Dear Readers,

Welcome to the University of California Press Fall 2020 catalog. During this year of unprecedented moments, I know we all have a lot on our minds. I hope that with this coming season our titles can both deepen our understanding of what’s happening and also provide a little respite.

For a deeper understanding, consider Juliet Schor’s *After the Gig*, Tony Keddie’s *Republican Jesus*, and W. Joseph Campbell’s *Lost in a Gallup*—three titles that are disturbingly relevant to the world we now live in. Schor examines the lost promise of the gig economy and how to get it back; Keddie, how and why evangelicals turned to the GOP and Trump; and Campbell, how polling really works.

We also go farther into the past with *Human Shields, The United States of War*, and *The Koreas*—deep histories that interrogate the assumptions we make about our present moment. To go even farther back, read Aristophanes’ *Against Demagogues*. Has democratic politics ever been worry free?

But what to do when you’re hungry for information and knowledge that’s not quite so relevant to political events? Step one: Read *The Goode Guide to Wine*, by Jamie Goode. Even if you disagree with him, you can sip and argue. Step two: Read Marion Nestle’s engaging and deeply expert take on what you should eat and why. You’ll never look at your refrigerator or grocery store shelf the same way again.

Once your more base needs are satisfied, you can dig into Jan Caeyers new biography of Beethoven—a remarkable reimagining of one of the greatest composers of all time.

Tim Sullivan, Executive Director
When the “sharing economy” launched a decade ago, proponents claimed that it would transform the experience of work—giving earners flexibility, autonomy, and a decent income. It was touted as a cure for social isolation and rampant ecological degradation. But this novel form of gig work soon sprouted a dark side: exploited Uber drivers, neighborhoods ruined by Airbnb, racial discrimination, and rising carbon emissions. Several of the most prominent platforms are now faced with existential crises as they prioritize growth over fairness and long-term viability.

Nevertheless, the basic model—a peer-to-peer structure augmented by digital tech—holds the potential to meet its original promises. Based on nearly a decade of pioneering research, After the Gig dives into what went wrong along the way to this contemporary reimagining of labor. The book examines multiple types of data from thirteen cases to identify the unique features and potential of sharing platforms that prior research has failed to identify. Juliet B. Schor presents a compelling case that we can engineer a reboot: through regulatory reforms and cooperative platforms owned and controlled by users, an equitable and actual sharing economy is still possible.

“Juliet Schor and her team have done something extraordinary: their intensive research has let them understand what the sharing economy really feels like to its participants, and their storytelling ability lets the rest of us make complete sense of the data. This book will redefine the field.”
—Bill McKibben, author of *Deep Economy*

“A deeply researched and thoughtful account of what promised (or threatened) to revolutionize work and ownership, but probably won’t. A must-read for anyone thinking about the future of work.”
—Yochai Benkler, Professor, Harvard Law School and Berkman Klein Center for Internet and Society at Harvard University

“This book is incredibly important. The story that Schor tells is further enhanced in that she tells it—not just across sectors—but also across positionalities.”
—Veena Dubal, Professor of Law, University of California, Hastings College of Law

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Let’s Ask Marion
What You Need to Know about the Politics of Food, Nutrition, and Health
Marion Nestle in conversation with Kerry Trueman

Let’s Ask Marion is a concise and thoughtful question-and-answer collection that showcases the expertise of food politics powerhouse Marion Nestle in exchanges with environmental advocate Kerry Trueman. These informative essays explain how to advocate for food systems that are healthier for people and the planet, moving from the politics of personal dietary choices, to community food issues, and finally to matters that affect global food systems.

Nestle has been thinking, writing, and teaching about food systems for decades, and her impact is unparalleled. Let’s Ask Marion provides an accessible survey of her opinions and conclusions for anyone curious about the individual, social, and global politics of food.

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Praise for Marion Nestle

“When journalists need to understand how an agricultural policy or nutrition guideline will affect public health, they call Marion Nestle.”
—Time

“One of the most dogged chroniclers of the U.S. food industry and its politics.”
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“Marion Nestle is a well-respected nutrition expert with degrees in molecular biology and public health nutrition, whose writing is smart and accessible.”
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“One of the key voices in food policy, nutrition, and food education in this country.”
—Village Voice

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The Goode Guide to Wine
A Manifesto of Sorts
Jamie Goode

Who will have the last word on wine, if not Jamie Goode? Over the last decade, Goode has embarked on almost nonstop travel through the world's vineyards in an effort to understand the beautifully diverse and complicated world of wine. His hard-nosed pursuit of the most interesting stories to tell about wine has led us here, to The Goode Guide to Wine. This book—a sort of manifesto—distills many of the observations, lessons, and opinions that have made Jamie Goode a renowned voice within the wine world.

In a series of short, pithy, and often rather blunt chapters, he celebrates what is exciting and interesting about wine, asks how we could do things better, and points out some of the absurdities of wine culture. Jamie Goode has a distinct philosophy when it comes to wine, and he knows you may disagree; if you do, that means it’s working. The Goode Guide to Wine is a book designed to provoke and inspire in equal measure, encouraging the reader to be critical and to see the world of wine through fresh eyes.

Praise for Flawless: Understanding Faults in Wine

“Mr. Goode is succinct and clear about how . . . various flaws are expressed in wines. This can be helpful to any wine lover who knows when a wine is not right, but doesn’t know exactly what is wrong.”
—New York Times

“Should be on the bookshelf of all ambitious and passionately curious wine professionals.”
—Sam Harrop MW, winemaker and coauthor of Authentic Wine: Toward Natural and Sustainable Winemaking

Praise for I Taste Red: The Science of Tasting Wine

“Our five favorite liquor and wine books from 2016: An engaging read.”
—San Francisco Chronicle

“The book is superb. . . . Should be read by every individual who tastes wine critically, produces wine, or simply enjoys wine’s pleasures.”
—CHOICE

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Republican Jesus
How the Right Has Rewritten the Gospels
Tony Keddie

Jesus loves borders, guns, unborn babies, and economic prosperity and hates homosexuality, taxes, welfare, and universal healthcare—or so say many Republican politicians, pundits, and preachers. Through outrageous misreadings of the New Testament gospels going back almost a century, conservative influencers have conjured a version of Jesus who speaks to their fears, desires, and resentments.

In Republican Jesus, Tony Keddie explains not only where this right-wing Christ came from and what he stands for, but also why this version of Jesus is a fraud. By restoring Republicans’ cherry-picked gospel texts to their original literary and historical contexts, Keddie dismantles the biblical basis for Republican positions on hot-button issues like Big Government, taxation, abortion, immigration, and climate change. At the same time, he introduces readers to an ancient Jesus whose life experiences and ethics were totally unlike those of modern Americans, conservatives and liberals alike.

“Written by a first-rate expert on the New Testament, Republican Jesus is a compelling and no-holds-barred tour de force: whatever proponents of the Christian right might claim, the Republican Jesus stands radically at odds with the Jesus of the gospels. This is a must-read for our divisive and dangerous times.”
—Bart D. Ehrman, author of Heaven and Hell: A History of the Afterlife

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Lost in a Gallup
Polling Failure in U.S. Presidential Elections
W. Joseph Campbell

Donald Trump’s unexpected victory in the 2016 U.S. presidential election brought sweeping criticism of election polls and poll-based statistical forecasts, which had signaled that Hillary Clinton would win the White House. Surprise ran deep in 2016, but it was not unprecedented. Lost in a Gallup examines in lively and engaging fashion the history of polling flops, epic upsets, unforeseen landslides, and exit poll fiascoes in American presidential elections. Drawing on archival sources, W. Joseph Campbell presents insights on notable pollsters of the past, including George Gallup, Elmo Roper, Archibald Crossley, Warren Mitofsky, and Louis Harris.

The story is one of media failure, too, as journalists invariably take their lead from polls in crafting campaign narratives. Lost in a Gallup describes how numerous prominent journalists—including Edward R. Murrow, Jimmy Breslin, Mike Royko, Christopher Hitchens, and Haynes Johnson—were outspoken poll-bashers and critics. In assessing polling’s messy, uneven, and controversial past, Campbell emphasizes that although election polls are not always wrong, their inherent drawbacks invite skepticism and wariness. Readers will come away better prepared to weigh the efficacy and value of pre-election polls in presidential races, the most important and highly anticipated of all American elections.

“This engaging history of presidential polling mishaps goes beyond the usual focus on methodological shortcomings. It explores how critics have depicted the codependent relationships between pollsters, politicians, and the press. The stage is set for the next polling problem to be revealed.”
—Joel Best, author of Damned Lies and Statistics and Stat-Spotting

“W. Joseph Campbell clearly and patiently explains the long and troubling history of polling failures in presidential politics, dating back to the New Deal. The book could not be more timely and should be a primer for every informed political observer and journalist.”
—William J. Drummond, Professor, University of California, Berkeley

“Campbell takes a deep dive into the science of polling—when it works, when it doesn’t, and why we continue to be fascinated with pollsters’ ‘snapshots in time’ of public opinion. Lost in a Gallup is a well-researched, scholarly, and relevant look at the complexity of this key arena.”
—Carla Marinucci, Senior Writer, POLITICO

W. Joseph Campbell is an American writer, historian, media critic, and blogger who is the author of six other books, including the award-winning Getting It Wrong: Debunking the Greatest Myths in American Journalism.
Human Shields
A History of People in the Line of Fire
Neve Gordon and Nicola Perugini

The chilling history of human shields and the deeper question of what “human” means.

From Syrian civilians locked in iron cages to veterans joining peaceful indigenous water protectors at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, from Sri Lanka to Iraq and from Yemen to the United States, human beings have been used as shields for protection, coercion, or deterrence. Over the past decade, human shields have also appeared with increasing frequency in noncombat contexts such as antinuclear struggles, civil and environmental protests, and even computer games. The phenomenon, however, is by no means a new one.

In Human Shields, Neve Gordon and Nicola Perugini describe how human shields have been used in key historical and contemporary moments and across geographical sites. The practice of human shielding corresponds with the history of shifting understandings of what is valued as “human”: in the American Civil War and the Franco-German War, only the elite were used as shields, while in later conflicts, hundreds of thousands of women and children and indigenous people of color were placed in the crossfire as deterrents.

Human Shields demonstrates how this increasing weaponization of human beings has made the position of civilians trapped in theaters of violence more precarious and their lives more expendable.

“With its insights into the politics of who counts as human, this book is one of the most important interventions ever in the critical history of the laws of war.”
—Samuel Moyn, author of Not Enough: Human Rights in an Unequal World

“Compellingly important and thoroughly absorbing, this very readable book will fast become the standard reference in our understanding of human shields.”
—Laleh Khalili, author of Sinews of War and Trade: Shipping and Capitalism in the Arabian Peninsula

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The Koreas
Two Nations in the Modern World
Theodore Jun Yoo

Korea is one of the last divided countries in the world. Twins born of the Cold War, one is vilified as an isolated, impoverished, time-warped state with an abysmal human rights record and a reclusive leader who perennially threatens global security with his clandestine nuclear weapons program. The other is lauded as a thriving democratic and capitalist state with the thirteenth largest economy in the world and a model that developing countries should emulate.

In The Koreas, Theodore Jun Yoo provides a compelling gateway to understanding the divergent developments of contemporary North and South Korea. In contrast to standard histories, Yoo examines the unique qualities of the Korean diaspora experience, which has challenged the master narratives of national culture, homogeneity, belongingness, and identity. This book draws from the latest research to present a decidedly demythologized history, with chapters focusing on feature stories that capture the key issues of the day as they affect popular culture and everyday life. The Koreas will be indispensable to any historian, armchair or otherwise, in need of a discerning and reliable guide to the region.

“Theodore Yoo has written a fascinating, deeply informed contemporary history of the Koreas. His own unique upbringing and background give him rare insight into North Korea, and his wide-ranging knowledge of South Korean culture nicely illuminates its increasingly globe-ranging influence. Well organized and clearly written, this book will be particularly useful in the classroom.”
—Bruce Cumings, author of The Korean War: A History

“From the Korean War to K-pop, Yoo’s superb volume elucidates and enlightens anyone curious about the bewildering and discomfiting confusion that is the Korean Peninsula. Loaded with insightful interpretations and leavened with fun facts, The Koreas is a bracing tour de force of the divided nation and its far-flung diaspora.”
—John Lie, C.K. Cho Professor, University of California, Berkeley

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Interweaves stories of North Korea and South Korea—two countries with vastly different trajectories—into one compelling narrative.

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Smoke but No Fire
Convicting the Innocent of Crimes that Never Happened
Jessica S. Henry

Rodricus Crawford was convicted and sentenced to die for the murder by suffocation of his beautiful baby boy. After years on death row, evidence confirmed what Crawford had claimed all along: he was innocent, and his son had died from an undiagnosed illness. Crawford is not alone. A full one-third of all known exonerations stem from no-crime wrongful convictions.

The first book to explore this common but previously undocumented type of wrongful conviction, Smoke but No Fire tells the heartbreaking stories of innocent people convicted of crimes that simply never happened. A suicide is mislabeled a homicide. An accidental fire is mislabeled an arson. Corrupt police plant drugs on an innocent suspect. A false allegation of assault is invented to resolve a custody dispute. With this book, former New York City public defender Jessica S. Henry shines essential light on a deeply flawed criminal justice system that allows—even encourages—these convictions to regularly occur. Smoke but No Fire promises to be eye-opening reading for legal professionals, students, and activists alike as it grapples with the chilling reality that far too many innocent people spend real years behind bars for fictional crimes.

“This book urges criminal justice actors to recommit to a vision that sees wrongful convictions as an intolerable evil and it is an important wake-up call to professionals complicit in the status quo.”
—Jonathan Rapping, founder of Gideon’s Promise, Inc. and author of Gideon’s Promise: A Public Defender Movement to Transform Criminal Justice

“Henry’s riveting book introduces readers to the world of no-crime exonerations. It is truly shocking to learn how crimes can be entirely fabricated through both misconduct and negligence.”
—Brandon L. Garrett, author of Convicting the Innocent: Where Criminal Prosecutions Go Wrong

“Henry unpacks a phenomenon few are aware of—the shocking problem of innocent people convicted of crimes that never actually happened at all. Written in powerful and accessible prose, this is a must read for lawyers, true crime fans, and anyone who cares about justice.”
—Mark Godsey, author of Blind Injustice: A Former Prosecutor Exposes the Psychology and Politics of Wrongful Convictions

Jessica S. Henry was a public defender for nearly ten years in New York City before joining the Department of Justice Studies at Montclair State University, where she is an Associate Professor and a frequent commentator on national television, on radio, and in print media.
The United States of War
A Global History of America’s Endless Conflicts, from Columbus to the Islamic State
David Vine

The United States has been fighting wars constantly since invading Afghanistan in 2001. This nonstop warfare is far less exceptional than it might seem: the U.S. has been at war or has invaded other countries almost every year since independence. In The United States of War, David Vine traces this pattern of bloody, near-permanent conflict from Columbus’s 1494 arrival in Guantanamo Bay through the 250-year expansion of a global US empire.

Drawing on historical and firsthand ethnographic research in fourteen countries and territories, The United States of War demonstrates how U.S. leaders across generations have locked the United States in a self-perpetuating system of permanent war by constructing the world’s largest-ever collection of foreign military bases—a global matrix that has made offensive interventionist wars more likely. Beyond exposing the profit-making desires, political interests, racism, and toxic masculinity underlying the country’s relationship to war and empire, The United States of War shows how this history of aggressive military expansion shapes our daily lives, from today’s multi-trillion-dollar wars to the pervasiveness of violence and militarism in everyday U.S. life. The book concludes by confronting the catastrophic toll of American wars—which have left millions dead, wounded, and displaced—while offering proposals for how we can end the fighting.

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“A brisk, sweeping, and utterly persuasive account of the relationship between foreign bases and the U.S. propensity for war. The case that Vine makes is irrefutable: The former spawn the latter.”
—Andrew Bacevich, author of The Age of Illusions: How America Squandered Its Cold War Victory

“David Vine’s book is a brilliant tour de force, a sweeping introspection, dissection, and condemnation of U.S. war making and the myriad ways U.S. military bases splayed around the world grease the wheels of the war machine. Read it and act.”
—Medea Benjamin, Codirector, CODEPINK

“The United States of War is especially important now, as we try to make sense of a presidential administration that, in the name of so-called ‘isolationism,’ has left a trail of global destruction in its wake.”
—Greg Grandin, Professor of History, Yale University

David Vine is Professor of Anthropology at American University. His other books include Base Nation: How U.S. Military Bases Abroad Harm America and the World and Island of Shame: The Secret History of the U.S. Military Base on Diego Garcia.
Beethoven, A Life
Jan Caeyers. Translated by Brent Annable

This new biography of Ludwig van Beethoven offers connoisseurs and newcomers alike an unparalleled story of the composer’s life and works, written by a renowned conductor and scholar of Beethoven’s music. With unprecedented access to the archives at the Beethoven House in Bonn, Jan Caeyers expertly weaves together a deeply human and complex picture of Beethoven—his troubled youth, his unpredictable mood swings, his desires, relationships, and conflicts with family and friends, the mysteries surrounding his affair with the “immortal beloved,” and the dramatic tale of his deafness. Caeyers also offers new insights into Beethoven’s music, showing how it transformed from the work of a skilled craftsman to that of a consummate artist.

Demonstrating an impressive command of the vast scholarship on this iconic composer, Caeyers brings Beethoven’s world alive with elegant prose, memorable musical descriptions, and a vivid depiction of Bonn and Vienna, where Beethoven produced and performed his works. Caeyers explores how Beethoven’s career was impacted by the historical and philosophical shifts taking place in the music world and how, in turn, his trajectory changed the music industry. Equal parts an absorbing cultural history and a lively biography, Beethoven, A Life reveals a complex portrait of the musical genius that defined a style of music and went on to become one of the great pillars of Western art music.

“The biography of a musician, written by a musician, becomes music itself. It literally begins to resonate. And it is enjoyable and moving to listen to—as informative as it is entertaining.”
—Gerhard Stadelmaier, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung

“An extremely readable study, composed in the present for the present.”
—Kai Luehrs-Kaiser, Die Welt

“Jan Caeyers has written a major book on Beethoven. . . . He achieves a vibrant portrait of the composer, his contemporaries, and society in provincial Bonn and the metropolis of Vienna.”
—Tobias Schwartz, Märkische Allgemeine

“Caeyers has achieved a comprehensive biography that also captivates emotionally with detailed facts.”
—Operpoint

Jan Caeyers is a conductor and musicologist. The music director of the Beethoven orchestra Le Concert Olympique and a member of the Department of Musicology at KU Leuven, Caeyers is one of Europe’s preeminent experts on Beethoven.
As a conductor of Beethoven’s music, what draws you to this composer’s life and works?

Beethoven’s music fascinates like no other, as it stimulates in equal measure both the head and the heart—facets in music that are often diametrically opposed. Not only did Beethoven push the musical language of his day to its limits, but he also conceived of an entirely new musical grammar. One significant consequence of his works was the introduction of the concept of “innovation” as a key parameter in the evaluation of new music.

A noteworthy aspect of Beethoven’s oeuvre is that it covers every genre of the time, ranging from major vocal, orchestral, and chamber works to the smallest occasional pieces. Each one bears his unique compositional signature and hallmark of quality—none of his works drops below a certain critical quality threshold. And in contrast to the great, tormented, and majestic works (da-da-da-DAAAA) that are part of the mythical image of Beethoven cultivated in the nineteenth century, there exists a broad spectrum of compositions characterized by tenderness, lyricism, pathos, and even wit. These elements are reflected in Beethoven’s own personality; especially in his youth, he was often described as an amiable, charming, and sportive young man.

In what ways was Beethoven a product of his time? And why do you think his works have withstood the test of time?

Beethoven lived at a critical period in history, during the transition from the old feudal system to the rise of the middle classes. Not only did he express the changing Zeitgeist in his music, but he also redefined the profession of “composer” in both a practical and psychological sense. He saw the shifts in society and turned them expertly to his advantage, capitalizing creatively on emerging patterns in musical life and consumption.

At the same time, Beethoven’s music is timeless. It is based on universal and unchanging laws of beauty, which means that even when its high degree of unpredictability sends it to emotional extremes, the listener needs not fear a loss of overall cohesion.

What musical piece best represents the dynamism, complexity, and enormity of the composer’s persona?

I believe that Beethoven’s greatest achievement is the Missa solemnis, which he worked on for nearly four years (with a few interruptions). This period was preceded by nearly ten years of preparatory study, which allowed Beethoven—who had barely even attended school—to draw from a well-filled autodidactic wellspring of musical, literary, iconographic, theological, and liturgical knowledge. Thanks to his sixth sense for musical proportion and structure, which he continued to refine and develop throughout his life, he was able to incorporate this broad spectrum of expertise into a single homogenous work without permitting rhetorical detail to produce compositional tunnel vision. The Missa solemnis can also be regarded as Beethoven’s ideological and spiritual testament: a message to humankind that transcends the realm of music and is as current today as ever.

In this year’s 250th celebration of Beethoven’s birth, what should readers take away from your book about his life and career?

Any biography of Beethoven is in fact a portrait of the universal artist, and demonstrates that the most fascinating careers are never straightforward. Granted, the young Beethoven was incredibly talented, but his genius was the result of the determination and imagination with which he responded to the obstacles in his path. In this sense, he is the prototypical modern citizen who, regardless of background or origin, can take control of their life in order to achieve greatness.

Beethoven also left an important legacy that can be interpreted as a spiritual missive: the notion that striving for excellence in Beauty is what enables humankind to rise above the brutal and materialistic nature of reality, and in so doing, to give individual meaning to existence. In this sense, engaging with Beethoven—both his life and his music—is a source of inspiration to us all.
Law and Authors
A Legal Handbook for Writers
Jacqueline D. Lipton

This accessible, reader-friendly handbook will be an invaluable resource for authors, agents, and editors in navigating the legal landscape of the contemporary publishing industry. Drawing on a wealth of experience in legal scholarship and publishing, Jacqueline D. Lipton provides a simple legal guide for all kinds of writers whatever their levels of expertise or categories of work (fiction, nonfiction, or academic).

Through case studies and hypothetical examples, Law and Authors addresses issues of copyright law, including explanations of fair use and the public domain; trademark and branding concerns for those embarking on a publishing career; laws that impact the ways that authors might use social media and marketing promotions; and privacy and defamation questions that writers may face. With a focus on American law, the book highlights key areas where laws in other countries differ from those in the United States. Law and Authors will prepare every writer for the inevitable and the unexpected.

"An essential resource for writers. Lipton has a gift for distilling complex legal terms and concepts into language that not only enlightens, but empowers. Smart, entertaining, and extremely useful, this is a guide you will turn to time and again, whether you're writing your first book or publishing your seventh."
—Bree Barton, author of the Heart of Thorns trilogy

"Lipton’s comprehensive, clear, and eminently approachable handbook is essential reading for authors who want to navigate their rights and responsibilities as writers. A copy should be on every author’s desk."
—Brianna L. Schofield, Executive Director, Authors Alliance

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—George Brown, Executive Director, Highlights Foundation

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Against Demagogues  
What Aristophanes Can Teach Us about the Perils of Populism and the Fate of Democracy  
Robert C. Bartlett

Against Demagogues presents Robert C. Bartlett’s new translations of Aristophanes’ most overtly political works, Acharnians and Knights. In these fantastically inventive, raucous, and raunchy comedies, the powerful politician Cleon proves to be democracy’s greatest opponent. With unrivaled power, both plays make clear the dangers to which democracies are prone, especially the threats posed by external warfare, internal division, and class polarization. Combating the seductive allure of demagogues and the damage they cause, Against Demagogues disentangles Aristophanes’ serious teachings from his many jokes and pratfalls, substantiating for modern readers his famous claim to “teach justice” while “making a comedy” of the city.

The book features an interpretive essay for each play, expertly guiding readers through the most important plot points, explaining the significance of various characters, and shedding light on the meaning of the plays’ often madcap episodes. Along with a contextualizing introduction, the book offers extensive notes explaining the many political, literary, and religious references and allusions. Aristophanes’ comedic skewering of the demagogue and his ruthless ambition—and of a community so ill-informed about the doings of its own government, so ready to believe in empty promises and idle flattery—cannot but resonate strongly with readers today around the world.

“Bartlett brings his extraordinary skill as a translator to these two Aristophanic comedies. The notes and penetrating interpretive essays provide invaluable guidance for anyone who wishes to understand the serious answers that Aristophanes offers to enduring questions of human life. A must-have volume for students of literature, of the classics, or of political thought.”

—Timothy Burns, Professor of Political Philosophy, Baylor University

“In this surprisingly timely volume, Robert Bartlett shows that Aristophanes’ comedies can deepen our understanding of the hazards of democracy. With a sharp ear for Aristophanes’ humor and a keen eye for his wisdom, Bartlett opens up the delights and the insights of the ancient comic sage.”

—Devin Stauffer, Professor of Government, The University of Texas at Austin

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The Analects
Conclusions and Conversations of Confucius
Translated by Moss Roberts

For anyone interested in China—its past, its present, and its future—the Analects (Lunyu) is a must-read. This new translation by renowned East Asian scholar Moss Roberts will offer a fresh interpretation of this classic work, sharpening and clarifying its positions on ethics, politics, and social organization. While no new edition of the Analects will wholly transform our understanding of Confucius’s teachings, Roberts’s translation attends to the many nuances in the text that are often overlooked, allowing readers a richer understanding of Confucius’ historic and heroic attempt to restore order and morality to government.

This edition of the Analects features a critical introduction by the translator as well as notes on key terms and historical figures, a topical index, and suggestions for further reading in recent English and Chinese scholarship to extend the rich contextual background for his translation. This ambitious new edition of the Analects will enhance the understanding of specialists and newcomers to Confucius alike.

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A People’s Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area
Rachel Brahinsky and Alexander Tarr, photography by Bruce Rinehart

“A People’s Guide to the San Francisco Bay Area offers an alternative, bottom-up perspective on the contested history and geography of this region that’s thought-provoking, informative, and often surprising.”
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In 2013, Chinese President Xi Jinping unveiled what would come to be known as the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)—a global development strategy involving infrastructure projects and associated financing throughout the world, including Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe, and the Americas. While the Chinese government has framed the plan as one promoting transnational connectivity, critics and security experts see it as part of a larger strategy to achieve global dominance. *Rivers of Iron* examines one aspect of President Xi Jinping’s “New Era”: China’s effort to create an intercountry railway system connecting China and its seven Southeast Asian neighbors (Cambodia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam). This book illuminates the political strengths and weaknesses of the plan, as well as the capacity of the impacted countries to resist, shape, and even take advantage of China’s wide-reaching actions. Using frameworks from the fields of international relations and comparative politics, the authors of *Rivers of Iron* seek to explain how domestic politics in these eight Asian nations shaped their varying external responses and behaviors. How does China wield power using infrastructure? Do smaller states have agency? How should we understand the role of infrastructure in broader development? Does industrial policy work? And crucially, how should competing global powers respond?

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The Bloody Flag
Mutiny in the Age of Atlantic Revolution
Niklas Frykman

Mutiny tore like wildfire through the wooden warships of the age of revolution. While commoners across Europe laid siege to the nobility and enslaved workers put the torch to plantation islands, out on the oceans, naval seamen by the tens of thousands turned their guns on the quarterdeck and overthrew the absolute rule of captains. By the early 1800s, anywhere between one-third and one-half of all naval seamen serving in the North Atlantic had participated in at least one mutiny, many of them in several, and some even on ships in different navies.

In The Bloody Flag, historian Niklas Frykman explores in vivid prose how a decade of violent conflict onboard vessels gave birth to a distinct form of radical politics that brought together the egalitarian culture of North Atlantic maritime communities with the revolutionary era's constitutional republicanism. The attempt to build a radical maritime republic failed, but the red flag that flew from the masts of mutinous ships survived to become the most enduring global symbol of class struggle, economic justice, and republican liberty.

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Imagine Armida, Handel’s Saracen sorceress, performing her breakneck coloraturas in a black figure-hugging rubber dress, beating her insubordinate furies into submission with a cane, suspending a captive Rinaldo in chains from the ceiling of her dungeon. Mozart’s peasant girl Zerlina, meanwhile, is tying up and blindfolding her fiancé to seduce him out of his jealousy of Don Giovanni. And how about Wagner’s wizard, Klingsor, ensnaring his choir of flower maidens in elaborate Japanese rope bondage?

Opera, it would appear, has developed a taste for sadomasochism. For decades now, radical stage directors have repeatedly dressed canonical operas—from Handel and Mozart to Wagner and Puccini, and beyond—in whips, chains, leather, and other regalia of SM and fetishism. Deviant Opera seeks to understand this phenomenon, approaching the contemporary visual code of perversion as a lens through which opera focuses and scrutinizes its own configurations of sex, gender, power, and violence. The emerging image is that of an art form that habitually plays with an eroticization of cruelty and humiliation, inviting its devotees to take sensual pleasure in the suffering of others. Ultimately, Deviant Opera argues that this species of opera fantasizes about breaking the boundaries of its own role-playing, and pushing its erotic power exchanges from the enacted to the actual.

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Serving a Wired World
London’s Telecommunications Workers and the Making of an Information Capital
Katie Hindmarch-Watson

In the public imagination, Silicon Valley embodies the newest of the new—the cutting edge, the forefront of our social networks and our globally interconnected lives. But the pressures exerted on many of today’s communications tech workers mirror those of a much earlier generation of laborers in a very different space: the London work force that helped launch and shape the massive telecommunications systems operating at the turn of the twentieth century. As the Victorian age ended, affluent Britons came to rely on the telegraph for seamless communication: an efficient and impersonal mode of sharing thoughts, demands, and desires. This embrace of seemingly unmediated communication obscured the labor involved in the smooth operation of the network, much as our reliance on social media and app interfaces does today.

Serving a Wired World is a history of information service work embedded in the daily maintenance of liberal Britain and the status quo in the early years of the twentieth century. As Katie Hindmarch-Watson shows, the administrators and engineers who crafted these telecommunications systems created networks according to conventional gender perceptions and social hierarchies, modeling the operation of the networks on the dynamic between master and servant. Despite attempts to render telegraphists and telephone operators invisible, these workers were quite aware of their crucial role in modern life, and they posed creative challenges to their marginalized status—from organizing labor strikes to participating in deviant sexual exchanges. In unexpected ways, these workers turned a flatly neutral telecommunications network into a revolutionary one, challenging the status quo in ways familiar today.

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“Full of strangeness, rich detail, and wonderfully oddball material, Serving a Wired World is an engrossing and inventive work. With sophisticated analysis and a raft of original research, it is an exceptional study of the intersection of information systems and political orders.”
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ALSO OF INTEREST
The Fastest Game in the World
Hockey and the Globalization of Sports
Bruce Berglund

Played on frozen ponds in cold northern lands, hockey seemed an especially unlikely game to gain a global following. But from its beginnings in the nineteenth century, the sport has crossed boundaries and drawn from different cultures—between Canada and the United States, across the Atlantic, and among different regions of Europe. It has been a political flashpoint within countries and internationally. And it has been a venue for far-reaching cultural changes and firmly held traditions.

The Fastest Game in the World is a global history of a global sport—drawing upon research conducted around the world in a variety of languages. Taking us from the Canadian prairies to Swiss mountain resorts, from Soviet housing blocks to American suburbs, Bruce Berglund seamlessly weaves hockey’s local, national, and international currents. Written in a lively style with wide-ranging breadth and attention to telling detail, The Fastest Game in the World will thrill both the lifelong fan and anyone who is curious about how our games intertwine with politics, economics, and culture.

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Bruce Berglund taught history at Calvin College and the University of Kansas. He is author of Castle and Cathedral in Modern Prague.

ALSO OF INTEREST
The average American has yet to encounter new information about the importance of “healthy sperm” and the “male biological clock.” That is because basic medical knowledge about how men matter when it comes to reproductive outcomes, from miscarriages to childhood illnesses, has only recently begun to be produced. This gap in knowledge about men is only more glaring when one considers the enormous efforts to understand and treat women’s reproductive bodies over the past century.

**GUYNecology** asks: What took so long? Why are biomedical researchers only now asking questions about how men’s age and bodily health affect reproductive outcomes? Weaving together historical materials and qualitative interviews, Rene Almeling examines the history of medical knowledge-making about men’s reproductive health and its consequences for individuals. From a failed nineteenth-century effort to launch a medical specialty called andrology to the contemporary science of paternal effects, a lack of medical specialization around men’s reproductive bodies has resulted in obliviousness about men’s role in reproductive outcomes. Sifting through media messages and analyzing the stories of individual men and women, Almeling demonstrates how this historical gap in attention shapes reproductive politics today.

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Neverending War on Terror
Alex Lubin

There is now an entire generation of young adults who do not know an America before or beyond the War on Terror. This book contends with the pervasive effects of post-9/11 policy- and myth-making in the United States in every corner of American life. Neverending War on Terror is organized around a set of keywords that have come to define the cultural and political moment: homeland, security, privacy, torture, and drone.

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A concise primer to the political, cultural, and social consequences of the perpetual US global war on terror.
Diego Rivera’s America
Edited by James Oles

Diego Rivera’s America revisits a historical moment when the famed muralist and painter, more than any other artist of his time, helped forge Mexican national identity in visual terms and imagined a shared American future in which unity, rather than division, was paramount.

This volume accompanies a major exhibition highlighting Diego Rivera’s work in Mexico and the United States from the early 1920s through the early 1940s. During this time in his extraordinary career, Rivera created a new vision for the Americas, on both national and continental levels, informed by his travels back and forth across the U.S.–Mexico border. Rivera’s murals in Mexico and the U.S. serve as points of departure for a critical and contemporary understanding of one of the most aesthetically, socially, and politically ambitious artists of the twentieth century. Works featured include the greatest number of paintings and drawings from this period reunited since the artist’s lifetime, presented alongside fresco panels, mural sketches, and cartoons. This catalogue serves as a guide to two crucial decades in Rivera’s career, surfacing his most important themes, from traditional markets to modern industry, and devoting attention to iconic paintings as well as many other works that will be new even to scholars—revealing fresh insights into his artistic vision and process.

This publication features original essays and reflections by authors from Mexico and the U.S., including curator James Oles as well as Maria Castro, Claire Fox, John Lear, and Sandra Zetina, with contributions by Dafne Cruz Porchini, Rachel Kaplan, and Adriana Zavala.

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Revisits a moment when Diego Rivera helped to forge Mexican national identity in visual terms and imagined a shared American future in which unity, rather than division, was paramount.
Restless Enterprise
The Art and Life of Eliza Pratt Greatorex
Katherine Manthorne

Eliza Pratt Greatorex (1819–1897) was America’s most famous woman artist in the mid-nineteenth century, but today she is all but forgotten. Beginning with her Irish roots, this biography brings her art and life back into focus. Unusually for a woman, she specialized in landscape and streetscapes, traveling from the Hudson River to the Colorado Rockies and across Europe and North Africa. Her magnum opus, a collection of pictures essays titled Old New York, awakened the public to the destruction of the city’s architectural heritage during the post-Civil War era. Exploring Greatorex’s fierce ambition and creative path, Katherine Manthorne reveals how one woman forged an independent career in a male-dominated world to help shape American gender politics, visual culture, and urban consciousness.

“A work of exceptional scholarship and dynamic storytelling, Restless Enterprise offers the first comprehensive biography and critical assessment of the long-overlooked American artist Eliza Pratt Greatorex. Katherine Manthorne has illuminated a new star in American cultural history.”
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“Eliza Greatorex finally gets the attention she deserves in this masterful narrative. Manthorne deftly interweaves history, biography, and art into a vivid evocation of New York City and the nation at a moment of massive transformation.”
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ALSO OF INTEREST
The Sculpture of Ruth Asawa, Second Edition
Contours in the Air
Edited by Timothy Anglin Burgard and Daniell Cornell

The work of American artist Ruth Asawa (1926–2013) is brought into brilliant focus in this definitive book, originally published to accompany the first complete retrospective of Asawa’s career, organized by the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco in 2006. This new edition features an expanded collection of essays and a detailed illustrated chronology that explore Asawa’s fascinating life and her lasting contributions to American art. Beginning with her earliest works—drawings and paintings created in the 1940s while she was studying at Black Mountain College—this beautiful volume traces Asawa’s flourishing career in San Francisco and her trajectory as a pioneering modernist sculptor who is recognized internationally for her innovative wire sculptures, public commissions, and activism on behalf of public arts education.

Through her lifelong experimentations with wire, especially its capacity to balance open and closed forms, Asawa invented a powerful vocabulary that contributed a unique perspective to the field of twentieth-century abstract sculpture. Working in a variety of nontraditional media, Asawa performed a series of remarkable metamorphoses, leading viewers into a deeper awareness of natural forms by revealing their structural properties. Through her art, Asawa transfigured the commonplace into metaphors for life processes themselves. The Sculpture of Ruth Asawa establishes the importance of Asawa’s work within a larger cultural context of artists who redefined art as a way of thinking and acting in the world, rather than as merely a stylistic practice.

This updated edition includes a new introduction and more than fifty new images, as well as original essays that reflect on the impact of American political history on Asawa’s artistic vision, her experience with printmaking, and her friendship with photographer Imogen Cunningham. Contributors include Susan Ehrens, Mary Emma Harris, Karin Higa, Jacqueline Hoefer, Emily K. Doman Jennings, Paul J. Karlstrom, John Kreidler, Susan Stauter, Colleen Terry, and Sally B. Woodbridge.

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The Fruits of Empire
Art, Food, and the Politics of Race in the Age of American Expansion
Shana Klein

The Fruits of Empire is a history of American expansion through the lens of art and food. In the decades after the Civil War, Americans consumed an unprecedented amount of fruit as it grew more accessible with advancements in refrigeration and transportation technologies. This excitement for fruit manifested in an explosion of fruit imagery within still life paintings, prints, trade cards, and more. Images of fruit labor and consumption by immigrants and people of color also gained visibility, merging alongside the efforts of expansionists to assimilate land and, in some cases, people into the national body. Divided into five chapters on visual images of the grape, orange, watermelon, banana, and pineapple, this book demonstrates how representations of fruit struck the nerve of the nation’s most heated debates over land, race, and citizenship in the age of high imperialism.

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“A must-read! This is a refreshing and critical contribution to food studies scholarship, and I have yet to see another book that tackles the representational strategies of the food industry or food in mass culture as intelligently or brilliantly.”
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Contemporary Art and the Digitization of Everyday Life
Janet Kraynak

Digitization is the animating force of everyday life. Rather than defining it as a technology or a medium, Contemporary Art and the Digitization of Everyday Life argues that digitization is a sociohistorical process that is contributing to the erosion of democracy and an increase in political inequality, specifically along racial, ethnic, and gender lines. Taking a historical approach, Janet Kraynak finds that the seeds of these developments are paradoxically related to the ideology of digital utopianism that emerged in the late 1960s with the rise of a social model of computing, a set of beliefs furthered by the neoliberal tech ideology in the 1990s and the popularization of networked computing. The result of this ongoing cultural worldview, which dovetails with the principles of progressive artistic strategies of the past, is a critical blindness in art historical discourse that ultimately compromises art’s important role in furthering radical democratic aims.

“As exhaustively researched and beautifully written, Contemporary Art and the Digitization of Everyday Life is a vital text that compellingly argues for a reassessment of digital culture’s pervasive impacts. At the heart of Kraynak’s investigation is a critique of techno-fetishism and digital utopianism, both of which have failed to acknowledge how new technologies have contributed to the erosion of democracy.”
—Derek Conrad Murray, Professor of Art History and Visual Culture, University of California, Santa Cruz

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Garland of Visions
Color, Tantra, and a Material History of Indian Painting
Jinah Kim

Garland of Visions explores the generative relationships between artistic intelligence and tantric vision practices in the construction and circulation of visual knowledge in medieval South Asia. Shifting away from the traditional connoisseur approach, Jinah Kim instead focuses on the materiality of painting: its mediums, its visions, and especially its colors. She argues that the adoption of the pothi-format manuscript as a medium for painting in Indic religious circles enabled the material translation of a private and internal experience of “seeing” into a portable device. These mobile and intimate objects then became important conveyers of many forms of knowledge—ritual, artistic, social, scientific, and religious—and spurred the spread of visual knowledge of Indic Buddhism to distant lands. By taking color as the material link between a vision and its artistic output, Garland of Visions presents a paradigm-shifting material history of Indian painting.

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Modern Painting and Politics in Syria
Anneka Lenssen

In modern Syria, a contested territory at the intersection of differing regimes of political representation, artists ventured to develop strikingly new kinds of painting to link their images to life forces and agitated energies. Examining the works of artists Kahlil Gibran, Adham Ismail, and Fateh al-Moudarres, Beautiful Agitation explores how painters in Syria activated the mutability of form to rethink relationships of figure to ground, outward appearance to inner presence, and self to world. Drawing on archival materials in Syria and beyond, Anneka Lenssen reveals new trajectories of painterly practice in a twentieth century defined by shifting media technologies, moving populations, and the imposition of violently enforced nation-state borders. The result is a study of Arab modernism that foregrounds rather than occludes efforts to agitate against imposed identities and intersubjective relations.

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Anneka Lenssen is Assistant Professor of Art History at the University of California, Berkeley.
**Slant Steps**
On the Art World’s Semi-Periphery
Jacob Stewart-Halevy

*Slant Steps* explores the vital role of the semi-periphery—artistic communities working between the provinces and the metropole. Premised on the collective fascination with the found object *Slant Step*, the book details a history of encounters among artists, filmmakers, critics, and others operating in and out of the Bay Area during the long 1960s. They revised the terms of the counterculture, the appeal of consumer goods, and the surfaces and materials of industrial design and contemporary sculpture. Whether extending to international exchanges or shrinking to local coteries, these circles helped develop process, funk, and conceptual art as they forged new directions for the art world and its members. Yet when these groups degraded their own works alongside those of their rivals, they made their political and aesthetic commitments difficult to decipher, reorganizing the ties between the visual arts and the New Left. Merging sociologies of art with the tradition of social art history, Jacob Stewart-Halevy uncovers the oblique perspectives and values of the semi-periphery, revealing its enduring impact upon contemporary art, above all in the field of pedagogy.

“Beautifully written and filled with many hilarious moments, *Slant Steps* is an elegant meditation on ‘funk’ sculpture in California in the 1960s. This book engages with the moral dilemmas of self-positioning for artists, critics, and institutions alike.”
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**Domesticating the Invisible**
Form and Environmental Anxiety in Postwar America
Melissa S. Ragin

This book examines how postwar notions of form developed in response to newly perceived environmental threats, which inspired artists to model plastic composition on natural systems often invisible to the human eye. Melissa S. Ragin focuses on the history of art education in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to understand how an environmental approach to form inspired new art programs at Harvard and MIT. As they embraced scientific theories of composition, these institutions also cultivated young artists as environmental agents who could influence urban design and contribute to an ecologically sensitive public sphere. Ragin combines institutional and intellectual histories to map how the emergency of environmental crisis altered foundational modernist assumptions about form, transforming questions about aesthetic judgment into questions about an ethical relationship to the environment.

“Ragin has produced a brilliantly disruptive work of intellectual history on the problematic of visibility in postwar America. An aesthetics of the invisible, giving form to unseen toxicities or fields of energy, emerged as a critical means of comprehending the environment. Ragin deftly connects the dots between a wide range of historical sources and artistic precedents, showing how cultural production responded to the urgencies of a historical moment.”
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Dreamers and Schemers
How an Improbable Bid for the 1932 Olympics Transformed Los Angeles from Dusty Outpost to Global Metropolis
Barry Siegel

Dreamers and Schemers chronicles how Los Angeles’s pursuit and staging of the 1932 Olympic Games during the depths of the Great Depression helped fuel the city’s transformation from a seedy frontier village to a world-famous metropolis. Leading that pursuit was the “Prince of Realtors,” William May (Billy) Garland, a prominent figure in early Los Angeles. In important respects, the story of Billy Garland is the story of Los Angeles. After arriving in Southern California in 1890, he and his allies drove much of the city’s historic expansion in the first two decades of the twentieth century. Then, from 1920 to 1932, he directed the city’s bid for the 1932 Olympic Games. Garland’s quest to host the Olympics provides an unusually revealing window onto a particular time, place, and way of life. Reconstructing the narrative from Garland’s visionary notion to its consequential aftermath, Barry Siegel shows how one man’s grit and imagination made California history.

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Barry Siegel, winner of the 2002 Pulitzer Prize for Feature Writing and the author of seven previous books, is a former national correspondent for the Los Angeles Times. He now directs the literary journalism program at the University of California, Irvine.

Carleton Watkins
Making the West American
Tyler Green

Carleton Watkins (1829-1916) is widely considered the greatest American photographer of the nineteenth century and arguably the most influential artist of his era. He is best known for his pictures of Yosemite Valley and the nearby Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias.

Watkins’s photographs helped shape America’s idea of the West, and helped make the West a full participant in the nation. His pictures of California, Oregon, and Nevada, as well as modern-day Washington, Utah, and Arizona, not only introduced entire landscapes to America but were important to the development of American business, finance, agriculture, government policy, and science.

Drawing on recent scholarship and fresh archival discoveries, this telling of Watkins’s story will fascinate anyone interested in American history; the West; and how art and artists impacted the development of American ideas, industry, landscape, conservation, and politics.

“A fascinating and indispensable book.”
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“The book makes a strong case for photography as the first and most American art: much like Watkins’s work, Making the West American is at once technical and transcendent.”
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Tyler Green is an award-winning critic and historian. He is the producer and host of The Modern Art Notes Podcast, America’s most popular audio program on art, and was previously the editor of the website Modern Art Notes, which published from 2001 to 2014.
**Sophisticated Giant**
The Life and Legacy of Dexter Gordon
Maxine Gordon, Foreword by Farah Jasmine Griffin, Afterword by Woody Louis Armstrong Shaw III

_Sophisticated Giant_ presents the life and legacy of tenor saxophonist Dexter Gordon (1923–1990), one of the major innovators of modern jazz. In a context of biography, history, and memoir, Maxine Gordon has completed the book that her late husband began, weaving his “solo” turns with her voice and a chorus of voices from past and present. Reading like a jazz composition, the blend of research, anecdote, and a selection of Dexter’s personal letters reflects his colorful life and legendary times. It is clear why the celebrated trumpet genius Dizzy Gillespie said to Dexter, “Man, you ought to leave your karma to science.”

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“Affectionate, enjoyable and informative, painting a portrait of a handsome, elegant, easygoing person and artist who refused to agonize about his past.”
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Maxine Gordon is an independent scholar with a lifetime career working with jazz musicians. As an oral historian and archivist in the fields of jazz and African American cultural history, _Sophisticated Giant_ fulfills the promise she made to her late husband, jazz saxophonist and Academy Award-nominated actor Dexter Gordon, to complete his biography.

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**Workers on Arrival**
Black Labor in the Making of America
Joe William Trotter, Jr.

From the ongoing issues of poverty, health, housing and employment to the recent upsurge of lethal police-community relations, the black working class stands at the center of perceptions of social and racial conflict today. Journalists and public policy analysts often discuss the black poor as “consumers” rather than “producers,” as “takers” rather than “givers,” and as “liabilities” instead of “assets.”

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Joe William Trotter, Jr., is Giant Eagle Professor of History and Social Justice and Founder and Director of the Center for Africanamerican Urban Studies and the Economy at Carnegie Mellon University. He is past President of the Labor and Working Class History Association.
Out of Our Minds
What We Think and How We Came to Think It
Felipe Fernández-Armesto

Traversing the realms of science, politics, religion, culture, philosophy, and history, Felipe Fernández-Armesto reveals the thrilling and disquieting tales of our imaginative leaps—from the first Homo sapiens to the present day. Through groundbreaking insights in cognitive science, Fernández-Armesto explores how and why we have ideas in the first place, providing a tantalizing glimpse into who we are and what we might yet accomplish. Unearthing historical evidence, he begins by reconstructing the thoughts of our Paleolithic ancestors to reveal the subtlety and profundity of the thinking of early humans. A masterful paean to the human imagination from a wonderfully elegant thinker, Out of Our Minds shows that bad ideas are often more influential than good ones; that the oldest recoverable thoughts include some of the best; that ideas of Western origin often issued from exchanges with the wider world; and that the pace of innovative thinking is under threat.

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Felipe Fernández-Armesto is an award-winning historian and the author of several bestselling books, including 1492, Ideas that Changed the World, and The Americas. He lives in Indiana and is a professor of history at the University of Notre Dame.

Meat Planet
Artificial Flesh and the Future of Food
Benjamin Aldes Wurgaft

Neither an advocate nor a critic of cultured meat, Benjamin Aldes Wurgaft spent five years researching the phenomenon. In Meat Planet, he reveals how debates about lab-grown meat reach beyond debates about food, examining the links between appetite, growth, and capitalism. Like all problems in our food system, the meat problem is not merely about of production. It is intrinsically social and political, and it demands that we examine questions of justice and desirable modes of living in a shared and finite world.

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Fruit from the Sands
The Silk Road Origins of the Foods We Eat
Robert N. Spengler III

The foods we eat have a deep and often surprising past. From almonds and apples to tea and rice, many foods that we consume today have histories that can be traced out of prehistoric Central Asia along the tracks of the Silk Road to kitchens in Europe, America, China, and elsewhere in East Asia. The exchange of goods, ideas, cultural practices, and genes along these ancient routes extends back five thousand years, and organized trade along the Silk Road dates to at least Han Dynasty China in the second century BC. Balancing a broad array of archaeological, botanical, and historical evidence, Fruit from the Sands presents the fascinating story of the origins and spread of agriculture across Inner Asia and into Europe and East Asia. Through the preserved remains of plants found in archaeological sites, Robert N. Spengler III identifies the regions where our most familiar crops were domesticated and follows their routes as people carried them around the world. With vivid examples, Fruit from the Sands explores how the foods we eat have shaped the course of human history and transformed cuisines all over the globe.

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Robert N. Spengler III is the Archaeobotany Laboratory Director at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, a Volkswagen/Mellon Foundations Fellow, and a former Visiting Research Scholar at the Institute for the Study of the Ancient World.

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Gary Paul Nabhan is the W. K. Kellogg Endowed Chair for Sustainable Food Systems at the University of Arizona. He is the author of several award-winning books, including Where Our Food Comes From, Coming Home to Eat, Gathering the Desert, and Arab/American.
Serendipity
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James A. Estes

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Gordon Young grew up in Flint, Michigan. His work has appeared in the New York Times, Slate, Utne Reader, and numerous other publications.

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Gordon Young

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James A. Estes is Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at University of California, Santa Cruz. He was coeditor of Trophic Cascades: Predators, Prey, and the Changing Dynamics of Nature and of The Community Ecology of Sea Otters, and senior editor of Whales, Whaling, and Ocean Ecosystems (UC Press). He is a recently elected member of the National Academy of Sciences.
There Is No More Haiti
Between Life and Death in Port-au-Prince
Greg Beckett

This is not just another book about crisis in Haiti. This book is about what it feels like to live and die with a crisis that never seems to end. It is about the experience of living amid the ruins of ecological devastation, economic collapse, political upheaval, violence, and humanitarian disaster. It is about how catastrophic events and political and economic forces shape the most intimate aspects of everyday life. In this gripping account, anthropologist Greg Beckett offers a stunning ethnographic portrait of ordinary people struggling to survive in Port-au-Prince in the twenty-first century. Drawing on over a decade of research, There Is No More Haiti builds on stories of death and rebirth to powerfully reframe the narrative of a country in crisis. It is essential reading for anyone interested in Haiti today.

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Greg Beckett is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Western University in Ontario.

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Michael Koncewicz

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The Iranian Expanse
Transforming Royal Identity through Architecture, Landscape, and the Built Environment, 550 BCE–642 CE
Matthew P. Canepa

The Iranian Expanse explores how kings in Persia and the ancient Iranian world utilized the built and natural environment to form and contest Iranian cultural memory, royal identity, and sacred cosmologies. Investigating over a thousand years of history, from the Achaemenid period to the arrival of Islam, The Iranian Expanse argues that Iranian identities were built and shaped not by royal discourse alone, but by strategic changes to Western Asia’s cities, sanctuaries, palaces, and landscapes. The Iranian Expanse critically examines the construction of a new Iranian royal identity and empire, which subsumed and subordinated all previous traditions, including those of Mesopotamia, Egypt, and Anatolia. It then delves into the startling innovations that emerged after Alexander under the Seleucids, Arsacids, Kushans, Sasanians, and the Perso-Macedonian dynasties of Anatolia and the Caucasus, a previously understudied and misunderstood period. Matthew P. Canepa elucidates the many ruptures and renovations that produced a new royal culture that deeply influenced not only early Islam, but also the wider Persianate world of the Il-Khans, Safavids, Timurids, Ottomans, and Mughals.

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The Final Pagan Generation
Rome’s Unexpected Path to Christianity
Edward J. Watts

The Final Pagan Generation recounts the fascinating story of the lives and fortunes of the last Romans born before the Emperor Constantine converted to Christianity. Edward J. Watts traces their experiences of living through the fourth century’s dramatic religious and political changes, when heated confrontations saw the Christian establishment legislate against pagan practices as mobs attacked pagan holy sites and temples. The emperors who issued these laws, the imperial officials charged with implementing them, and the Christian perpetrators of religious violence were almost exclusively young men whose attitudes and actions contrasted markedly with those of the earlier generation, who shared neither their juniors’ interest in creating sharply defined religious identities nor their propensity for violent conflict. Watts examines why the “final pagan generation”—born to the old ways and the old world in which it seemed to everyone that religious practices would continue as they had for the past two thousand years—proved both unable to anticipate the changes that imperially sponsored Christianity produced and unwilling to resist them. A compelling and provocative read, suitable for the general reader as well as students and scholars of the ancient world.

“Accessible and engaging for students and general readers.”
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“A fantastic slice of classical history.”
—Foreword Reviews

“Well researched and proficient . . . awash with well-organized historical information.”
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The Nature of the Beasts
Empire and Exhibition at the Tokyo Imperial Zoo
Ian Jared Miller

In this eye-opening study of Japan’s first modern zoo, Tokyo’s Ueno Imperial Zoological Gardens, opened in 1882, Ian Jared Miller offers a refreshingly unconventional narrative of Japan's rapid modernization and changing relationship with the natural world. As the first zoological garden in the world not built under the sway of a Western imperial regime, the Ueno Zoo served not only as a staple attraction in the nation’s capital—an institutional marker of national accomplishment—but also as a site for the propagation of a new “natural” order that was scientifically verifiable and evolutionarily foreordained. As the Japanese empire grew, Ueno became one of the primary sites of imperialist spectacle, a microcosm of the empire that could be traveled in the course of a single day. The meaning of the zoo would change over the course of Imperial Japan’s unraveling and subsequent Allied occupation. Today it remains one of Japan’s most frequently visited places. But instead of empire in its classic political sense, it now bespeaks the ambivalent dominion of the human species over the natural environment, harkening back to its imperial roots even as it asks us to question our exploitation of the planet’s resources.

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Edited by Scott MacKenzie

Film Manifestos and Global Cinema Cultures is the first book to collect manifestoes from the global history of cinema, providing the first historical and theoretical account of the role played by film manifestos in filmmaking and film culture. Focusing equally on political and aesthetic manifestoes, Scott MacKenzie uncovers a neglected, yet nevertheless central history of the cinema, exploring a series of documents that postulate ways in which to re-imagine the cinema and, in the process, re-imagine the world.

This volume collects the major European “waves” and figures (Eisenstein, Truffaut, Bergman, Free Cinema, Oberhausen, Dogme ’95); Latin American Third Cinemas (Birri, Sanjinés, Espinosa, Solanas); radical art and the avant-garde (Buñuel, Brakhage, Deren, Mekas, Ono, Sanborn); and world cinemas (Iimura, Makhmalbaf, Sembène, Sen). It also contains previously untranslated manifestoes co-written by figures including Bollaín, Debord, Hermosillo, Isou, Kieslowski, Painlevé, Straub, and many others. Thematic sections address documentary cinema, aesthetics, feminist and queer film cultures, pornography, film archives, Hollywood, and film and digital media.

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Edited by Catherine Michael Chin and Caroline T. Schroeder

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The Truth about Nature
Environmentalism in the Era of Post-Truth Politics and Platform Capitalism
Bram Büscher

How should we share the truth about the environmental crisis? At a moment when even the most basic facts about ecology and the climate face contestation and contempt, environmental advocates are at an impasse. Many have turned to social media in order to shift the tide—but what if their strategy is not only futile, but dangerous?

*The Truth about Nature* follows environmental actors as they turn to digital media and social networking platforms to save nature. It documents how conservation efforts can be trapped and transformed in the political economy of platforms and the curation of their algorithmic feeds. Developing a novel account of ‘post-truth’ as an expression of power under platform capitalism, Bram Büscher shows how environmental actors attempt to mediate between structural forms of platform power and the contingent histories and contexts of particular environmental issues. Bringing efforts at wildlife protection in Southern Africa into dialogue with a sweeping analysis of truth and power in the twenty-first century, Büscher makes the case for a new environmental politics: one that rekindles the slowly reemerging art of speaking truth to power.

“With a rich blend of theoretical analysis and detailed case studies, this book will be essential reading for scholars, activists, and communications professionals concerned with media and environmental conservation.”
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Unlivable Lives
Violence and Identity in Transgender Activism
Laurel Westbrook

The vast majority of anti-violence activism in the United States occurs within the framework of identity politics. Identity-based movements, such as those to stop violence against people of color, women, and LGBT people, have become so commonplace as to seem to be a natural way to reduce violence. *Unlivable Lives* examines how identity politics and anti-violence combine to shape group identity and practices of activism in ways that can be unintentionally damaging to the very groups they aim to protect. Analyzing thirteen national organizations working to reduce the violence experienced by transgender people, sociologist Laurel Westbrook reveals that activists use a number of techniques with consequences that run counter to the goal of making trans lives more livable. Rather than reducing fear, these tactics may actually increase it, leaving group members convinced that a violent fate is inevitable.

“Provocative and galvanizing, this book envisions new strategies for anti-violence and social justice movements and will revolutionize the way we think about this form of activism.”

“A timely, compelling, and provocative read that effectively balances abstract ideas about identity politics, social movements, and violence with many interesting empirical findings about the workings of anti-violence projects focused on the safety, health, and welfare of people who are transgender.”
—Valerie Jenness, coauthor of *Appealing to Justice: Prisoner Grievances, Rights, and Carceral Logic*

Laurel Westbrook is Associate Professor of Sociology at Grand Valley State University.
Recovering Histories
Life and Labor after Heroin in Reform-Era China
Nicholas Bartlett

Heroin first reached Gejiu, a Chinese city in southern Yunnan known as Tin Capital, in the 1980s. Widespread use of the drug, which for a short period became “easier to buy than vegetables,” coincided with radical changes in the local economy caused by the marketization of the mining industry. More than two decades later, both the heroin epidemic and the mining boom are often discussed as recent history. Middle-aged long-term heroin users, however, complain that they feel stuck in an earlier moment of the country’s rapid reforms, navigating a world that no longer resembles either the tightly-knit Maoist work units of their childhood or the disorienting but opportunity-filled chaos of their early careers. Overcoming addiction in Gejiu has become inseparable from broader attempts to reimagine laboring lives in a rapidly shifting social world. Drawing on more than eighteen months of fieldwork, Nicholas Bartlett explores how individuals’ diverging experiences of recovery highlight shared challenges of inhabiting China’s contested present.

“Beautifully written. . . . This book is a welcome contribution to cultural and medical anthropology, and the field of China studies.”
—Li Zhang, author of Anxious China: Inner Revolution and Politics of Psychotherapy

“In this intimate account of those whose addictions have left them stuck in history’s wake, Nick Bartlett’s portrayal of China’s Heroin Generation offers a rare treat: an account of addiction and recovery that takes history seriously. For these men and women, addiction, recovery, and political history are sutured into one’s bounds. The result is something quite unique, a vision of China—its past, its present, and its future—through the eye of a needle.”
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Stuck with Tourism
Space, Power, and Labor in Contemporary Yucatan
Matilde Córdoba Azcárate

Tourism has become one of the most powerful forces organizing the predatory geographies of late capitalism. It creates entangled futures of exploitation and dependence, extracting resources and labor, amndeclipsing other ways of doing, living, and imagining life. And yet, tourism also creates jobs, encourages infrastructure development and in many places inspires the only possibility of hope and well-being. Stuck with Tourism explores the ambivalent nature of tourism by drawing on ethnographic evidence from the Mexican Yucatán Peninsula, a region voraciously transformed by tourism development over the past forty years. Contrasting labor and lived experiences at the beach resorts of Cancún, protected natural enclaves along the Gulf coast, historical buildings of the colonial past and maquilas for souvenir production in the Maya heartland, this book explores the moral, political, ecological, and everyday dilemmas that emerge when, as Yucatán’s inhabitants put it, people get stuck in tourism’s grip.

“This original ethnography offers a new theoretical perspective on tourism and its impact on local communities. Rather than accepting the received view that tourism benefits the inhabitants of a place, it takes a more critical perspective that uncovers how tourism restructures every aspect of the environment and the economy through its predatory and extractive practices.”
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Troubled in the Land of Enchantment
Adolescent Experience of Psychiatric Treatment
Thomas J. Csordas and Janis H. Jenkins

In this groundbreaking study based on five years of in-depth ethnographic and interdisciplinary research, Troubled in the Land of Enchantment explores the well-being of adolescents hospitalized for psychiatric care in New Mexico. Anthropologists Thomas J. Csordas and Janis H. Jenkins present a gripping picture of psychic distress, familial turmoil, and treatment under the regime of managed care that dominates the mental health care system. The authors make the case for the centrality of struggle in the lives of youth across an array of extraordinary conditions, characterized by personal anguish and structural violence. Critical to the analysis is the cultural phenomenology of existence disclosed through shifting narrative accounts by youth and their families as they grapple with psychiatric diagnosis, poverty, misogyny, and stigma in their trajectories through multiple forms of harm and sites of care. Csordas and Jenkins compellingly direct our attention to the conjunction of lived experience, institutional power, and the very possibility of having a life.

“This theoretically and methodologically sophisticated book offers a powerful entry in the anthropological phenomenology of suffering, structural violence, and clinical care. The adolescent voices are especially haunting—their very bluntness and unadorned quality renders suffering palpable.”
—Cheryl Mattingly, author of Moral Laboratories: Family Peril and the Struggle for a Good Life

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Connected
How a Mexican Village Built Its Own Cell Phone Network
Roberto J. González

This is the true story of how, against all odds, a remote Mexican pueblo built its own autonomous cell phone network—without help from telecom companies or the government. Anthropologist Roberto J. González paints a vivid and nuanced picture of life in a Oaxaca mountain village and the collective tribulation, triumph, and tragedy the community experienced in pursuit of getting connected. In doing so, this book captures the challenges and contradictions facing Mexico’s indigenous peoples today, as they struggle to wire themselves into the 21st century using mobile technologies, ingenuity, and sheer determination. It also holds a broader lesson about the great paradox of the digital age, exploring how constant connection through virtual worlds can hinder our ability to communicate with those around us.

“A delightful read, Connected suggests that for everyone our connectivity is still a work in progress. A terrific book to teach with!”
—Lynn Stephen, author of We are the Face of Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements

“This highly readable and innovative monograph makes inestimable contributions to the social anthropology of Mexico. Connected is an important work that transforms familiar images of rural Latin America. Cutting across many disciplines, this work is essential for any undergraduate reading list.”
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“With great nuance and sensitivity, Roberto González shows how becoming connected catalyzed generational conflict. The unanticipated and morally ambiguous outcomes make Connected vital for understanding our interconnected, globalized world.”
—Yanna Yannakakis, author of The Art of Being In-Between: Native Intermediaries, Indian Identity, and Local Rule in Colonial Oaxaca

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Cartographies of Youth Resistance
Hip-Hop, Punk, and Urban Autonomy in Mexico
Maurice Rafael Magaña

In his exciting new book, based on a decade of ethnographic fieldwork, Maurice Magaña considers how urban and migrant youth in Oaxaca embrace subcultures from hip-hop to punk and adopt creative organizing practices to create meaningful channels of participation in local social and political life. In the process, young people remake urban space and construct new identities in ways that directly challenge elite visions of their city and essentialist notions of what it means to be indigenous in the contemporary era. Cartographies of Youth Resistance is essential reading for students and scholars interested in youth politics and culture in Mexico, social movements, urban studies, and migration.

“Revealing the aesthetics, horizontal organizational strategies, and epistemologies behind one of the twenty-first century’s most creative social movements, Magaña vividly paints urban Indigenous and migrant youth as creators of new models of politics and culture that are crucial for our time.”
—Lynn Stephen, Philip H. Knight Chair and Distinguished Professor of Anthropology, University of Oregon and author of We are the Face of Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements

“This is a beautifully written book that analyzes the life and transformation of one social movement: youth activists in Oaxaca, Mexico who cohered into a movement after the 2006 civil uprising in that city. An important contribution to the literature on social movements, indigeneity, art, urban politics, and neoliberalism.”
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Wastelands
Recycled Commodities and the Perpetual Displacement of Ashkali and Romani Scavengers
Eirik Saethre

Wastelands is an in-depth exploration of trash, the scavengers who collect it, and the precarious communities it sustains. After enduring war and persecution in Kosovo, many Ashkali refugees fled to Belgrade, Serbia, where they were stigmatized as Gypsies, consigned to slums, sidelined from the economy, and subjected to violence. To survive, Ashkali collect the only resource available to them: garbage. Vividly recounting everyday life in an illegal Romani settlement, Eirik Saethre’s searing book follows Ashkali as they scavenge through dumpsters, build shacks, siphon electricity, negotiate the recycling trade, and migrate between Belgrade, Kosovo, and the European Union. Saethre argues that trash is a means of survival, but it also reinforces the status of Ashkali as a polluted Other, creates indissoluble bonds to transnational capitalism, enfeebles bodies, and establishes a localized sovereignty. In these geographies of displacement, suffering is boring and trash is transformative.

“Wastelands presents an original, compelling, and disturbing account of Ashkali and Romani scavengers in Belgrade, Serbia, a severely marginalized group that faces multiple forms discrimination and persecution. Saethre focusses on their dislocations and humiliations and yet shows their dignity amidst their daily struggles to survive.”
—Carol Silverman, author of Romani Routes: Cultural Politics and Balkan Music in Diaspora

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The Spirit Ambulance
Choreographing the End of Life in Thailand
Scott Stonington

The Spirit Ambulance is a journey into decision-making at the end of life in Thailand, where families attempt to craft good deaths for their elders in the face of clashing ethical frameworks, from a rapidly developing universal medical system, to national and global human-rights politics, to contemporary movements in Buddhist metaphysics. Stonington’s gripping ethnography documents how Thai families attempt to pay back a “debt of life” to their elders through intensive medical care, followed by a medically assisted rush from the hospital to home to ensure a spiritually advantageous last breath. The result is a powerful exploration of the nature of death and the complexities arising from the globalization of biomedical expertise and ethics around the world.

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Documenting Death
Maternal Mortality and the Ethics of Care in Tanzania
Adrienne E. Strong

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Documenting Death is a gripping ethnographic account of the deaths of pregnant women in a hospital in a low-resource setting in Tanzania. Through an exploration of local everyday ethics and care practices on a maternity ward, anthropologist Adrienne E. Strong untangles the reasons why Tanzania has achieved so little sustainable success in reducing maternal mortality rates, despite global development support. Growing administrative pressures to document good care serve to preclude good care in practice while placing frontline healthcare workers in moral and ethical peril. Maternal health emergencies expose the precarity of hospital social relations and accountability systems, which, together, continue to lead to the deaths of pregnant women.

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Fencing in AIDS
Gender, Vulnerability, and Care in Papua New Guinea
Holly Wardlow

In her vitally important new book, medical anthropologist Holly Wardlow takes readers through a ten-year history of the AIDS epidemic in Tari, Papua New Guinea, focusing on the political and economic factors that make women vulnerable to HIV and their experiences of being on antiretroviral therapy. Alive with women’s stories about being trafficked to gold mines, resisting polygamous marriages, and struggling to be perceived as morally upright, Fencing in AIDS demonstrates that being female shapes every aspect of the AIDS epidemic. Making crucial interventions into the anthropologies of mining, ethics, and gender, it is essential reading for scholars and professionals addressing global AIDS crises today.

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Anxious China
Inner Revolution and Politics of Psychotherapy
Li Zhang

The breathless pace of China’s economic reform has brought about deep ruptures in socioeconomic structures and people’s inner landscape. Faced with increasing market-driven competition and profound social changes, more and more middle-class urbanites are turning to Western-style psychological counseling to grapple with their mental distress. This book offers an in-depth ethnographic account of how an unfolding “inner revolution” is reconfiguring selfhood, psyche, family dynamics, sociality, and the mode of governing in post-socialist times. Li Zhang shows that anxiety—broadly construed in both medical and social terms—has become a powerful indicator for the general pulse of contemporary Chinese society. It is in this particular context that Zhang traces how a new psychotherapeutic culture takes root, thrives, and transforms itself across a wide range of personal, social, and political domains.

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White Collar and Financial Crimes
A Casebook of Fraudsters, Scam Artists, and Corporate Thieves
Jennifer Noble

Examining a shocking array of fraud, corruption, theft, and embezzlement cases, this vivid collection reveals the practice of detecting, investigating, prosecuting, defending, and resolving white-collar crimes. Each chapter is a case study of an illustrative criminal case and draws on extensive public records around obscure and high-profile crimes of the powerful, such as money laundering, mortgage fraud, public corruption, securities fraud, environmental crimes, and Ponzi schemes. Organized around a consistent analytic framework, every case tells a unique story and provides an engaging introduction to these complex crimes, while also introducing students to the practical aspects of investigation and prosecution of white-collar offenses. Jennifer Noble’s text takes students to the front lines of these vastly understudied crimes, preparing them for future practice and policy work.

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Alt-Right Gangs
A Hazy Shade of White
Shannon E. Reid and Matthew Valasik

Alt-Right Gangs provides a timely and necessary discussion of youth-oriented groups in the white power movement. Focusing on how alt-right gangs fit into current research on street gangs, Shannon E. Reid and Matthew Valasik catalog the myths and realities around alt-right gangs and their members; illustrate how they use music, social media, space, and violence; and document the risk factors for joining an alt-right gang, as well as the mechanisms for leaving. By presenting a way to understand the growth, influence, and everyday operations of these groups, Alt-Right Gangs aims to better inform students, researchers, law enforcement, and policy makers on this complex subject. Importantly, the work offers an extensively evaluated set of prevention and intervention strategies that can be incorporated into existing anti-gang initiatives. With a clear, coherent point of view, this book offers a contemporary synthesis that will appeal to students and scholars alike.

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**Distributing Condoms and Hope**
The Racialized Politics of Youth Sexual Health
Chris Barcelos

*Distributing Condoms and Hope* is a feminist ethnographic account of how youth sexual health programs in the racially and economically stratified city of “Millerston” reproduce harm in the marginalized communities they are meant to serve.

Chris Barcelos makes space for the stories of young mothers, who often recognize the narrow ways the public health professionals of Millerston approach “teen” pregnancy. Barcelos’s findings show that the agents of these programs—teachers, social workers, nurses—ignore systemic issues of race, class, and gender, and instead advocate for individual-level solutions such as distributing condoms and promoting “hope.” Through a lens of reproductive justice, *Distributing Condoms and Hope* theorizes different kinds of futures for marginalized youth, ones that neither use their lives as basis of disciplinary public policies nor romanticize their struggles.

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“Barcelos does an excellent job intersecting thick stories about community organizations and locating them within theoretical traditions to provide critical insights into how agents of the state conceptualize the bodies of Black and brown youth and their own role in reproducing ‘teen pregnancy’ as an urgent social problem.”

—Ranita Ray, author of *The Making of a Teenage Service Class: Poverty and Mobility in an American City*

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—Katie L. Acosta, Associate Professor of Sociology and author of *Amigas y Amantes: Sexually Nonconforming Latinas Negotiate Family*

Chris Barcelos is assistant professor of Gender and Women’s Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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**Criminology Explains School Bullying**
Robert A. Brooks and Jeffrey W. Cohen

*Criminology Explains School Bullying* provides a concise, targeted overview of criminological theory as applied to its subject. Robert A. Brooks and Jeffrey W. Cohen review the major criminological theories that explain the phenomenon of school bullying, bringing to life what is often dense and confusing material with concrete case examples.

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“As rates of school bullying continue to increase while methods also evolve, this work is relevant to a multitude of academics, practitioners, and policymakers. It demonstrates the many ways bullying can be explained, especially as victims of bullying come from many varied life experiences and circumstances.”

—Catherine D. Marcum, Appalachian State University

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**Male Survivors of Wartime Sexual Violence**

**Perspectives from Northern Uganda**

Philipp Schulz

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Although wartime sexual violence against men occurs more frequently than is commonly assumed, its dynamics are remarkably underexplored and male survivors’ experiences also remain overlooked. This reality is poignant in Northern Uganda, where sexual violence against men during the early stages of the conflict was geographically widespread, yet now accounts of those incidents are not just silenced and neglected locally but also widely absent from analyses of the war. Based on rare empirical data, this book seeks to remedy this marginalization and to illuminate the seldom-heard voices of male sexual violence survivors in northern Uganda, bringing to light their experiences of gendered harms, agency, and justice.

“The Ugandan men who have survived male-perpetrated wartime rape have a lot to teach us—about constructing non-oppressive masculinities, creating mutual support, and building gender-aware sustainable peace. In his ethnographically nuanced study, Philipp Schulz also charts a more grounded approach to international justice.”

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Coming Out to the Streets
The Lives of LGBTQ Youth Experiencing Homelessness
Brandon Andrew Robinson

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) youth disproportionately make up the U.S. homeless youth population. In *Coming Out to the Streets*, Brandon Andrew Robinson examines their lives.

Based on interviews and ethnographic fieldwork in central Texas, *Coming Out to the Streets* maps LGBTQ youth’s lives prior to experiencing homelessness—within their families, schools, and other institutions—and while the youth live on the streets, deal with police, and navigate shelters and services for people experiencing homelessness. Through this documentation, Robinson shows how poverty and racial inequality shape how LGBTQ youth experiencing homelessness negotiate their gender and sexuality. Robinson contends that solutions to addressing LGBTQ youth homelessness need to move beyond blaming families for rejecting their child. By highlighting youth voices, Robinson calls for queer and trans liberation through systemic change.

“*Coming Out to the Streets* is a wonderful book. Robinson is unflinching in documenting the richly nuanced and complex lives of youth for whom precarity is a condition of the everyday.”
—Patrick Anderson, author of *So Much Wasted and Autobiography of a Disease*

“Robinson’s focus on LGBTQ youth offers new and important insights into a population that faces disproportionate rates of homelessness and significantly more danger as they navigate the streets.”
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Brandon Andrew Robinson is Assistant Professor of Gender and Sexuality Studies at the University of California, Riverside, and they are the coauthor of *Race & Sexuality*.

Assimilation
An Alternative History
Catherine S. Ramirez

For over a hundred years, the story of assimilation has animated the nation-building project of the United States. Still today, the dream of a cultural ‘melting pot’ circulates through academia, policy institutions, and mainstream media outlets. Noting its many exclusions and erasures, scholars in the second half of the twentieth century persuasively argued that only some social groups are granted access to assimilation—others, they pointed out, are subject to racialization.

In this bold, discipline-traversing cultural history, Catherine S. Ramirez develops an entirely different account of assimilation. Weaving together the legacies of US settler colonialism, slavery, and border control, Ramirez challenges the assumption that racialization and assimilation are separate and incompatible processes. In fascinating chapters that range from nineteenth century boarding schools to the contemporary artwork of undocumented immigrants, this book decouples immigration and assimilation and probes the gap between assimilation and citizenship. It shows that assimilation is not just a process of absorption and becoming more alike, but of racialization and subordination.

“Coming Out to the Streets is a crucial intervention into understandings of assimilation in the US. This book will change future conversations.”
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“In her provocative, rich, and wide-ranging book, Catherine S. Ramirez offers granular assessments of the profound myopic limits of assimilation theory. Her answers turn on the complexity of the history of racialization in America, where one’s national origin is invariably linked to race—a stigma not easily erased by time or behavior.”
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Divided by the Wall
Progressive and Conservative Immigration Politics at the U.S.-Mexico Border
Emine Fidan Elcioglu

The construction of a wall on the U.S.-Mexico border—whether to build it or not—has become one of the hot-button issues in contemporary America. Activists on both the left and right mobilize without an immediate personal connection to the issue at hand, many doubting that their actions can bring about the long-term change they desire. Why, then, do they engage in immigration and border politics so passionately?

Divided by the Wall offers a one-of-a-kind comparative study of progressive pro-immigrant activists and their conservative immigration-restrictionist opponents. Using twenty months of ethnographic research with five grassroots organizations, Emine Fidan Elcioglu shows how immigration politics has become a substitute for struggles around class inequality among white Americans. She demonstrates how activists mobilized not only to change the rules of immigration but also to experience a change in themselves. Elcioglu finds that the variation in social class and intersectionality across the two sides mapped onto disparate concerns about state power. As activists strategized ways to transform the scope of the state’s power, they also tried to carve out self-transformative roles for themselves. Provocative and even-handed, Divided by the Wall challenges our understanding of immigration politics in times of growing inequality and insecurity.

“This riveting book studies pro- and anti-immigrant stances together and mines the meanings of the juxtapositions it generates.”
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“Deftly comparing the social composition, emotional motivations, and worldviews, Elcioglu makes a powerful contribution to the burgeoning ethnographic literature on white-working-class nativism.”
—Ruth Milkman, author of Immigrant Labor and the New Precariat

Emine Fidan Elcioglu is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Toronto.

Migration and Hybrid Political Regimes
Navigating the Legal Landscape in Russia
Rustamjon Urinboyev

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While migration has become an all-important topic of discussion around the globe, mainstream literature on migrant legal adaptation and integration has focused on case studies of immigrant communities in Western-style democracies. We know relatively little about how migrants adapt to a new legal environment in the ever-growing hybrid political regimes that are neither clearly democratic nor conventionally authoritarian. This book takes up the case of Russia—an archetypal hybrid political regime and the third largest recipients of migrants worldwide—and investigates how Central Asian migrant workers produce new forms of informal governance and legal order. Migrants use the opportunities provided by a weak rule-of-law and a corrupt political system to navigate the repressive legal landscape and to negotiate using informal channels to access employment and other opportunities that are hard to obtain in the official legal framework of their host country. This lively ethnography presents new theoretical perspectives for studying immigrant legal incorporation in similar political contexts.

“This book not only provides a brilliant analysis of the under-researched Russian case but also significantly adds to the existing knowledge of undocumentedness, informality, and migrant agency.”
—Joaquin Arango, Professor of Sociology, Complutense University of Madrid

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A Detroit Story
Urban Decline and the Rise of Property Informality
Claire Herbert

Bringing to the fore a wealth of original research, A Detroit Story examines how the reclamation of abandoned property has been shaping the city for decades. Herbert lived in Detroit for almost five years to get a ground-view sense of how this process molds urban areas—participating in community meetings and tax foreclosure protests, interviewing various groups, following scrappers through abandoned buildings, and visiting squatted houses and gardens. Herbert found that there’s a disjunction between different types of property reclaimers: lifestyle back-to-the-earth new residents, primarily more privileged, whose practices are often formalized by local policies, and longtime more disempowered residents, often representing communities of color, whose practices are marked as illegal and illegitimate. She teases out how the divergent treatment of these two approaches to informally claiming property reproduces long-standing inequalities in race, class, and property ownership. More generally, A Detroit Story examines how the attempt to formalize property informality in cities harms the most vulnerable.

“This is an evocative work that I can imagine being adopted for classes as well as publicly discussed and debated.”
—Judy Tzu-Chun Wu, Director of the Humanities Center at University of California Irvine

“A Detroit Story will be an important contribution to urban literature and scholarship on shrinking cities.”
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Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema
Deborah A. Starr

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In this book, Deborah A. Starr recuperates the work of Togo Mizrahi, a pioneer of Egyptian cinema. Mizrahi, an Egyptian Jew with Italian nationality, established himself as a prolific director of popular comedies and musicals in the 1930s and 1940s. As a studio owner and producer, Mizrahi promoted the idea that developing a local cinema industry was a project of national importance. Togo Mizrahi and the Making of Egyptian Cinema integrates film analysis with film history to tease out the cultural and political implications of Mizrahi’s work. His movies, Starr argues, subvert dominant notions of race, gender, and nationality through their playful—and queer—use of masquerade and mistaken identity. Taken together, Mizrahi’s films offer a hopeful vision of a pluralist Egypt. By reevaluating Mizrahi’s contributions to Egyptian culture, Starr challenges readers to reconsider the debates over who is Egyptian and what constitutes national cinema.

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“A captivating account of Egyptian film director Togo Mizrahi. Starr shows that Mizrahi’s distinct, often comical vision of Egypt captured a dramatic moment of social, political, and cultural transformation in which people of diverse backgrounds coexisted and struggled to achieve better lives.”
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“A remarkable study of a remarkable career. Starr offers a comprehensive analysis of a life in filmmaking that adds nuance to our definition of Egyptian nationalism and enhances our appreciation of Alexandrian cinema. This is a book of recovery, reclamation, and celebration.”
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Deborah A. Starr is Associate Professor of Near Eastern Studies and Jewish Studies at Cornell University. She is the author of Remembering Cosmopolitan Egypt: Literature, Culture, and Empire.
**Religion in America**
Lisa D. Pearce and Claire Chipman Gilliland

Written in an engaging and accessible tone, *Religion in America* probes the dynamics of religious beliefs and behaviors of Americans in recent decades. Charting trends over time using demographic data, the book examines how patterns of religious affiliation, service attendance, and prayer vary by race and ethnicity, social class, and gender. The authors identify demographic processes such as birth, death, and migration, as well as change in education, employment, and families, as central to why some individuals and congregations experience religious change while others hold steady. By tracing the historical roots of the recently intensifying association between a person’s religious affiliation and their political party, the authors reveal how population change is a key factor in the anxiety and upheaval experienced by Americans today. *Religion in America* challenges students to examine the demographic data alongside everyday accounts of how religion is experienced differently across social groups to better understand the role that religion plays in the lives of Americans today and how that is changing.

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**The Scarcity Slot**
Excavating Histories of Food Security in Ghana
Amanda L. Logan

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*The Scarcity Slot* is the first book to critically examine food security in Africa’s deep past. Logan argues that African foodways have been viewed through the lens of ‘the scarcity slot,’ a kind of Othing based on presumed differences in resources. Weaving together archaeological, historical, and environmental data with food ethnography, she forwards a new approach to building long-term histories of food security on the continent in order to combat these stereotypes. Focusing on a case study in Banda, Ghana, that spans the last six centuries, *The Scarcity Slot* reveals that people thrived during a severe, centuries-long drought just as Europeans arrived on the coast, with a major decline in food security emerging only recently. This narrative radically challenges how we think about African foodways in the past with major implications for the future.

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During the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries, Chinggis Khan and his heirs established the largest contiguous empire in the history of the world, extending from Korea to Hungary and from Iraq, Tibet, and Burma to Siberia. Ruling over roughly two thirds of the Old World, the Mongol Empire enabled people, ideas, and objects to traverse immense geographical and cultural boundaries. Along the Silk Roads in Mongol Eurasia reveals the individual stories of three key groups of people—military commanders, merchants, and intellectuals—from across Eurasia. These annotated biographies bring to the fore a compelling picture of the Mongol Empire from a wide range of historical sources in multiple languages, providing important insights into a period unique for its rapid and far-reaching transformations.

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**Embodying Geopolitics**
Generations of Women’s Activism in Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon
Nicola Pratt

When women took to the streets during the mass protests of the Arab Spring, the subject of feminism in the Middle East and North Africa returned to the international spotlight. In the subsequent years, countless commentators treated the region’s gender inequality as a consequence of fundamentally cultural or religious problems. In so doing, they overlooked the specifically political nature of these women’s activism. Moving beyond such culturalist accounts, this book turns to the relations of power in regional and international politics to understand women’s struggles for their rights.

Based on over a hundred extensive personal narratives from women of different generations in Egypt, Jordan, and Lebanon, Nicola Pratt traces women’s activism from national independence through to the Arab uprisings, arguing that activist women are critical geopolitical actors. Weaving together these personal accounts with the ongoing legacies of colonialism, Embodying Geopolitics demonstrates how the production and regulation of gender is integrally bound up with the exercise and organization of geopolitical power, with consequences for women’s activism and its effects.

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**Turkey**
A Past Against History
Christine M. Philliou

From its earliest days, the dominant history of the Turkish Republic was told as a triumphant narrative of national self-determination and secular democratic modernization. In that officially sanctioned account, the years between the fall of the Ottoman Empire and the formation of the Turkish state marked an absolute rupture, and the Turkish nation forms an absolute unity. In recent years, this hermetic division has begun to erode—but as the old consensus collapses, new histories and accounts of political authority have been slow to take its place.

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A New Translation and Study of the Zhen’gao or Declarations of the Perfected
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This volume is the first in a series of full-length English translations from one of the foremost classics in Daoist religious literature, the Zhen’gao or Declarations of the Perfected. The Declarations is a collection of poems, accounts of the dead, instructions, and meditation methods received by the Daoist Yang Xi (330–ca. 386) from celestial beings and shared by him with his patrons and students. These fragments of revealed material were collected and annotated by the eminent scholar and Daoist Tao Hongjing (456–536), allowing us access to these distant worlds and unfamiliar strategies of self-perfection. Bokenkamp’s full translation highlights the literary nature of Daoist revelation and the Declarations’s place in the development of Chinese letters. It further details interactions with the Chinese throne and the aristocracy and demonstrates ways that Buddhist borrowings helped shape Daoism much earlier than has been assumed. This first volume also contains heretofore unrecognized reconfiguration of Buddhist myth and practice that Yang Xi introduced to his Daoist audience.

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Remains of the Everyday
A Century of Recycling in Beijing
Joshua Goldstein

Remains of the Everyday traces the changing material culture and industrial ecology of China through the lens of recycling. Over the last century, waste recovery and secondhand goods markets have been integral to Beijing’s economic functioning and cultural identity, and acts of recycling have figured centrally in the ideological imagination of modernity and citizenship. On the one hand, the Chinese state has repeatedly promoted acts of voluntary recycling as exemplary of conscientious citizenship. On the other, informal recycling networks—from the night soil carriers of the Republican era to the collectors of plastic and cardboard in Beijing’s neighborhoods today—have been represented as undisciplined, polluting, and technologically primitive due to the municipal government’s failure to control them. The result, Joshua Goldstein argues, is the repeatedly re-inscribed exclusion of waste workers from formations of modern urban citizenship as well as the intrinsic liminality of recycling itself as an economic process.

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Joshua Goldstein is Associate Professor of modern Chinese history at the University of Southern California, and the author of Drama Kings: Players and Publics in the Re-creation of Peking Opera, 1870–1937.
Selected Works of D.T. Suzuki, Volume IV

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Daisetsu Teitarō Suzuki was a key figure in the introduction of Buddhism to the non-Asian world. Many outside Japan encountered Buddhism for the first time through his writings and teaching, and for nearly a century his work and legacy have contributed to the ongoing religious and cultural interchange between Japan and the rest of the world, particularly the United States and Europe. This fourth volume of Selected Works of D.T. Suzuki brings together a range of Suzuki’s writings in the area of Buddhist Studies. Based on his text-critical work in the Chinese canon, these essays reflect his commitment to clarifying Mahayana Buddhist doctrines in Indian, Chinese, and Japanese historical contexts. Many of these innovative writings reflect Buddhological discourse in contemporary Japan and the West’s prewar ignorance of Mahayana thought. Included is a translation into English for the first time of his “Mahayana Was Not Preached by Buddha.” An introduction by Mark L. Blum analyzes how Suzuki understood Mahayana discourse via Chinese sources and his problematic use of Sanskrit.

Daisetsu Teitarō Suzuki (1870–1966) was a Japanese-born scholar and translator who over the course of the twentieth century came to be regarded as one of the leading authorities on Zen and Buddhism generally. He was the author of more than a hundred works on the subject in both Japanese and English and was instrumental in bringing Buddhist teachings to the attention of the Western world. His many books in English include An Introduction to Zen Buddhism, Essays in Zen Buddhism, Zen and Japanese Culture, Mysticism: Christian and Buddhist, and Shin Buddhism.

Mark L. Blum is Professor of Buddhist Studies and Shinjo Ito Distinguished Chair in Japanese Studies at the University of California, Berkeley. He is translator of The Nirvana Sutra, vol. 1, author of Origins and Development of Pure Land Buddhism, and coeditor of Cultivating Spirituality and Rennyo and the Roots of Modern Japanese Buddhism.

Richard M. Jaffe is Professor of Religious Studies at Duke University and the author of Neither Monk nor Layman: Clerical Marriage in Modern Japanese Buddhism.

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The Cultural Project of the Late British Empire
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In the 1930s, British colonial officials introduced broadcasting services, publication bureaus, and film units into Africa under the rubric of colonial development. They used radio, film, and mass-produced books to spread British values and the English language across the continent. This project proved remarkably resilient: well after the end of Britain’s imperial rule, many of its cultural institutions remained in place. Through the 1960s and 1970s, African audiences continued to attend Shakespeare performances and to listen to the BBC, while African governments adopted English-language textbooks produced by metropolitan publishing houses.

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Made in Britain
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Stephen Tuffnell

The United States was made in Britain. For over a hundred years following independence, a diverse and lively crowd of emigrant Americans left the United States for Britain. From Liverpool and London, they produced Atlantic capitalism and managed transfers of goods, culture, and capital that were integral to U.S. nation-building. In British social clubs, emigrants forged relationships with elite Britons that were essential not only to tranquil transatlantic connections, but also to fighting southern slavery. As the United States descended into Civil War, emigrant Americans decisively shaped the Atlantic-wide battle for public opinion. Equally revered as informal ambassadors and feared as anti-republican contagions, these emigrants raised troubling questions about the relationship between nationhood, nationality, and foreign connection.

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The Selected Letters of Cassiodorus
A Sixth-Century Sourcebook
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One of the great Christian scholars of antiquity and a high-ranking public official under Theoderic, King of the Ostrogoths, Cassiodorus compiled edicts, diplomatic letters, and legal documents while in office. This letter collection, the Variae, remains among the most important sources for the sixth century, the period during which late antiquity transitioned to the early middle ages.

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M. Shane Bjornlie is Associate Professor of Roman and Late Antique History in the Department of History at Claremont McKenna College.

Manhua Modernity
Chinese Culture and the Pictorial Turn
John A. Crespi

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From fashion sketches of smartly dressed Shanghai dandies in the 1920s, to multi-panel drawings of refugee urbanites during the war against Japan, to panoramic pictures of anti-American propaganda rallies in the early 1950s, the polymorphic cartoon-style art known as manhua helped define China’s modern experience. Manhua Modernity offers a richly illustrated, deeply contextualized analysis of these illustrations across the lively pages of popular pictorial magazines that entertained, informed, and mobilized a nation through a half century of political and cultural transformation. In this compelling media history, John Crespi argues that manhua must be understood in the context of the pictorial magazines that hosted them, and in turn these magazines must be seen as important mediators of the modern urban experience. Even as times changed—from interwar-era consumerism to wartime mobilization to Mao-style propaganda—the art form adapted to stay on the cutting edge of both politics and style.

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“This book is unique in its emphasis on the film festival as a ‘public thing’ that not only convenes publics but generates debate about how ideally to be a public and what the nature of public-ness is. It is also a timely look at cultural production in a hotspot of political and economic turmoil over neoliberal austerity.”

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*Everyday Movies* documents the twentieth-century rise of portable film projectors. It demonstrates that since World War II, the vast majority of movie-watching did not happen in the glow of the large screen. Rather, it unreeled alongside the glitches, distortions, and clickety-clack of small machines that transformed home, classroom, museum, community, government, industrial, and military venues into sites of moving image display. Reorienting the history of cinema away from the movie theater’s magic, *Everyday Movies* illustrates the remarkable persistence and proliferation of devices that fundamentally rejected the sleek, highly professionalized film show. It foregrounds instead another kind of apparatus, one that was accessible, affordable, adaptable, easy-to-use, and crucially, programmable. With rich archival discoveries, this book charts a compelling and original history of film that brings to light new technologies and diverse forms of media engagement that continue to shape contemporary life.

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Dialectics without Synthesis
Japanese Film Theory and Realism in a Global Frame
Naoki Yamamoto

*Dialectics without Synthesis* explores Japan's active but previously unrecognized participation in the global circulation of film theory during the first half of the twentieth century. Examining a variety of Japanese theorists working in the fields of film, literature, avant-garde art, Marxism, and philosophy, Naoki Yamamoto offers a new approach to cinematic realism as culturally conditioned articulations of the shifting relationship of film to the experience of modernity. In this study, long-held oppositions between realism and modernism, universalism and particularism, and most notably, the West and the non-West are challenged through a radical reconfiguration of the geopolitics of knowledge production and consumption.

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Christophe Levaux is a researcher at Liège University, Belgium. He is the editor of *Boucle et Répétition* and *Over and Over: Exploring Repetition in Popular Music*, and the author of *Rage Against the Machine* as well as numerous articles published in *Tacet, Volume I, Revue et Corrigée, Organised Sound*, and *Rock Music Studies.*
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Their music reflected the conflict between a modernist narrative demanding innovation and a narrative of exile wedded to the preservation of prerevolutionary Russian culture. The emigrants’ and the Bolsheviks’ contrasting visions of Russia and its past collided frequently in the French capital, where the Soviets displayed their political and artistic products. Russian composers in Paris also had to reckon with Stravinsky’s disproportionate influence: if they succumbed to fashions dictated by their famous compatriot, they risked becoming epigones; if they kept to their old ways, they quickly became irrelevant. Although Stravinsky’s neoclassicism provided a seemingly neutral middle ground between innovation and nostalgia, it was also marked by the exilic experience. Móricz offers this unexplored context for Stravinsky’s neoclassicism, shedding new light on this infinitely elusive term.

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Zoltán Kodály’s World of Music
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Hungarian composer and musician Zoltán Kodály (1882-1967) is best known for his pedagogical system, the Kodály method, which has been influential in the development of music education around the world. For the first time, author Anna Dalos considers Kodály’s career beyond the classroom and provides a comprehensive assessment of his works as a composer. In addition to the inspiration of Hungarian folk music, which is commonly ascribed to Kodály’s composition, this volume presents his most important musical experiences, including the impact of Brahms, Wagner, Debussy, Palestrina, and Bach. Dalos highlights other decisive, extramusical impulses, such as World War I’s bitter experience, Kodály’s reception of classical antiquity, and even Kodály’s interpretation of the male and female roles in his music. Dalos’s impressive knowledge of the twentieth-century composer provides a timely and much-needed English-language treatment of Kodály.

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Beyond Gender Binaries
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Cindy L. Griffin

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Cindy L. Griffin is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Communication Studies at Colorado State University. She has authored, coauthored, and edited seven books and numerous articles on communication, persuasive and invitational rhetoric, feminism, intersectionality, and civility.

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Since the 2016 US presidential election, debates about fake news have regularly appeared in entertainment, politics, and news media. While many agree on the dangers associated with fake news, there is no consensus around the definition of the phenomenon, and its origins are loosely attributed to a variety of practices and technologies. Much of the discourse has focused on proposing solutions, with media literacy being one of the most frequently mentioned. However, Nolan Higdon argues that critical media literacy pedagogy will be unsuccessful without a comprehensive understanding of fake news. The Anatomy of Fake News offers the first examination of fake news for the purpose of creating effective critical news literacy. Higdon employs a critical-historical media ecosystems framework to identify the producers, themes, purposes, and influences of fake news and incorporates his findings into an invaluable fake news detection kit. This much-needed resource provides a rich history of fake news and a promising set of pedagogical strategies for mitigating its pernicious influence.

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Ella Baker’s Catalytic Leadership
A Primer on Community Engagement and Communication for Social Justice
Patricia S. Parker

Ella Baker (1903–1986) was an influential African American civil rights and human rights activist. For five decades, she worked mostly behind the scenes with people in vulnerable communities to catalyze social justice leadership. Her steadfast belief in the power of ordinary people to create change continues to inspire social justice activists around the world.

This book describes a case study that translates Ella Baker’s community engagement philosophy into a catalytic leadership praxis that others can adapt for their work. Catalytic leadership is a concrete set of communication practices for social justice leadership produced in equitable partnership with, instead of on, communities. The case centers the voices of African American teen girls who were living in a segregated neighborhood of an affluent college town and became part of a small collective of college students, parents, university faculty, and community activists learning leadership in the spirit of Ella Baker.

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Nada Moumtaz

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