Dear Readers,

University of California Press has always stood up to the challenge of the times, publishing urgently needed, passionately argued books that illuminate the issues of the day—books that deserve your time and attention. That’s more true this season than ever.

Consider, for example, Laura Briggs’s *Taking Children*. While the title recalls the recent experience of migrants along the southern border of the United States, Briggs’s compelling history shows us that separating children and parents is a tactic of control that stretches back to the country’s founding.

*A Brief History of Fascist Lies*, by Federico Finchelstein, is a searing indictment of using lies to shape reality. Fascists don’t lie, argues Finchelstein; they find truth in their deeper, warped mythos and act to bring that vision to life—with devastating consequences. Who are you going to believe, the dictator asks, me or your lying eyes?

We know that abortion rights are under threat in the United States, but *Obstacle Course*, by David Cohen and Carole Joffe, demonstrates in detail all the ways that states curtail a woman’s constitutionally protected right to choose—from enacting waiting periods to instituting limitations that amount to medical malfeasance. The resulting maze is nearly unnavigable.

Of course, climate change and its impacts make headlines nearly every day. Given the size of the problem, many feel helpless and hopeless. In *A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety*, Sarah Ray shows us a way forward, encouraging readers to take small steps toward overcoming these feelings while also making an impact. There is hope in action, argues Ray.

Finally, I want to highlight two books that take us deep into our shared past. *Maps for Time Travelers*, by Mark McCoy, shows how new technologies allow archaeologists to take us ever deeper into the past. *Muhammad and the Empires of Faith*, a remarkable new biography by Sean Anthony, not only illuminates the Prophet’s life but also demonstrates a new way of thinking about historical reconstruction.

Tim Sullivan, Executive Director
Taking Children
A History of American Terror
Laura Briggs

“You have to take the children away.”—Donald Trump

Taking Children provocatively argues that the United States has taken children for political ends for four hundred years. Black children, Native children, Latinx children, and the children of the poor have all been seized from their families. As Laura Briggs’s sweeping but concise narrative shows, the practice existed on the auction block, in the boarding schools designed to pacify the Native American population, in the foster care system that was used to put down the Black freedom movement, in the United States’ anti-Communist coups in Central America, and in the moral panic about “crack babies.” In chilling detail we see how Central Americans were made into a population that could be stripped of their children and that every US administration beginning with Reagan has put children of immigrants and refugees in detention camps. Yet this history of terror has met with resistance from every generation, and Briggs challenges us to stand and resist in this powerful corrective to American history.

“Taking Children offers an alarming new perspective on US child welfare policy. This book illuminates US child welfare policy as political state violence and dispels the still common and misguided view that it is a form of benevolent protection of children. Briggs’ framing of child removal as a repressive response to social movements and rebellions by oppressed people is radically new and enlightening.”

“The timeliness of this short but provocative book is, in a word, chilling. It is a well-researched book with heart. Taking Children will inspire people in this generation to take a stand.”
—Jason Ruiz, author of Americans in the Treasure House: Travel to Porfirian Mexico and the Cultural Politics of Empire

“Sweeping through the hemisphere and the centuries, this book illuminates a dark thread that runs through our history. I hope it inspires people to break that thread forever.”
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A Brief History of Fascist Lies
Federico Finchelstein

In this short companion to his book From Fascism to Populism in History, world-renowned historian Federico Finchelstein explains why fascists regarded simple and often hateful lies as truth, and why so many of their followers believed the falsehoods. Throughout the twentieth century, many supporters of fascist ideologies regarded political lies as truth incarnated in their leader. From Hitler to Mussolini, fascist leaders capitalized on lies as the basis of their power and popular sovereignty.

This history continues to the present, when lies again seem to be replacing empirical truth. Now that actual news is presented as “fake news” and false news becomes government policy, A Brief History of Fascist Lies urges us to remember that the current talk of “post-truth” has a long political and intellectual lineage that we cannot ignore.

“There is no better book on fascism’s complex and vexed relationship with truth.”

Praise for Federico Finchelstein’s previous book, From Fascism to Populism in History

—Washington Post

“A timely and commendable analysis.”
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A Q&A with Federico Finkelstein, author of A Brief History of Fascist Lies

What motivated you to write this book?

Since I started researching fascism, some two decades ago, I have been intrigued about how and why fascists lied so much. I have presented on this topic, especially in Italy, the place where fascism was born, as well as in the United States. And now that lies are back in power on a global scale, I thought it was especially important to write a book on this.

What do you want your readers to understand about the history of fascist lies?

I want readers to explore the ways in which past and present are connected in terms of the history of fascists lying. In the past, racist lies led to extreme political violence. This is now more than ever a key lesson of the history of fascism. If we want to understand our troublesome present, we need to pay attention to the history of fascist ideologues and to how and why their rhetoric led to the Holocaust, war, and destruction. We need history to remind us how so much violence and racism happened in such a short period. How did the Nazis and other fascists come to power and murder millions of people? They did so by spreading ideological lies. Fascist political power was greatly derived from the cooptation of truth and the immense promulgation of lies. But how does this relate to the present? Today we’re seeing an emergent wave of new right-wing populist leaders throughout the world. And much like fascist leaders of the past, they derive a great deal of their political power from questioning reality, endorsing myth, encouraging rage and paranoia, and promoting lies.

Some people are describing this moment as “post-truth” and President Trump frequently accuses the media of lying, despite his own penchant for making false statements. What will be the impact on US history and our future?

This has become a key question in the present moment, an era that is sometimes described as post-fascist, and sometimes as post-truth. The book presents a transnational historical framework for thinking through the history of lying in fascist politics in order to help us think through the use of political lies by Donald Trump and other extreme populists in the present. I offer a historical analysis of fascists’ use of political lies and their understanding of the truth.

How have your views changed from when you wrote your last book? Are we still seeing a rise in fascism, or is that not the case right now in the United States?

We are learning more about how problematic the new populist of the extreme right is for democracy. In From Fascism to Populism in History I explained how and why the new populism represented by Trumpism is much closer to fascism than any other populisms in history. Historically, populists have left behind key elements of fascism (dictatorship, violence and the glorification of violence acts, and racism). In contrast, the new populists are post-fascists who are returning to some of these key elements of fascism. We are not seeing (so far) the rise of fascism but we see worrying elective affinities between the new populists and the old fascists. The history of fascist lying is a central affinity in this regard.
A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety
How to Keep Your Cool on a Warming Planet
Sarah Jaquette Ray

A youth movement is reenergizing global environmental activism. The “climate generation”—late millennials and iGen, or Generation Z—is demanding that policy makers and government leaders take immediate action to address the dire climate science predictions. Those inheriting our planet’s environmental problems expect to encounter challenges, but they may not foresee the feelings of powerlessness and despair that often accompany social activism in the face of a seemingly intractable situation.

Drawing on ten years’ experience leading and teaching in college environmental studies programs, Sarah Jaquette Ray has created an “existential toolkit” for the climate generation. Combining insights from psychology, sociology, social movements, mindfulness, and the environmental humanities, Ray explains why and how we need to let go of eco-guilt, resist burnout, and cultivate resilience while advocating for climate justice. *A Field Guide to Climate Anxiety* is the essential guidebook for the climate generation—and perhaps the rest of us—as we confront the greatest environmental threat of our time.

“It would be foolish not to freak out over climate change—it’s the biggest, most dangerous thing humans have ever done. But it would be sad if that despair kept you from working hard on this crisis, not to mention enjoying a life on what is still a beautiful planet. This book has some wise strategies for finding a useful balance.” —Bill McKibben, author of *Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?*

“Bold and beautiful, this hands-on companion is essential reading for wrestling with the most important issue of our time.” —Kari Marie Norgaard, author of *Living in Denial: Climate Change, Emotions, and Everyday Life*

“Written for the Gen Z ‘climate generation,’ this book is essential reading for anyone despairing over our current climate emergency and future of turbulent change. Ray’s strategies overflow with deep and practical ways to cultivate collective resilience and creative adaptation, and even thrive in a climate-changed world.” —Leslie Davenport, author of *Emotional Resiliency in the Era of Climate Change*

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Obstacle Course: The Everyday Struggle to Get an Abortion in America
David S. Cohen and Carole Joffe

It seems unthinkable that citizens of one of the most powerful nations in the world must risk their lives and livelihoods in the search for access to necessary health care. And yet it is no surprise that in many places throughout the United States, getting an abortion can be a monumental challenge. Anti-choice politicians and activists have worked tirelessly to impose needless restrictions on this straightforward medical procedure that, at best, delay it and, at worst, create medical risks and deny women their constitutionally protected right to choose.

Obstacle Course tells this story of abortion in America, capturing a disturbing reality of sometimes insurmountable barriers put in front of women trying to exercise their legal rights to medical services. Authors David S. Cohen and Carol Joffe lay bare the excruciating and often life-threatening process of terminating a pregnancy in the United States: the arbitrary waiting periods, forced ultrasounds, dishonest and malicious medical information, exorbitant financial burdens, and public shame.

Based on the stories of patients and interviews with abortion providers and allies representing every state across the country, Obstacle Course reveals the unstoppable determination required of women in the pursuit of reproductive autonomy as well as the incredible commitment of abortion providers to make this goal a reality. There is a better way—treating abortion like any other form of health care—but the United States is a long way from that ideal.

“Makes such powerful use of real women’s voices to show us what happens when a constitutional right becomes an obstacle course.”
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“Everyone should read this enlightening contribution to the pantheon of reproductive justice books.”
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“This is an important and timely book. Its rare bringing together of the stories of women and abortion providers, set against the legal and social context of what women must face, will open eyes.”
—Kristen Luker, Professor Emeritus, UC Berkeley School of Law

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Maps for Time Travelers
How Archaeologists Use Technology to Bring Us Closer to the Past
Mark D. McCoy

Popular culture is rife with movies, books, and television shows that address our collective curiosity about what the world was like long ago. From historical dramas to science fiction tales of time travel, audiences love stories that reimagine the world before our time. But what if there were a field that, through the advancements in technology, could bring us closer to the past than ever before?

Written by a preeminent expert in geospatial archaeology, Maps for Time Travelers is a guide to how technology is revolutionizing the way archaeologists study and reconstruct humanity’s distant past. From satellite imagery to 3D modeling, today archaeologists are answering questions about human history that previously could only be imagined. As archaeologists create a better and more complete picture of the past, they sometimes find that truth is stranger than fiction.

“An eye-opening and engaging look at the science and technology of modern archaeology.”

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Industrial-Strength Denial
Eight Stories of Corporations Defending the Indefensible, from the Slave Trade to Climate Change
Barbara Freese

Corporations faced with proof that they are hurting people or the planet have a long history of denying evidence, blaming victims, complaining of witch hunts, attacking their critics’ motives, and otherwise rationalizing their harmful activities. Denial campaigns have let corporations continue dangerous practices that cause widespread suffering, death, and environmental destruction. And, by undermining social trust in science and government, corporate denial has made it harder for our democracy to function.

Barbara Freese, an environmental attorney, confronted corporate denial years ago when cross-examining coal industry witnesses who were disputing the science of climate change. She set out to discover how far from reality corporate denial had led society in the past and what damage it had done.

Her resulting deeply researched book is an epic tour through eight campaigns of denial waged by industries defending the slave trade, radium consumption, unsafe cars, leaded gasoline, ozone-destroying chemicals, tobacco, the investment products that caused the financial crisis, and the fossil fuels destabilizing our climate. Some of the denials are appalling (slave ships are festive). Some are absurd (nicotine is not addictive). Some are dangerously comforting (natural systems prevent ozone depletion). Together they reveal much about the group dynamics of delusion and deception.

Industrial-Strength Denial delves into the larger social dramas surrounding these denials, including how people outside the industries fought back using evidence and the tools of democracy. It also explores what it is about the corporation itself that reliably promotes such denial, drawing on psychological research into how cognition and morality are altered by tribalism, power, conflict, anonymity, social norms, market ideology, and, of course, money. Industrial-Strength Denial warns that the corporate form gives people tremendous power to inadvertently cause harm while making it especially hard for them to recognize and feel responsible for that harm.

“How much easier the world would change if it weren’t for the endless, organized lying of companies that make their money from the indefensible. This is such a useful chronicle for anyone trying to understand the shape of our world.”
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Bans, Walls, Raids, Sanctuary
Understanding U.S. Immigration for the Twenty-First Century
A. Naomi Paik

Just days after taking the White House, Donald Trump signed three executive orders that targeted noncitizens—these authorized the Muslim Ban, the border wall, and ICE raids. The new administration’s approach toward noncitizens would be defined by bans, walls, and raids. This book is the essential primer on how we got here and what we must do to create a different future. Bans, Walls, Raids, Sanctuary shows that these features have a deep history and have long harmed all of us and our relationships to each other. The forty-fifth president’s xenophobic, racist, ableist, patriarchal ascendency is no aberration, but the consequence of two centuries of U.S. political, economic, and social culture. Further, as A. Naomi Paik deftly demonstrates, the attacks against migrants are tightly bound to assaults against women, people of color, workers, ill and disabled people, and queer and gender nonconforming people. These attacks are neither un-American nor unique. By showing how the problems we face today are embedded in the very foundation of the United States, this book is a rallying cry for a broad-based, abolitionist sanctuary movement for all.

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Aya Gruber

Many feminists grapple with the problem of hyper-incarceration in the United States, and yet commentators on gender crime continue to assert that criminal law is not tough enough. This punitive impulse, prominent legal scholar Aya Gruber argues, is dangerous and counterproductive. In their quest to secure women’s protection from domestic violence and rape, American feminists have become soldiers in the war on crime by emphasizing white female victimhood, expanding the power of police and prosecutors, touting the problem-solving power of incarceration, and diverting resources toward law enforcement and away from marginalized communities.

Deploying vivid cases and unflinching analysis, The Feminist War on Crime documents the failure of the state to combat sexual and domestic violence through law and punishment. Zero-tolerance anti-violence law and policy tend to make women less safe and more fragile. Mandatory arrests, no-drop prosecutions, forced separation, and incarceration embroil poor women of color in a criminal justice system that is historically hostile to them. This carceral approach exacerbates social inequalities by diverting more power and resources toward a fundamentally flawed criminal justice system, further harming victims, perpetrators, and communities alike.

To reverse this troubling course, Gruber contends that we must abandon the conventional feminist wisdom, fight violence against women without reinforcing the American prison state, and use criminalization as a technique of last—not first—resort.

“A deep historical analysis of the roots of the feminist commitment to the criminalization of violence against women. Aya Gruber challenges the received wisdom that all feminists concur that criminalization is the best way to address intimate partner violence and sexual assault.”

Aya Gruber is Professor of Law at the University of Colorado Law School. A former public defender, she is a frequent commentator on criminal justice issues. She has appeared on ABC, NBC, and PBS, and her work has been featured in the New York Times, Denver Post, and Associated Press.

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Becoming Human Again
An Oral History of the Rwanda Genocide against the Tutsi
Donald E. Miller, with Lorna Touryan Miller and Arpi Misha Miller

Genocide involves significant death and trauma. Yet the enormous scope of genocide comes into view when one looks at the factors that lead to mass killing, the struggle for survival during genocide, and the ways survivors reconstruct their lives after the violence ends. Over a one hundred day period in 1994, the country of Rwanda saw the genocidal slaughter of at least 800,000 Tutsi at the hands of members of the Hutu majority government. This book is a powerful oral history of the tragedy and its aftermath from the perspective of its survivors.

Based on in-depth interviews conducted over the course of fifteen years, the authors take a holistic approach by tracing how victims experienced the horrific events, as well as how they have coped with the aftermath as they struggled to resume their lives. The Rwanda genocide deserves study and documentation not only because of the failure of the Western world to intervene, but also because it raises profound questions about the ways survivors create a new life out of the ashes of all that was destroyed. How do they deal with the all-encompassing traumas of genocide? Is forgiveness possible? And what does the process of rebuilding teach us about genocide, trauma, and human life?

“A journey through the heart of darkness, the pain of trauma, the complexity of justice, and the sorrow of survival, Becoming Human Again reveals the struggle for healing and forgiveness through the lives and words of those who know it best—its survivors. A true contribution to knowledge and deeper understanding.”
—Stephen D. Smith, Finci-Viterbi Executive Director of USC Shoah Foundation and UNESCO Chair on Genocide Education

“The mantra ‘Never Again,’ coined in the aftermath of the Holocaust, should in fact be ‘Again and Again.’ This important book explores in painful, honest, personal detail the most brutal of these genocides. More than just the genocide, it compellingly grapples with the issue of reconciliation and forgiveness.”
—Deborah E. Lipstadt, author of Anti-Semitism Here and Now

Donald E. Miller is the Leonard K. Firestone Professor of Religion at the University of Southern California and Director of Strategic Initiatives at USC’s Center for Religion and Civic Culture.

Lorna Touryan Miller is coauthor with Donald Miller of Survivors: An Oral History of the Armenian Genocide and Armenia: Portraits of Survival and Hope. She is former director of the Office for Creative Connections in Pasadena, California.

Arpi Misha Miller completed her doctoral dissertation in Sociology at UCLA, where she focused on the transnational political activism of Salvadoran immigrants in Los Angeles. Currently she is involved in immigrant rights issues in Fort Collins, Colorado.
Bandage, Sort, and Hustle
Ambulance Crews on the Front Lines of Urban Suffering
Josh Seim

What is the role of the ambulance in the American city? The prevailing narrative provides a rather simple answer: saving and transporting the critically ill and injured. This is not an incorrect description, but it is incomplete.

Drawing on field observations, medical records, and his own experience as a novice emergency medical technician, sociologist Josh Seim reimagines paramedicine as a frontline institution for governing urban suffering. Bandage, Sort, and Hustle argues that the ambulance is part of a fragmented regime that is focused more on neutralizing hardships (which are disproportionately carried by poor people and people of color) than on eradicating the root causes of agony. Whether by compressing lifeless chests on the streets or by transporting the publicly intoxicated into the hospital, ambulance crews tend to handle suffering bodies near the bottom of the polarized metropolis.

Seim illustrates how this work puts crews in recurrent, and sometimes tense, contact with the emergency department nurses and police officers who share their charges. These street-level relations, however, cannot be understood without considering the bureaucratic and capitalistic forces that control and coordinate ambulance labor from above. Beyond the ambulance, this book motivates a labor-centric model for understanding the frontline governance of down-and-out populations.

“Weaving fresh theoretical insights with firsthand experience, Josh Seim offers an exciting new lens for understanding urban governance, labor, and inequality.”
—Forrest Stuart, author of Down, Out, and Under Arrest: Policing and Everyday Life in Skid Row

“A clear and compelling analysis of the role of ambulance care in bandaging the wounds of an unequal society. Seim’s observant-participation as an EMT and ethnographer affords him a clear vantage on the ways that first responders cope with and manage the extraordinary and everyday violence of urban suffering. Gritty and insightful.”
—Carolyn Sufrin, author of Jailcare: Finding the Safety Net for Women behind Bars

“A timely investigation into the role that ambulances play in the lives of the most desperate among us. If you want to know what’s really happening on our streets, then read this book.”
—Kevin Hazzard, author of A Thousand Naked Strangers: A Paramedic’s Wild Ride to the Edge and Back

Josh Seim is Assistant Professor of Sociology at the University of Southern California.
Links four groups—welfare recipients, prisoners, graduate students, college athletes—to illustrate how social coercion is produced in American labor.

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**Coerced**
**Work Under Threat of Punishment**
Erin Hatton

What do prisoner laborers, graduate students, welfare workers, and college athletes have in common? According to sociologist Erin Hatton, they are all part of a growing workforce of coerced laborers.

Coerced explores this world of coerced labor through an unexpected and compelling comparison of these four groups of workers, for whom a different definition of “employment” reigns supreme—one where workplace protections do not apply and employers wield expansive punitive power, far beyond the ability to hire and fire. Because such arrangements are common across the economy, Hatton argues that coercion—as well as precarity—is a defining feature of work in America today.

Theoretically forceful yet vivid and gripping to read, Coerced compels the reader to reevaluate contemporary dynamics of work, pushing beyond concepts like “career” and “gig work.” Through this bold analysis, Hatton offers a trenchant window into this world of work from the perspective of those who toil within it—and who are developing the tools needed to push back against it.

“Brilliant and thought-provoking . . . Erin Hatton pushes us to reckon with how we view ‘work’ and, in the process, challenges us all to question why it remains acceptable to allow some people, particularly people who are marked by their race and class marginalization, to be utterly exploited in ways we would never accept for those who marked by their position of privilege.”
—Heather Ann Thompson, Pulitzer Prize Winning author of *Blood in the Water: The Attica Prison Uprising of 1971 and Its Legacy*

“The real value of this text is that it highlights not just the relationship between the growth of the carceral state and subsidies from private industry but how they have implications for the way work is done in the modern era.”
—Adia Wingfield, Professor of Sociology and Associate Dean for Faculty Development, Washington University in St. Louis

“This book represents a much-needed—and innovative—contribution that will advance the social scientific study of punishment and corrections as well as the study of work and labor.”
—Michael Gibson-Light, Assistant Professor of Sociology & Criminology, University of Denver

Erin Hatton is Associate Professor of Sociology at the University at Buffalo.

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Yesterday’s Monsters
The Manson Family Cases and the Illusion of Parole
Hadar Aviram

In 1969, the world was shocked by several murders committed by Charles Manson and his followers. Although the defendants were sentenced to death in 1971, their sentences were commuted to life with parole in 1972; since 1978, they have been regularly attending parole hearings. So far, all of the living defendants remain behind bars.

Relying on nearly fifty years’ worth of parole hearing transcripts, as well as interviews and archival materials, Yesterday’s Monsters invites readers into the opaque world of the California parole process—a realm of almost unfettered administrative discretion, prison programming inadequacies, and political pressures—and offers a fresh longitudinal perspective on extreme punishment.

“Through an insightful analysis of the Manson Family experience, Aviram illuminates how these high-profile cases helped institutionalize a system of extreme, often counterproductive, punishments that have transformed our conception of parole.”
—Marc Mauer, executive director of the Sentencing Project

“Filling an enormous vacuum in the literature, Aviram draws on fifty years of transcripts showcasing the Board of Parole Hearings’ interviews of the Manson Family members. Her book lucidly conveys how the magnitude of their crimes functioned as a crucial catalyst for statutory changes measurably harshening criminal penalties while narrowing the prospects for parole release in the ensuing decades.”
—Edward E. Rhine, Robina Institute of Criminal Law and Criminal Justice, University of Minnesota Law School

“Yesterday’s Monsters is two—or three—remarkable books at once: a compelling work of late twentieth-century social history, a sober and scholarly analysis of the flaws in our parole system, and an enlightened program for sensible reform.”
—Robert Weisberg, Professor of Law at Stanford University

Hadar Aviram is the Thomas Miller Professor of Law at the University of California, Hastings College of the Law. She is the author of Cheap on Crime: Recession-Era Politics and the Transformation of American Punishment and The Legal Process and the Promise of Justice. She is a frequent media commentator and runs the California Correctional Crisis blog.

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The Mating Game
How Gender Still Shapes How We Date
Ellen Lamont

Despite enormous changes in patterns of dating and courtship in twenty-first-century America, contemporary understandings of romance and intimacy remain firmly rooted in assumptions of gender difference. Yet these beliefs now vie with new cultural messages of gender equality that stress self-development, independence, and egalitarian practices in public and private life.

Through interviews with heterosexual and LGBTQ individuals, Ellen Lamont’s The Mating Game explores how people with diverse sexualities and gendered identities date, form romantic relationships, and make decisions about future commitments as they negotiate an uncertain romantic landscape fraught with competing messages about gender, sexuality, and intimate relationships.

“The Mating Game not only breaks new ground in the study of romantic relationships but also adds an important new voice to debates about the nature, extent, and consequences of the gender revolution.”
—Kathleen Gerson, author of The Unfinished Revolution: Coming of Age in a New Era of Gender, Work, and Family

“In this whiplash of a book, Lamont paints a sobering portrait of conventional coupling that contrasts with a dazzling display of creativity from the queer folk among us. Make no mistake: The goal of intimate equality is here, if we want it; and it is queer, if we’ll have it.”
—Lisa Wade, author of American Hookup: The New Culture of Sex on Campus

“This book is a must-read for those trying to understand the new rules for modern romance. It sheds a bright light on how today’s dating and mating game differs from courtship in the past—and the surprising ways it remains stubbornly resistant to change.”
—Sharon Sassler, coauthor of Cohabitation Nation: Gender, Class, and the Remaking of Relationships

Ellen Lamont is Assistant Professor of Sociology at Appalachian State University.

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A Comedian and an Activist Walk into a Bar
The Serious Role of Comedy in Social Justice
Caty Borum Chattoo and Lauren Feldman. Foreword by Norman Lear

Comedy is a powerful contemporary source of influence and information. In the still-evolving digital era, the opportunity to consume and share comedy has never been as available. And yet, despite its vast cultural imprint, comedy is a little-understood vehicle for serious public engagement in urgent social justice issues—even though humor offers frames of hope and optimism that can encourage participation in social problems. Moreover, in the midst of a merger of entertainment and news in the contemporary information ecology, and a decline in perceptions of trust in government and traditional media institutions, comedy may be a unique force for change in pressing social justice challenges.

Through rich case studies, audience research, and interviews with comedians and social justice leaders and strategists, A Comedian and an Activist Walk into a Bar explains how comedy—both in the entertainment marketplace and as cultural strategy—can engage audiences with issues such as global poverty, climate change, immigration, and sexual assault, and how activists work with comedy to reach and empower the public in the networked, participatory digital media age.

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“Kudos to Caty Borum Chattoo and Lauren Feldman for teaching me so much about my own job. A Comedian and an Activist Walk into a Bar is a comprehensive and insightful examination of the ways comedy can help shape social justice movements. It is an important read for anyone interested in understanding our current media landscape as a whole.”
—Hasan Minhaj, Comedian/Host of the Netflix series Patriot Act

“Explains how comedy can be leveraged for more than just singular laughter: it can be a means to the end of creating social change on our most pressing social justice problems. That’s what makes this book a must-read.”
—Erika Soto Lamb, Vice President, Social Impact Strategy, Comedy Central

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Lauren Feldman is Associate Professor in the School of Communication and Information at Rutgers University.

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Bite Back
People Taking On Corporate Food and Winning
Edited by Saru Jayaraman and Kathryn De Master. Foreword by Marion Nestle

The food system is broken, but there is a revolution underway to fix it. Bite Back presents an urgent call and vision for disrupting corporate power in the food system, a vision shared with countless organizers and advocates worldwide. In this provocative and inspiring new book, editors Saru Jayaraman and Kathryn De Master bring together leading experts and activists who are challenging corporate power by addressing injustices in our food system, from wage inequality to environmental destruction to corporate bullying. Each topical section presents an overview of a problem related to corporate control of the food system and then offers the story of a successful organizing campaign that tackled the problem. This unique solutions-oriented book allows readers to explore the core contemporary challenges embedded in our food system and learn how people and communities can push back against corporate greed to benefit workers and consumers everywhere. It is essential reading for anyone interested in food today.

“Don’t despair! There is a surprising amount of good news in the struggle for better food systems, and most of it is revealed and analyzed in Bite Back.”
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“Read here about the importance of grassroots organizing, why advocates must stay eternally vigilant to maintain the gains they have won, and why uniting advocacy organizations into strong coalitions is essential for gaining political power.”
—from the foreword by Marion Nestle, author of Food Politics: How the Food Industry Influences Nutrition and Health

Saru Jayaraman is Director of the Food Labor Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley, cofounder of the Restaurant Opportunities Centers United (ROC United), and author of Behind the Kitchen Door and Forked: A New Standard for American Dining.

Kathryn De Master is a rural sociologist in the Department of Environmental Science, Policy, and Management at the University of California, Berkeley, and an affiliated scholar with the UC Berkeley Food Institute.

A collection of insightful conversations between scholars and activists about how to reform our broken food system.
Tasting Qualities
The Past and Future of Tea
Sarah Besky

What is the place of quality in contemporary capitalism? How is a product as ordinary as a bag of tea valued for its quality? In her innovative study, Sarah Besky addresses these questions by going inside an Indian auction house where experts taste and value mass-market black tea, one of the world’s most recognized commodities. Pairing rich historical data with ethnographic research among agronomists, professional tea tasters and traders, and tea plantation workers, Besky shows how the meaning of quality has been subjected to nearly constant experimentation and debate over the history of the tea industry. Working across political economy, science and technology studies, and sensory ethnography, Tasting Qualities argues for an approach to quality that sees it not as a final destination for economic, imperial, or post-imperial projects but as an opening for those projects.

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“Refreshingly focused on spaces ‘in between’ plantation production and restorative consumption, Besky incisively details the expert work of blending, tasting, evaluating, and auctioning that regularizes every bag of ‘regular’ black tea to deliver a ‘nice cuppa’—producing qualities, she argues, that also reproduce India’s plantation form of monocrop agriculture.”
—Heather Paxson, author of The Life of Cheese: Crafting Food and Value in America

“A ‘nice cup of tea’ may be a small thing; the making of that ‘niceness’ is as big a subject as any taken on by anthropologists or historians. Tasting Qualities is an impressive account of the complex networks of expert practices and sites—plantations, auctions, blending rooms, scientific laboratories—in which qualitative judgments are made and then transformed into a priced product on the market.”
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Sarah Besky is Charles Evans Hughes 1881 Assistant Professor of Anthropology and International and Public Affairs at Brown University. She is the author of The Darjeeling Distinction: Labor and Justice on Fair Trade Tea Plantations in India.

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Todd Ramón Ochoa

A Party for Lazarus is the story of a Cuban family, six generations removed from slavery, struggling to honor their ancestors amid changing fortunes and a crumbling state. It is an intimate portrait of an intergenerational family saga involving the future of an annual jubilant feast to celebrate ancestors and orisás—the life-changing spirits at the center of African-inspired traditions and religious life on the island. Based on twenty years of fieldwork, Todd Ramón Ochoa’s masterful ethnography traces the evolution of orisá praise and everyday life in revolutionary Cuba across decades of economic hardship following the collapse of the Soviet Union. This book is a critical addition to the story of Black Atlantic culture and religion, drawn from the stories of remarkable lives in Cuba’s rural northern coast.

“There is an elegance to Ochoa’s style which correlates to the elegance of the orisha. Ochoa does not apologize for Cuban religion (a term he doesn’t use), nor explain away the foibles of his subjects. Things are as they are, and this is Cuba in all its magnificent desperation.”
—Donald J. Cosentino, author of Sacred Arts of Haitian Vodou and In Extremis: Death and Life in Twenty-First-Century Haitian Art

“It will not be long before A Party for Lazarus is recognized as a classic anthropological text that teaches ethnography in an accessible and provocative way. Without compromising its intellectual heft, the book boasts a wonderful sense of dramatic pacing, suspense, and characterization.”
—Elizabeth Pérez, author of Religion in the Kitchen: Cooking, Talking, and the Making of Black Atlantic Traditions

Todd Ramón Ochoa is a cultural anthropologist and Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is the author of Society of the Dead: Quita Manaquita and Palo Praise in Cuba.
Marijuana Boom
The Rise and Fall of Colombia’s First Drug Paradise
Lina Britto

Before Colombia became one of the world’s largest producers of cocaine in the 1980s, traffickers from the Caribbean coast partnered with American buyers in the 1970s to make the South American country the main supplier of marijuana for a booming US drug market, fueled by US hippie counterculture. How did one of the poorest and most isolated regions of Colombia become a central player in the making of an international drug trafficking circuit? Marijuana Boom is the untold story of this forgotten history. Combining deep archival research with unprecedented oral interviews, Lina Britto deciphers a puzzle: Why did the Colombian coffee republic, one of Latin America’s models of representative democracy and economic liberalism, transform into a drug paradise, and at what cost?

“Lina Britto’s Marijuana Boom is a stunning history of transitions and dependencies, from one drug to another: coffee, pot, and cocaine. Britto synthesizes a number of scholarly approaches to present a work far more valuable than the sum of its methods. A tour de force.”
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“This fascinating, up-close history of one of Colombia’s lesser known regions provides a human, often intimate counter to one of the dominant narratives in scholarly and popular understandings of Colombia.”
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“This book offers an unprecedented historical reconstruction of Colombia’s marijuana export boom, an account that is nuanced and engaging, analytically sharp, and unprecedented in its archival and oral historical depth.”
—Lara Putnam, author of Radical Moves: Caribbean Migrants and the Politics of Race in the Jazz Age

Lina Britto is Assistant Professor of History at Northwestern University.
Muhammad and the Empires of Faith
The Making of the Prophet of Islam
Sean W. Anthony

In *Muhammad and the Empires of Faith*, Sean W. Anthony demonstrates how reading non-Muslim and Muslim sources in tandem with a critical eye can breathe new life into the historical study of Muhammad and the world that his message transformed. By placing these sources within the intellectual and cultural world of Late Antiquity, Anthony offers a fresh assessment of the earliest sources for Muhammad's life, taking readers on a grand tour of the available evidence, and suggests what new insights stand to be gained from the techniques and methods pioneered by countless scholars over the decades in a variety of fields. *Muhammad and the Empires of Faith* offers both an authoritative introduction to the multilayered traditions surrounding the life of Muhammad and a compelling exploration of how these traditions interacted with the broader landscape of Late Antiquity.

“When Sean Anthony has written a marvelous book: deeply learned and engaging, it advances and deepens the discussion of how we should think about the ways Muslims remembered Muhammad and the relationship of the stories they told to the broader world in which Islam developed. I couldn’t put it down.”
—Jack Tannous, author of *The Making of the Medieval Middle East: Religion, Society, and Simple Believers*

Sean W. Anthony is Associate Professor of Near Eastern Languages and Cultures at Ohio State University and the author of numerous books and articles on Late Antiquity and the early Islamic world.

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How Coal Made the Middle East and Sparked Global Carbonization
On Barak

The Age of Empire was driven by coal. The Middle East—as an idea—was made by coal. Coal’s imperial infrastructure presaged the geopolitics of oil that wreaks carnage today. Carbonization threatens our very climate. Powering Empire argues that we cannot promote worldwide decarbonization without first understanding the history of the globalization of carbon energy. How did this black rock come to have such longlasting power over the world economy?

Focusing on the flow of British carbon energy to the Middle East, On Barak excavates the historic nexus between coal and empire to reveal the industrial and imperial motives behind what is conventionally seen as a technological innovation. He provocatively recounts the carbon-intensive entanglements of Western and non-Western powers and reveals unfamiliar resources—such as Islamic risk-aversion and Gandhian vegetarianism—for a climate justice that relies on more diverse and ethical solutions worldwide.

“Powering Empire is an extraordinarily original account that unsettles conventional energy histories of the Middle East, which focus to a great degree on oil. What Barak shows is that it was the nineteenth-century intersection of British coal exports and colonialism—‘coalonialism’—that helped create the infrastructural and social basis for the twentieth century’s oil regime. Brilliantly insightful and marvelously written, Barak reminds us of how deeply the legacy of coal continues to inform contemporary energy politics.”
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On Barak is a social historian of science and technology in non-Western settings, and a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Middle Eastern and African History at Tel Aviv University. He is the author of On Time: Technology and Temporality in Modern Egypt.

Understanding the rise of coal power and how we can move away from it.

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Acting Out
Cabinet Cards and the Making of Modern Photography
Edited by John Rohrbach, with contributions by Erin Pauwels, Britt Salvesen, and Fernanda Valverde

Cabinet cards were America’s main format for photographic portraiture throughout the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Standardized at 6 1/2 x 4 1/4 inches, they were just large enough to reveal extensive detail, leading to the incorporation of elaborate poses, backdrops, and props. Inexpensive and sold by the dozen, they transformed getting one’s portrait made from a formal event taken up once or twice in a lifetime into a commonplace practice shared with friends.

The cards reinforced middle-class Americans’ sense of family. They allowed people to show off their material achievements and comforts, and the best cards projected an informal immediacy that encouraged viewers to feel emotionally connected with those portrayed. The experience even led sitters to act out before the camera. By making photographs an easygoing fact of life, the cards forecast the snapshot and today’s ubiquitous photo sharing.

Organized by senior curator John Rohrbach, Acting Out is the first ever in-depth examination of the cabinet card phenomenon. Full-color plates include over 100 cards at full size, providing a highly entertaining collection of these early versions of the selfie and ultimately demonstrating how cabinet cards made photography modern.

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Gatecrashers
The Rise of the Self-Taught Artist in America
Katherine Jentleson

After World War I, artists without formal training “crashed the gates” of major museums in the United States, democratizing the art world across lines of race, ethnicity, class, ability, and gender. At the heart of this fundamental reevaluation of who could be an artist in America were John Kane, Horace Pippin, and Anna Mary Robertson “Grandma” Moses. In Gatecrashers, the stories of these three artists not only intertwine with the major critical debates and paradigm shifts of their period but also presage the call for diversity in representations of American art that is among the most powerful forces shaping the field today. Katherine Jentleson offers a valuable corrective to the history of twentieth-century art by expanding narratives of interwar American modernism and providing an origin story for contemporary fascination with self-taught artists.

“Interweaving histories of art-world power brokers with portraits of three exceptionally driven artists, Gatecrashers offers a refreshingly expansive view of twentieth-century folk art. From this archivally rich, story-packed, and highly ethical study, the self-taught artist emerges—not at the margins, but at the very heart of modern American culture.”
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Katherine Jentleson is Merrie and Dan Boone Curator of Folk and Self-Taught Art at the High Museum of Art in Atlanta.

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Christine I. Ho

Drawing from Life explores revolutionary drawing and sketching in the early People’s Republic of China (1949–1965) in order to discover how artists created a national form of socialist realism. Tracing the development of seminal works by the major painters Xu Beihong, Wang Shikuo, Li Keran, Li Xiongcai, Dong Xiwen, and Fu Baoshi, author Christine I. Ho reconstructs how artists grappled with the representational politics of a nascent socialist art. The divergent approaches, styles, and genres presented in this study reveal an art world that is both heterogeneous and cosmopolitan. Through a history of artistic practices in pursuit of Maoist cultural ambitions—to forge new registers of experience, new structures of feeling, and new aesthetic communities—this original book argues that socialist Chinese art presents a critical, alternative vision for global modernism.

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Mary L. Beebe; with contributions by Mathieu Gregoire, Miwon Kwon, Joan Simon, Robert Storr; and edited by Julie Dunn
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Drone Art
The Everywhere War as Medium
Thomas Stubblefield

What happens when a drone enters a gallery or appears on screen? What thresholds are crossed as this weapon of war occupies everyday visual culture? These questions have appeared with increasing regularity since the advent of the War on Terror, when drones began migrating into civilian platforms of film, photography, installation, sculpture, performance art, and theater. In this groundbreaking study, Thomas Stubblefield attempts not only to define the emerging genre of “drone art” but to outline its primary features, identify its historical lineages, and assess its political aspirations. Richly detailed and politically salient, this book is the first comprehensive analysis of the intersections between drones, art, technology, and power.

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Thomas Stubblefield is Associate Professor of Art History and Media Studies at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth. His book 9/11 and the Visual Culture of Disaster was awarded the NEPCA Rollins Book Award.
Passion Relics and the Medieval Imagination
Art, Architecture, and Society
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Although objects associated with the Passion and suffering of Christ are among the most sacred relics venerated by the Catholic Church, this is the first study to consider how Passion relics were presented to the faithful. Attending to the social and cultural phenomena surrounding these objects, Cynthia Hahn presents a compelling portrayal of late medieval and early modern devotion. Focusing first on the True Cross and then widening her investigation to encompass the collective group of relics—nails, the lance, the crown of thorns, cloth, blood, and others—Hahn examines their display in reliquaries, their presentation in church environments, their purposeful collection as centerpieces in royal and imperial collections, and finally their veneration in pictorial form as the Arma Christi.

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Hemispheric Integration
Materiality, Mobility, and the Making of Latin American Art
Niko Vicario

Exploring art made in Latin America during the 1930s and 1940s, Hemispheric Integration argues that Latin America’s position within a global economic order was crucial to how art from that region was produced, collected, and understood. Niko Vicario analyzes art’s relation to shifting trade patterns, geopolitical realignments, and industrialization to suggest that it was in this specific era that the category of Latin American art developed its current definition. Focusing on artworks by iconic Latin American modernists such as David Alfaro Siqueiros, Joaquín Torres-García, Cândido Portinari, and Mario Carreño, Vicario emphasizes the materiality and mobility of art and their connection to commerce, namely the exchange of raw materials for manufactured goods from Europe and the United States. An exceptional examination of transnational culture, this book provides a new model for the study of Latin American art.

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—George F. Flaherty, Associate Professor of Art History and Director of the Center for Latin American Visual Studies, University of Texas at Austin

Niko Vicario is Assistant Professor of Art and the History of Art at Amherst College.
Dematerialization
Art and Design in Latin America
Karen Benezra

Dematerialization examines the intertwined experimental practices and critical discourses of art and industrial design in Argentina, Mexico, and Chile in the 1960s and 1970s. Provocative in nature, this book investigates the way that artists, critics, and designers considered the relationship between the crisis of the modernist concept of artistic medium and the radical social transformation brought about by the accelerated capitalist development of the preceding decades. Beginning with Oscar Masotta’s sui generis definition of the term, Karen Benezra proposes dematerialization as a concept that allows us to see how disputes over the materiality of the art and design object functioned in order to address questions concerning the role of appearance, myth, and ideology in the dynamic logic structuring social relations in contemporary discussions of aesthetics, artistic collectivism, and industrial design. Dematerialization brings new insights to the fields of contemporary art history, critical theory, and Latin American cultural studies.

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The “Black Art” Renaissance
African Sculpture and Modernism across Continents
Joshua I. Cohen

Reading African art’s impact on modernism as an international phenomenon, The “Black Art” Renaissance tracks a series of twentieth-century engagements with canonical African sculpture by European, African American, and sub-Saharan African artists and theorists. Notwithstanding its occurrence during the benighted colonial period, the Paris avant-garde “discovery” of African sculpture—known then as art nègre, or “black art”—eventually came to affect nascent Afro-modernisms, whose artists and critics commandeered visual and rhetorical uses of the same sculptural canon and the same term. Within this trajectory, “black art” evolved as a framework for asserting control over appropriative practices introduced by Europeans, and it helped forge alliances by redefining concepts of humanism, race, and civilization. From the Fauves and Picasso to the Harlem Renaissance, and from the work of South African artist Ernest Mancoba to the imagery of Negritude and the École de Dakar, African sculpture’s influence proved transcontinental in scope and significance. Through this extensively researched study, Joshua I. Cohen argues that art history’s alleged centers and margins must be conceived as interconnected and mutually informing. The “Black Art” Renaissance reveals just how much modern art has owed to African art on a global scale.

“Joshua Cohen changes the way we think about transnational encounters in a sensitive and enlightening way. A fascinating journey through unpublished archives and visual material that leads the reader to a new understanding of twentieth-century interconnected histories. A must-read.”
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Joshua I. Cohen is Assistant Professor of Art History at The City College of New York. His writing has appeared in The Art Bulletin, African Arts, Journal of Black Studies, Wasafiri, and other publications.
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Nadya Bair

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Nadya Bair is a Getty/ACLS Postdoctoral Fellow in the History of Art.

**After Silence**  
A History of AIDS through Its Images  
Avram Finkelstein

Early in the 1980s AIDS epidemic, six gay activists created one of the most iconic and lasting images that would come to symbolize a movement: a protest poster of a pink triangle with the words “Silence = Death.” The graphic and the slogan still resonate today, often used—and misused—to brand the entire movement. Cofounder of the collective Silence = Death and member of the art collective Gran Fury, Avram Finkelstein tells the story of how his work and other protest artwork associated with the early years of the pandemic were created. In writing about art and AIDS activism, the formation of collectives, and the political process, Finkelstein reveals a different side of the traditional HIV/AIDS history, told twenty-five years later, and offers a creative toolbox for those who want to learn how to save lives through activism and making art.

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Avram Finkelstein is a founding member of the Silence = Death and Gran Fury collectives. His work is in the permanent collections of the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum, the New Museum, and the Smithsonian Archives of American Art.
Has the Gay Movement Failed?
Martin Duberman

The past fifty years have seen significant shifts in attitudes toward LGBTQ people and wider acceptance of them in the United States and the West. Yet the extent of this progress, argues Martin Duberman, has been more broad and conservative than deep and transformative. One of the most renowned historians of the American left and the LGBTQ movement, as well as a pioneering social-justice activist, Duberman reviews the half century since Stonewall with an immediacy and rigor that informs and energizes. He revisits the early gay movement and its progressive vision for society and puts the left on notice as failing time and again to embrace the queer potential for social transformation. Acknowledging the elimination of some of the most discriminatory policies that plagued earlier generations, he takes note of the cost—the sidelining of radical goals on the way to achieving more normative inclusion. Illuminating the fault lines both within and beyond the movements of the past and today, this critical book is also hopeful: Duberman urges us to learn from this history to fight for a truly inclusive and expansive society.

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“Always lucid and insightful, this is a major work that enriches LGBTQ literature.”
—STARRED REVIEW, Booklist

“Provocative but compelling.”
—The Daily Beast

Martin Duberman is Distinguished Professor of History Emeritus at City University of New York, where he founded and directed the Center for Lesbian and Gay Studies. He is the recipient of the Bancroft Prize, multiple Lambda Literary Awards, and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Historical Association, and he has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize and the National Book Award.

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Randy Shaw

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“Generation Priced Out boldly challenges the progressive community to rethink how to achieve greater economic and racial diversity by providing more affordable housing.”
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Randy Shaw is Director of the Tenderloin Housing Clinic, San Francisco’s leading provider of housing for homeless single adults. His previous books include The Activist’s Handbook: Winning Social Change in the 21st Century; Beyond the Fields: Cesar Chavez, the UFW, and the Struggle for Justice in the 21st Century; and The Tenderloin: Sex, Crime, and Resistance in the Heart of San Francisco.
The Los Alamos Primer
The First Lectures on How to Build an Atomic Bomb. Updated with a New Introduction by Richard Rhodes
Robert Serber

More than seventy years ago, the world changed forever when American forces dropped the first atomic bomb over the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6, 1945, instantly killing 80,000 people. Three days later, the United States dropped the second bomb on Nagasaki, killing another 40,000. Tens of thousands more would die in the days that followed, proving to the world the new and cruel destructive power of these bombs.

The origins of “Little Boy” and “Fat Man” began in March 1943 when a group of young scientists, sequestered on a mesa near Santa Fe, attended a crash course in the new atomic physics. The lecturer was Robert Serber, J. Robert Oppenheimer’s protégé, and they learned that their job was to invent the world’s first atomic bomb. Serber’s lecture notes, nicknamed the “Los Alamos Primer,” were mimeographed and passed from hand to hand, remaining classified for many years. Published for the first time in 1992, Serber’s lecture offers contemporary readers a new understanding of the very beginning of nuclear weapons. His preface, an informal memoir, vividly conveys the mingled excitement, uncertainty, and intensity felt by the Manhattan Project scientists. Now, seventy-five years since the bombs dropped, an updated introduction by Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Richard Rhodes offers a brief history of the development of atomic physics up to the day that Serber stood before his blackboard at Los Alamos.

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—Nature

Robert Serber (March 14, 1909–June 1, 1997) was an American physicist who participated in the Manhattan Project. Serber’s lectures explaining the basic principles and goals of the project were printed and supplied to all incoming scientific staff, and became known as The Los Alamos Primer. The New York Times called him “the intellectual midwife at the birth of the atomic bomb.”

Richard Rhodes won a Pulitzer Prize and a National Book Award for The Making of the Atomic Bomb. He subsequently published three further volumes of nuclear history: Dark Sun, Arsenals of Folly, and The Twilight of the Bombs.

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Lessons from a Dark Time and Other Essays
Adam Hochschild

In this rich collection, bestselling author Adam Hochschild has selected and updated over two dozen essays and pieces of reporting from his long career. Threaded through them all is his concern for social justice and the people who have fought for it. The articles here range from a California gun show to a Finnish prison, from a Congolese center for rape victims to the ruins of gulag camps in the Soviet Arctic, from a stroll through construction sites with an ecologically pioneering architect in India to a day on the campaign trail with Nelson Mandela.

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—Elizabeth Farnsworth, author, filmmaker, former chief correspondent, PBS NewsHour

"Lessons From a Dark Time is an elegant collection that showcases all of Adam Hochschild’s singular talents. These pieces are special and enduring—a chronicle of our time, past and present, told always on an intimate human scale.”
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Mediumship, Madness, and the Ghost after Mao
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Traversing realms visible and invisible, A Time of Lost Gods attends to profound rereadings of religion and politics through the cosmic accounts of spirit mediumship. These accounts shift one’s gaze toward the status of madness, in a world haunted by multiple times. Drifting across a temple, a psychiatric unit, and the home altars of spirit mediums in a rural county in China’s Central Plain, the book asks: What ghostly forms emerge of world-historical pasts amid the sense of a hollowed present?

Diverting from standard accounts of Maoist religious repression and post-Mao religious revival, the spirit mediums approach Chairman Mao’s reign not simply as an earthly secular rule, but an exceptional interval of divine sovereignty, after which the cosmos collapsed into chaos. Caught between a fading era and an ever-receding horizon, those “left behind” in a contemporary regime of value refigure the evacuated hometown as an ethical-spiritual center to come, amidst a proliferation of madness-inducing spirits. After a long century of exasperated responses to the threat of colonial seizure, the stories here tell of patients, spirit mediums, and psychiatrists caught in a shared dilemma, in a time when gods have lost their way.

“Emily Ng’s A Time of Lost Gods breaks new ground by reconsidering the long-vexed relation between mental health, spirit possession, and the state. A truly fascinating study.”
—Stuart Earle Strange, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Yale-NUS College

Emily Ng is a postdoctoral fellow at the Amsterdam School for Cultural Analysis, University of Amsterdam.
**The Life of a Pest**
An Ethnography of Biological Invasion in Mexico
Emily Wanderer

The Life of a Pest tracks the work practices of scientists in Mexico as they study flora and fauna at scales ranging from microscopic to ecosystemic. Amid concerns about climate change, infectious disease outbreaks, and biotechnology, scientific research in Mexico has expanded its focus to go beyond threats to human life to include threats to animal, plant, and microbial worlds. Emily Wanderer outlines how concerns about biosecurity are leading scientists to identify populations and life-forms as worth saving or as “pests” in need of elimination. Moving from high security labs where scientists study infectious diseases, to offices where ecologists regulate the use of genetically modified organisms, to remote islands where conservationists eradicate invasive species, Wanderer explores how biopolitical research informs, and is informed by, concepts of nation.

“Wanderer’s vivid ethnography examines biosecurity discourses and practices in Mexico, focusing on scientific projects in a range of settings (labs, fields, and offices) in order to understand how biodiversity provides a means for reimagining national identity.”
—John Hartigan Jr., author of Care of the Species: Races of Corn and the Science of Plant Biodiversity

Emily Wanderer is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pittsburgh.

**Sharia Transformations**
Cultural Politics and the Rebranding of an Islamic Judiciary
Michael G. Peletz

Few symbols in today’s world are as laden and fraught as sharia—an Arabic-origin term referring to the straight path, the path God revealed for humans, the norms and rules guiding Muslims on that path, and Islamic law and normativity as enshrined in sacred texts or formal statute. Yet the ways in which Muslim men and women experience the myriad dimensions of sharia often go unnoticed and unpublicized. So too do recent historical changes in sharia judiciaries and contemporary strategies on the part of political and religious elites, social engineers, and brand stewards to shape, solidify, and rebrand these institutions.

**Sharia Transformations** is an ethnographic, historical, and theoretical study of the practice and lived entailments of sharia in Malaysia, arguably the most economically successful Muslim-majority nation in the world. The book focuses on the routine, everyday practices of Malaysia’s sharia courts and the changes that have occurred in the court’s discourses and practices in recent decades. Michael G. Peletz approaches Malaysia’s sharia judiciary as a global assemblage and addresses important issues in the humanistic and social-scientific literature concerning how Malays and other Muslims engage ethical norms and deal with law, social justice, and governance in a rapidly globalizing world.

“Michael Peletz gives us a nuanced and insightful analysis of changes and continuities in women’s and men’s experiences in Malaysia’s Islamic courts. Sharia Transformations is an outstanding contribution to the study of law in practice.”
—Ziba Mir-Hosseini, author of Marriage on Trial

“A work of rare and exceptional importance, this book provides the finest historical study of the changing organization and social context of Islamic courts anywhere in the world.”
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Migrant Conversions
Transforming Connections Between Peru and South Korea
Erica Vogel

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Peruvian migrant workers began arriving in South Korea in large numbers in the mid 1990s, eventually becoming one of the largest groups of non-Asians in the country. Migrant Conversions shows how, despite facing unstable income and legal exclusion, migrants come to see Korea as an ideal destination. Some even see it as part of their divine destiny. Faced with looming departures, Peruvians develop cosmopolitan plans to transform themselves from economic migrants into pastors, lovers, and leaders. Set against the backdrop of 2008’s global financial crisis, Vogel explores the intersections of three types of conversions—money, religious beliefs, and cosmopolitan plans—to argue that conversions are how migrants negotiate the meaning of their lives in a constantly changing transnational context. Exploring how migrants, churches, and nations change through processes of conversion reveals how globalization continues to impact people’s lives and ideas about their futures and pasts long after they have stopped moving, or that particular global moment has come to an end.

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“This book is a model of what transnational ethnographic research can accomplish.”
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Leaving
A Narrative of Assisted Suicide
Anthony Stavrianakis

The first book-length anthropological study of voluntary assisted dying in Switzerland, Leaving is a narrative account of five people who ended their lives with assistance. Stavrianakis places his observations of the judgment to end life in this way within a larger inquiry about how to approach and understand the practice of assisted suicide, which he characterizes as operating in a political, legal, and medical “parazone,” adjacent to medical care and expertise. Frequently, observers too rapidly integrate assisted suicide into moral positions that reflect sociological and psychological commonplaces about individual choice and its social determinants. Leaving engages with core early twentieth-century psychoanalytic and sociological texts arguing for a contemporary approach to the phenomenon of voluntary death, seeking to learn from such conceptual repertoires, as well as to acknowledge their limits. Leaving concludes on the anthropological question of how to account for the ethics of assistance with suicide: to grasp the actuality and composition of the ethical work that goes on in the configuration of a subject, one who is making a judgment about dying, with other participants and observers, the anthropologist included.

“Leaving is an extraordinary book, one that offers an exceptionally compelling inquiry into the experiential, social, political, and ethical dimensions of euthanasia. The work as a whole is quite innovative, both in terms of the subject matter considered and the conceptual analysis developed. There is a singular, original quality to the text that will give it a lasting significance within anthropology and the social sciences.”
—Robert Desjarlais, author of The Blind Man: A Phantasmography

Anthony Stavrianakis is an anthropologist and CNRS researcher at the Laboratoire d’ethnologie et de sociologie comparative, Nanterre, France.
Istanbul, City of the Fearless
Urban Activism, Coup d’État, and Memory in Turkey
Christopher Houston

Based on extensive field research in Turkey, *Istanbul, City of the Fearless* explores social movements and the broader practices of civil society in Istanbul in the critical years before and after the 1980 military coup, the defining event in the neoliberal reengineering of the city. Bringing together developments in anthropology, urban studies, cultural geography, and social theory, it offers new insights into the meaning and study of urban violence, military rule, activism and spatial tactics, relations between political factions and ideologies, and political memory and commemoration. Its theoretical and conceptual contributions have implications far beyond its particular focus on Istanbul. This book is both a social history and an anthropological study, investigating how activist practices and the coup not only contributed to the “globalization” of Istanbul beginning in the 1980s but also exerted their force and influence into the future.

“This work is a groundbreaking study of the revolutionary turmoil in Istanbul between 1974 and 1983. It integrates historiographic and ethnographic methods, provides an edifying historical and sociological background to the events of this period, and makes a significant contribution to a phenomenological approach to history and politics.”
—Michael Jackson, author of *The Politics of Storytelling: Variations on a Theme by Hannah Arendt*

"An eloquent and engaging book on spatial politics. It is exceptional not only in its discussion of activists’ political-spatial practices and how these shaped Istanbul’s urban landscape, but also in its analytical approach to studying the relation between urban political activism and the social production of the city.”
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Christopher Houston is Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Macquarie University in Sydney. He is the author of *Kurdistan: Crafting of National Selves and Islam, Kurds and the Turkish Nation-State.*

Anthropologies of Revolution
Forging Time, People, and Worlds
Igor Cherstich, Martin Holbraad, and Nico Tassi

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What can anthropological thinking contribute to the study of revolutions? The first book-length attempt to develop an anthropological approach to revolutions, this book proposes that revolutions should be seen as concerted attempts to radically reconstitute the worlds that people inhabit. Viewing revolutions as all-embracing, world-creating projects, *Anthropologies of Revolution* asks the reader to move beyond the idea of revolutions as acts of violent political rupture and instead to view them as processes of societal transformation that penetrate deeply into the fabric of people’s lives, unfolding and refolding the coordinates of human existence.

“This book is an excellent, multi-authored foray into the world of revolution that, in a groundbreaking fashion, reconceptualizes what it means to be human in a context of rupture, transformation, and turmoil. It is a truly original (in all senses of the term) contribution to understanding the global and human condition of far-reaching political, social, and cosmological change.”
—Bjørn Enge Bertelsen, author of *Violent Becomings. State Formation, Sociality, and Power in Mozambique*

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**Crunch Time**
How Married Couples Confront Unemployment  
Aliya Hamid Rao

In *Crunch Time*, Aliya Hamid Rao gets up close and personal with college-educated, unemployed men, women, and spouses to explain how comparable men and women have starkly different experiences of unemployment. Traditionally gendered understandings of work—that it’s a requirement for men and optional for women—loom large in this process, even for marriages that had not been organized in gender-traditional ways. These beliefs serve to make men’s unemployment an urgent problem, while women’s unemployment—cooened within a narrative of staying at home—is almost a non-issue. *Crunch Time* reveals the minutiae of how gendered norms and behaviors are actively maintained by spouses at a time when they could be dismantled, and how gender is central to the ways couples react and make sense of unemployment.

“This is a beautifully written, well-organized, and meticulously researched book that breaks new ground.”  
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“The ideas are fresh, and an examination of unemployment and the different strategies between men and women and how their spouses react is welcome in the field.”  
—Rosanna Hertz, Wellesley College, 1919 50th Reunion Professor of Sociology and Women’s and Gender Studies

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**Fruteros**
Street Vending, Illegality, and Ethnic Community in Los Angeles  
Rocío Rosales

This book examines the social worlds of young Latino street vendors as they navigate the complexities of local and federal laws prohibiting both their presence and their work on street corners. Known as *fruteros*, they sell fruit salads out of pushcarts throughout Los Angeles and are part of the urban landscape. Drawing on six years of fieldwork, Rocío Rosales offers a compelling portrait of their day-to-day struggles. In the process, she examines how their *paisano* (*hometown compatriot*) social networks both help and exploit them. Much of the work on newly arrived Latino immigrants focuses on the ways in which their social networks allow them to survive. Rosales argues that this understanding of ethnic community simplifies the complex ways in which social networks and social capital work. *Fruteros* sheds light on those complexities and offers the concept of the “ethnic cage” to explain both the promise and pain of community.

“An important ethnography that is a critical contribution to our understanding of migrant networks and labor precarity.”
—Shannon Gleeson, Cornell University

“Rosales shows us the microcosm of everyday life within which co-ethnics interact, coexist, compete, and disappoint one another. Fruteros is theoretically rich and thoroughly engaging—ethnography at its best.”
—Cecilia Menjívar, Dorothy L. Meier Chair in Social Equities and Professor of Sociology at UCLA

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Criminology Explains Police Violence
Philip Matthew Stinson, Sr.

Criminology Explains Police Violence offers a concise and targeted overview of criminological theory applied to the phenomenon of police violence. In this engaging and accessible book, Philip M. Stinson, Sr. highlights the similarities and differences among criminological theories, and provides linkages across explanatory levels and across time and geography to explain police violence.

This book is appropriate as a resource in criminology, policing, and criminal justice special topic courses, as well as a variety of violence and police courses such as policing, policing administration, police-community relations, police misconduct, and violence in society. Stinson uses examples from his own research to explore police violence, acknowledging the difficulty in studying the topic because violence is often seen as a normal part of policing.

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“In clear and compelling prose, Jennifer L. Holland examines the rise of anti-abortion activism in the western United States and offers a kaleidoscopic history of this multi-ethnic, multi-religious, and politically diverse region. This is an important book.”
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“This is an outstanding book. Tiny You respects the diverse religious convictions of anti-abortion activists (Catholic, Mormon, and evangelical Protestant) and shows how their language of justice distinguished their success. Yet though they claimed to be leading a pro-civil rights campaign, Holland emphasizes their consistent anti-feminist arguments and brings forward the implicit racist assumptions of the overwhelmingly white movement.”
—Kathy Olmsted, author of Right Out of California: The 1930s and the Big Business Roots of Modern Conservatism

Tiny You tells the story of one of the most successful political movements of the twentieth century: the grassroots campaign against legalized abortion. While Americans have rapidly changed their minds about sex education, pornography, arts funding, gay teachers, and ultimately gay marriage, opposition to legalized abortion has only grown. As other socially conservative movements have lost young activists, the pro-life movement has successfully recruited more young people to their cause. Jennifer L. Holland explores why abortion dominates conservative politics like no other cultural issue. Looking at anti-abortion movements in four western states since the 1960s—turning to the fetal pins passed around church services, the graphic images exchanged between friends, and the fetus dolls given to children in school—he argues that activists made fetal life feel personal to many Americans. Pro-life activists persuaded people to see themselves in the pins, images, and dolls they held in their hands and made the fight against abortion the primary bread-and-butter issue for social conservatives. Holland ultimately demonstrates that the success of the pro-life movement lies in the borrowed logic and emotional power of leftist activism.

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**American Roulette**

The Social Logic of Death Penalty

Sentencing Trials

Sarah Beth Kaufman

As the death penalty clings stubbornly to life in many states and dies off in others, this first-of-its kind ethnography of capital trials offers a fresh analysis of the inner workings of American death penalty. Sarah Beth Kaufman draws on years of ethnographic and documentary research, including hundreds of hours of courtroom observation in seven states, interviews with prosecutors, and analyses of newspaper coverage of death penalty cases. Her research exposes the logic of a system that is not explained by morality or justice and does not make sense fiscally, emotionally, or as a crime-control strategy, but instead depends on a series of social logics that go beyond the previously acknowledged problems with race and class discrimination. Taking readers inside capital courtrooms across the country, American Roulette contends that the ideals of criminal punishment have been replaced by logics of performance and politics. The result is a network that assembles the power to decide between life and death, all while suggesting jurors take ultimate responsibility.

This richly detailed, sociologically rigorous work promises to take debates around the death penalty beyond the familiar race-and-class frameworks and to offer new ways of understanding jury sentencing more broadly. Ultimately, it reveals not only the deep biases built into the capital system but its utter capriciousness.

“Based on extensive ethnographic fieldwork, this book adds something that is not currently a big part of the literature on the death penalty: a feel for how it works and a glimpse into what a capital trial is like.”

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**Health Care Off the Books**

Poverty, Illness, and Strategies for Survival in Urban America

Danielle T. Raudenbush

Millions of low-income African Americans in the United States lack access to health care. How do they treat their health care problems? In Health Care Off the Books, Danielle T. Raudenbush provides an answer that challenges public perceptions and prior scholarly work. Informed by three and a half years of fieldwork in a public housing development, Raudenbush shows how residents who face obstacles to health care gain access to pharmaceutical drugs, medical equipment, physician reference manuals, and insurance cards by mobilizing social networks that include not only their neighbors but also local physicians. However, membership in these social networks is not universal, and some residents are forced to turn to a robust street market to obtain medicine. For others, health problems simply go untreated.

Raudenbush reconceptualizes U.S. health care as a formal-informal hybrid system and explains why many residents who do have access to health services also turn to informal strategies to treat their health problems. While the practices described in the book may at times be beneficial to people's health, they also have the potential to do serious harm. By understanding this hybrid system, we can evaluate its effects and gain new insight into the sources of social and racial disparities in health outcomes.

“Raudenbush breaks new ground by showing how low-income people, locked out of the formal health care system, are forced to turn to a shadow health care network for basic medical necessities. This gripping and beautifully written book is a must-read for anyone interested in poverty, health care, and the connections between them.”

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Beneath the China Boom
Labor, Citizenship, and the Making of a Rural Land Market
Julia Chuang

For nearly four decades, China’s manufacturing boom has been powered by the labor of 287 million rural migrant workers, who travel seasonally between villages where they farm for subsistence and cities where they work. Yet recently local governments have moved away from manufacturing and toward urban expansion and construction as a development strategy. As a result, at least 88 million rural people date have lost rights to village land. In Beneath the China Boom, Julia Chuang follows the trajectories of rural workers, who were once supported by a village welfare state and are now landless. This book provides a view of the undertow of China’s economic success, and the periodic crises—a rural fiscal crisis, a runaway urbanization—that it first created and now must resolve.

“Weaving together politics, class, gender, and local state institutions, Beneath the China Boom stands as a seminal sociological account of how macro-level forces have to be understood through changing social relations. This is a must-read for all scholars of China, development, and sociology.”
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Of Love and Papers
How Immigration Policy Affects Romance and Family
Laura E. Enriquez

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Of Love and Papers explores how immigration policies are fundamentally reshaping Latino families. Drawing on two waves of interviews with undocumented young adults, Enriquez investigates how immigration status creeps into the most personal aspects of everyday life, intersecting with gender to constrain family formation. The imprint of illegality remains, even upon obtaining DACA or permanent residency.

Interweaving the perspectives of US citizen romantic partners and children, she illustrates the multigenerational punishment that limits the upward mobility of Latino families. Of Love and Papers sparks an intimate understanding of contemporary US immigration policies and their enduring consequences for immigrant families.

“Enriquez sheds light on the courtship and dating phase of family formation among undocumented and/or mixed-status Mexican immigrant families.”
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“Enriquez shows a keen ability to analyze her data and demonstrate how gender constrains the process of family formation.”
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The City and the Wilderness
Indo-Persian Encounters in Southeast Asia
Arash Khazeni

The City and the Wilderness tells the story of a lost world of encounters. It describes the journeys and micro-histories of Indo-Persian travelers across the Indian Ocean and their contacts with the Burmese Kingdom and its littoral during the turn of the nineteenth century. As Mughal sovereignty waned under mounting British colonial control, Indo-Persian travelers and intermediaries linked to the East India Company explored and surveyed the Burmese Empire, inscribing it as a forest landscape and Buddhist kingdom at the crossroads of South and Southeast Asia. Revealing an archive of colonial Persian travel books and narratives in which Indo-Persian knowledge and perceptions of the wondrous edges of the Indian Ocean merged with the Orientalist pursuits of the East India Company, The City and the Wilderness uncovers the fading histories of inter-Asian crossings and exchanges at the ends of the Mughal world.

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**In Camps**  
Vietnamese Refugees, Asylum Seekers, and Repatriates  
Jana K. Lipman

After the American war in Vietnam, close to 800,000 Vietnamese left the country by boat, survived, and sought refuge in camps throughout Southeast Asia and the Pacific. This is the story of what happened to them, asking key questions that remain all too relevant today: Who is a refugee? Who determines this status? And how does it change over time?

From Guam to Malaysia and the Philippines to Hong Kong, *In Camps* is the first major work on Vietnamese refugee policy to pay close attention to host countries, detailing Vietnamese activism both in the camps and in the diaspora. This book explains how Vietnamese were transformed from de facto refugees, to individual asylum seekers, to repatriates. Ambitiously covering people on the ground—local governments, teachers, corrections officers, and others as well as powerful players such as the UN High Commissioner for Refugees and the US government, Jana Lipman shows that the local politics of first asylum countries often drove international refugee policy. Unsettling most accounts of Southeast Asian migration to the US, *In Camps* instead emphasizes the contingencies inherent in refugee policy and experiences.

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**Reason and Revelation in Byzantine Antioch**  
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What happened to ancient Greek thought after Antiquity? What impact did Abrahamic religions have on how medieval scholars in the Byzantine and Islamic world adapted and reinvigorated this ancient heritage? *Reason and Revelation in Byzantine Antioch* tackles these questions through the work of the eleventh-century Christian theologian, Abdallah ibn al-Fadl, who undertook an ambitious program of translating Greek texts, ancient and contemporary, into Arabic. Poised between the Byzantine Empire that controlled his home city of Antioch and the Arabic-speaking cultural universe of Syria-Palestine, Egypt, Aleppo, and Iraq, Ibn al-Fadl engaged intensely with both Greek and Arabic philosophy, science, and literary culture. Against the common narrative that treats Christian and Muslim scholars in almost total isolation from each other in the middle ages, Alexandre M. Roberts reveals a shared culture of robust intellectual curiosity in the service of tradition that has had a lasting role in Eurasian intellectual history.

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Colonial Migrants at the Heart of Empire
Puerto Rican Workers on U.S. Farms
Ismael García-Colón

Colonial Migrants at the Heart of Empire is the first comprehensive look at the experiences of Puerto Rican migrant workers in continental U.S. agriculture in the twentieth century. Ismael García-Colón investigates the origins and development of the Farm Labor Program, which was established by the government of Puerto Rico in 1947. This program placed hundreds of thousands of migrant workers on U.S. farms and fostered the emergence of many state-side Puerto Rican communities.

Colonial Migrants is both a labor history and an ethnography of the experience of migrant farmworkers in U.S. rural communities. It evokes the violence, fieldwork, food, lodging, surveillance, and coercion that Puerto Ricans experienced on farms as well as their hopes and struggles to overcome poverty. One of the first books to explore the particular prejudice and racism faced by island farmworkers as they interacted with U.S. rural communities, it reveals the dual status of Puerto Ricans as both U.S. citizens and as racialized “foreign others,” and shows how immigration policies shaped their migration. Despite these challenges, many Puerto Rican farmworkers ultimately stayed in these communities and contributed to the production of food, the Latinization of the U.S. farm labor force, and demographic and ethnic changes in rural America.

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“Tracing the complex history of Puerto Ricans in agriculture on the U.S. mainland, this highly original work weaves history and ethnography together into a detailed and elegant analysis.”
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Sameness in Diversity
Food and Globalization in Modern America
Laresh Jayasanker

Americans of the 1960s, accustomed to frozen dinners and soupy casseroles, would have trouble navigating the grocery aisles and restaurant menus of today. There, they would find once-exotic ingredients—like mangoes, hot sauces, kale, kimchi, and coconut milk—that have become standard in contemporary Americans’ diets.

In Sameness in Diversity, Laresh Jayasanker explains how food choices have expanded since the 1960s, even as food companies have consolidated, due to transformations in transportation, suburbanization, immigration, and global trade. As international food products became available to a broad American public, fewer companies controlled their production and distribution, which, in turn, limited what was available and what American consumers could access. Mining an archive of menus, cookbooks, trade publications, interviews, and company records, Jayasanker explores Americans’ changing eating habits to shed light on the impact of immigration and globalization on American culture.

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—From the foreword by Carol Helstosky, author of Garlic and Oil: Politics and Food in Italy

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Chicago hosts one of the largest, most politically active Palestinian immigrant communities in the United States. For decades, secular nationalism held sway as the dominant political ideology, but since the 1990s, its structures have weakened and Islamic institutions have gained strength. Drawing on extensive fieldwork and interview data, Palestinian Chicago charts the origins of these changes and the multiple effects they have had on identity across religious, political, class, gender, and generational lines within the contested space of exile. The perspectives that emerge through this rich ethnography challenge prevailing understandings of secularity and religion, and, in doing so, offer critical insight into current debates about immigration and national belonging.

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Sporting Blackness
Race, Embodiment, and Critical Muscle Memory on Screen
Samantha N. Sheppard

Sporting Blackness examines issues of race and representation in sports films, exploring what it means to embody, perform, play out, and contest blackness by representations of Black athletes on screen. By presenting new critical terms, Sheppard analyzes not only “skin in the game,” or how racial representation shapes the genre’s imagery, but also “skin in the genre,” or the formal consequences of blackness on the sport film genre’s modes, codes, and conventions. Through a rich interdisciplinary approach, Sheppard argues that representations of Black sporting bodies contain “critical muscle memories,” embodied, kinesthetic, and cinematic histories that go beyond a film’s plot to index, circulate, and reproduce broader narratives about Black sporting and non-sporting experiences in American society.

Samantha N. Sheppard is the Mary Armstrong Meduski ’80 Assistant Professor of Cinema and Media Studies in the Department of Performing and Media Arts at Cornell University.
In the Studio
Visual Creation and Its Material Environments
Edited by Brian R. Jacobson

Studios are, at once, material environments and symbolic forms, sites of artistic creation and physical labor, and nodes in networks of resource circulation. They are architectural places that generate virtual spaces—worlds built to build worlds. On the outside, they have become icons of corporate identity, while on the inside, they have remained invisible in order to be seen. As such, they have actively faded into the background of critical discourse and into the margins of film and media history. Recovering their hidden role in the history of visual creation, In the Studio demonstrates that when we foreground these worlds, we gain new insights into moving-image culture and the material, ecological, social, political, and economic dynamics that quietly mark the worlds on our screens. Spanning the twentieth century and moving globally, from Japan to Brazil, Mexico to Moscow, and Hollywood to Dubai, this unique collection tells new stories about studio icons—Pinewood, Cinecittà, Churubusco, and CBS—as well as the experimental workplaces of filmmakers and artists from Aleksandr Medvedkin to Charles and Ray Eames and Hollis Frampton.

Brian R. Jacobson is Assistant Professor of Cinema Studies and History at the University of Toronto. He is the author of Studios Before the System: Architecture, Technology, and the Emergence of Cinematic Space.

Arab Modernism as World Cinema
The Films of Moumen Smihi
Peter Limbrick

Arab Modernism as World Cinema explores the radically beautiful films of Moroccan filmmaker Moumen Smihi, demonstrating the importance of Moroccan and Arab film cultures in histories of world cinema. Addressing the legacy of the Nahda or “Arab Renaissance” of the nineteenth and early-twentieth century—when Arab writers and artists reenergized Arab culture by engaging with other languages and societies—Peter Limbrick argues that Smihi’s films take up the spirit of the Nahda for a new age. With this oeuvre, which enacts an exchange of images and ideas between Arab and non-Arab cultures, Limbrick rethinks the relation of Arab cinema to modernism and further engages debates about the use of avant-garde and modernist forms by filmmakers in the global South. This original study offers new routes for thinking about world cinema and modernism in the Middle East and North Africa, and about Arab cinema in the world.

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Peter Limbrick is Associate Professor of Film and Digital Media at the University of California, Santa Cruz. He is the author of Making Settler Cinemas and articles on Middle Eastern and postcolonial cinema.
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Martial Law Melodrama
Lino Brocka’s Cinema Politics
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Andrew Palmer studied Syriac at Mor Gabriel’s in Tur Abdin before writing his doctoral thesis on that monastery. He went on to write a book about Syriac monasticism. His edition of the Syriac original of the Life of Barsauma is in preparation.

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