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Dedication

This edition of *Historical Perspectives* is respectfully dedicated to Professor Peter O'Malley Pierson.

After more than thirty years as a faculty member at Santa Clara University, Peter O'M. Pierson is retiring from full-time teaching at the end of this academic year. Professor Pierson came to Santa Clara University in 1966 with a Ph.D. in History from UCLA. During the following years, he established himself as a leading scholar in the field of Spanish history as well as a dedicated teacher of undergraduate students. Within the historical profession he has been an active participant in such organizations as the American Historical Association, the Society for Spanish and Portuguese Historical Studies, the Renaissance Society of America, and the American Catholic Historical Association. His scholarly interest has focused on sixteenth-century Spain and on military, particularly naval history. In addition to his many journal articles, Pierson is the author of a number of major scholarly books on Spanish history. These include *Commander of the Armada: The Seventh Duke of Medina Sidonia, Philip II of Spain* (also published in Spanish and German editions), and his recently published *The History of Spain*. He is currently writing a book on the life of Don Juan de Austria.

As a teacher Professor Pierson has taught literally thousands of Santa Clara undergraduates. His roster of courses over three decades has included classes on Europe in the Middle Ages, Renaissance and Reformation, History of Spain, Old Regime in France, Spain and Italy in the Mediterranean, European Society and Culture, War in the Modern World, Twentieth Century World Wars, Europe and America, Dynasties and Discoveries, War and Society to 1815, Age of European Discoveries, and a variety of seminars. Many students who were not history majors will remember him best for his impressive series of courses on the history of Western Civilization, which displayed both his broad historical erudition and his love of art, music and literature.

Professor Pierson served as a Fulbright Scholar in Spain, and he received research grants and fellowships from the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Mabelle McLeod Lewis Memorial Fund, and the American Philosophical Society. For his many distinctions and achievements as a teaching scholar, Santa Clara University honored Dr. Pierson with an endowed chair--the Lee and Seymour Graff Professorship. His faculty colleagues named him Santa Clara Faculty Senate Professor for 1996-1997.

The student editors are honored to dedicate this volume of *Historical Perspectives* to Professor Peter O. Malley Pierson.