, Illinois, where she teaches American political and women's history.

Kit Nelson, visiting assistant professor of Anthropology/Archaeology at Tulane University, notified us that her essay on “Lead, Paint, and Pots: Rio Grande Intercommunity Dynamics from a Glaze Ware Perspective,” will be published in an edited volume called *The Social Life of Pots*, which will be published by the University of Arizona Press. Dr. Nelson used a Clements Center travel research grant to do the research for this essay while she was in the doctoral program at SMU.

Ph. D. history candidate **Amy Meschke** won the \$1,000 dissertation award from the Western Association of Women Historians' Founders' Dissertation Fellowship. Meschke was also invited to speak at the first annual Mexican American History Workshop on gender and sexuality to be held at the University of Houston on May 2-4, 2003. Her work focuses on women's wills in the Spanish and Mexican borderlands from 1750-1846. Meschke shows how wills provide windows into everyday lives with information about their families, belongings, religious devotions, and economic activities.



Intriguing Work by Clements-DeGolyer Visiting Scholars

Through a special collaboration between the Clements Center and the DeGolyer Library, visiting scholars receive research travel grants to work in the DeGolyer's special collections. Recent visitors include **Dr. Ron Law**, history professor from San Jacinto College South, Houston, TX, who was researching the life of Congressman Hatton W. Sumners, and **Dr. Sheri Shuck**, assistant professor of history, The University of Alabama in Huntsville, whose work is on the Alabama and Coushatta tribes of Texas. Mexico City historian, **Dr. Yolia Tortolero Cervantes**, arrived in March to catalogue the rich Mexico-related holdings of the DeGolyer Library on behalf of the Archivo Nacional de la Nación. Professor **Mark Dyreson**, Department of Kinesiology and History, Pennsylvania State University, acknowledged the Center's help in an article for the *Journal of Sports History* (Summer 2001) on “American Ideas about Race and Olympic Races from the 1890s to the 1950s: Shattering Myths or Reinforcing Scientific Racism?” Dyreson looks at the way that Jesse Owens' victories in the 1936 Olympics reinforced racism as well as challenged it. **Dr. Patrick Cox**

[Grant Deadlines for 2002-2003 are September 16 & March 17. Please see our web site for details!]



Application Deadlines

September 16, 2002 and March 17, 2003: CLEMENTS-DEGOLYER RESEARCH GRANTS: These \$500-a- week research travel grants are for applicants who live outside the greater Dallas-Fort Worth area in order to



~~~ **More Special Events Ahead!** ~~~

> **Thursday, September 12: “The Worlds of Islam” Series – Part I: “Conflict and Coexistence: Muslims and Christians in Medieval Spain”:** A lecture by Mark D. Meyerson, Associate Professor of Medieval History, University of Toronto. This is a Stanton Sharp Lecture, organized by the Clements Department of History, with assistance from the Clements Center. There is no charge, but please register. Space is limited. Call 214-768-3684. *5:30 p.m. Reception. 6:00 Lecture – McCord Auditorium, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor Dallas Hall, 3225 University Ave.*

> **Saturday, September 21: “Continental Crossroads: Remapping U.S.-Mexico Borderlands History”**  
A path-breaking conference with presentations by ten young borderlands scholars, who are helping to reshape our understanding of the borderlands. There is no charge to attend, but please register. Luncheon costs \$20. Space is limited. Call 214-768-3684. *8:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. Hughes Trigg Student Center–Forum, 3140 Dyer St.*

> **Saturday, October 5: “The Worlds of Islam” Series – Part II: “Islam in North Texas”**  
**A unique public forum that will explore what it means to be Muslim and American in North Texas.**