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Dear Lilly Alumni:

Several faculty members have asked whether there will be a 2009-10 CTE-Lilly Fellows cohort. After extended conversations and much soul-searching, we have decided to postpone the CTE-Lilly Fellowship program for a year in light of the current budget crises. We do this with great reluctance. The next CTE-Lilly cohort in 2010-11 will be the 20th and we want to be able to capitalize on this important watershed with a number of special events.

We will use this academic year to step back to reflect on and document the important work that the Lilly Fellows have accomplished, including the work of the 2008-09 Lilly Fellows. Their work on teaching controversial topics in a variety of disciplines will be presented in workshop format on Wednesday, September 16, 2009, 3:00-5:00 p.m., in the Maryland Room of Marie Mount Hall. The presentation and workshop will be followed by a reception. We invite all Lilly Alumni and their faculty colleagues to join us for the workshop and/or the reception.

Because we will not have a CTE-Lilly Fellows cohort this academic year, CTE, with support from Undergraduate Studies, will host a number of events that will bring the Lilly Fellows together for discourse and discussion. These will include a fall reading and learning commons open to all educators on campus which will look at Jane Tompkins' memoir, [A Life in School: What the Teacher Learned](#), several Lilly Alumni receptions, and a Lilly Alumni lunch forum during which we will discuss the role of the CTE-Lilly Fellowship program on campus. We look forward to these exchanges as we move forward in our continuing efforts to support teaching and learning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Donna B. Hamilton".

Donna B. Hamilton
Associate Provost for Academic Affairs and
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A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer A. Benson".

Spencer A. Benson
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