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Editor's Introduction

I am profoundly honored to assume the editorial chair of the *New Mexico Historical Review*. During seventy-five years of publication, the *Review* has become a scholarly publication integral to the historical understanding of the greater Southwest. My priority as editor is to perpetuate the publishing breadth of the *Review* and the excellence of my editorial predecessors. Under my direction, the geographical focus will continue to be the greater Southwest from west Texas to southern California and from southern Utah and Colorado to northern Mexico. The chronological frame will range from prehistory to the late-twentieth century. In addition to historical scholarship, I welcome historically rooted submissions from related disciplines such as anthropology, archaeology, folklore, architecture, literature, and other fields. The *Review* will remain committed to high-quality research, writing, and analysis; all monographs will undergo peer review by two outside referees. I hope that, during the next quarter century, the *Review* will retain and enhance its reputation as a valuable repository of regional knowledge and a journal worthy of the historical community's attention.

I wish to thank the Department of History at the University of New Mexico for the unique opportunity to edit the *New Mexico Historical Review*. Likewise, I want to thank Professor John Kessell, who returned from retirement to serve as interim editor of the *Review* during the 1999–2000 academic year. His editorial service left the journal in remarkably good condition and cultivated in the student staff a high degree of professionalism. The *Review* could not ask for a stronger editor, advocate, and teacher, and I look forward to working with him on the *Review* Editorial Board in the coming years.

