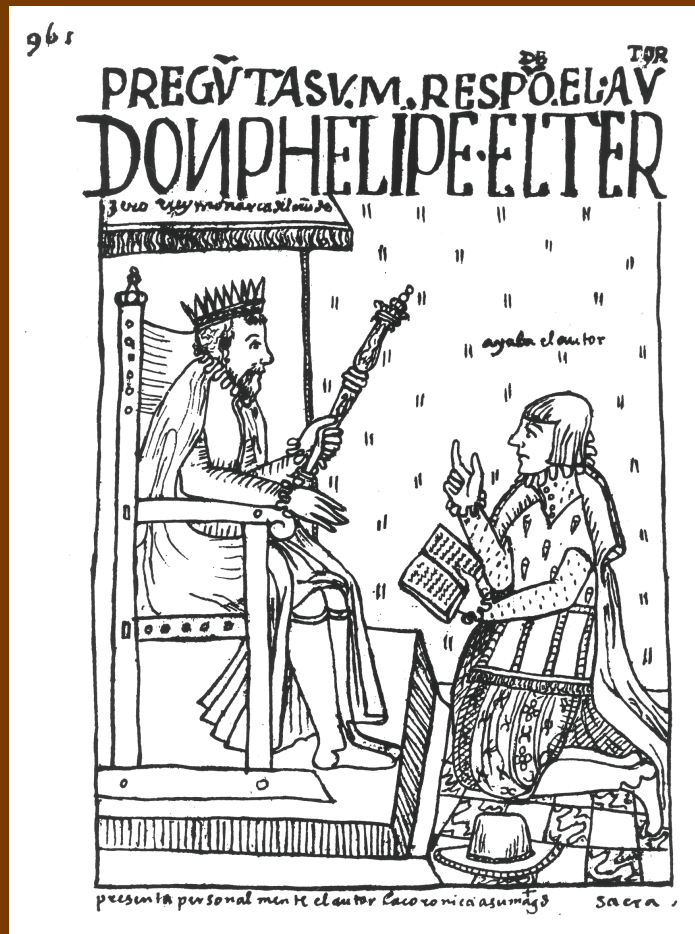


The Clements Department of History at SMU invites you to
A STANTON SHARP LECTURE



*"The Virtual and the Real:
The Case of the Mysterious Documents from Naples"*

Presented by Kenneth J. Andrien

Wednesday, February 20, 2013

Reception at 6:00 pm Lecture at 6:30 pm

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In 1996 Laura Laurencich Minelli, an archaeologist at the University of Bologna, announced the existence of a privately-held series of documents and artifacts, known as the Naples documents. Most were purportedly written by an enigmatic mestizo Jesuit, Blas Valera, whose works defending Inca culture and language had long been thought lost. The discovery of these documents challenged the historical understanding of the Inca Empire and the Spanish Conquest of the Andes and cast doubt on other well-known historical sources. Professor Andrien will explore the acrimonious controversies over the authenticity of the Naples documents and offer his judgment on whether they are fraudulent or credible.

Kenneth J. Andrien was recently appointed as the Edmund J. and Louise W. Kahn Chair in History at Southern Methodist University and is a graduate of Duke University. He is the author of *Crisis and Decline: The Viceroyalty of Peru in the Seventeenth Century* (1985), *The Kingdom of Quito, 1690-1830: The State and Regional Development* (1995), and *Andean Worlds: Indigenous History, Culture, and Consciousness Under Spanish Rule, 1532-1825* (2001). He also edited *The Human Tradition in Colonial Latin America* (2003).

He and Allan J. Kuethe have just completed *The Spanish Atlantic World in the Eighteenth Century: War and the Bourbon Reforms, 1713-1796* (forthcoming from Cambridge University Press).

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