Dear Readers,

Welcome to the University California Press Spring 2022 catalog, filled with the deep knowledge that only great university press publishing can deliver, season after season.

Two of our titles cast light on the new shape of the world. In Access Rules, two veteran authors show how we can remain in control of our identities in a world where the notion of privacy is rapidly disappearing. And in Going Remote, economist Matthew Kahn uses the tools of economics to explore the tradeoffs of our post-pandemic remote and hybrid offices—and how they might change national and international economic landscapes.

Also of note is a remarkable book about a remarkable city: Jerusalem tells the story of one of the world's oldest and most complicated cities. Without resorting to partisanship or division, the authors tell the complete story of this divided metropolis.

I want to call your attention to a set of powerful books that address the confluence of race and the American experiment: America, Goddam; Rebel Speak; and Revolutionary Nonviolence. The last of these publishes for the first time the teachings of one of the original voices of the civil rights movement, while the others introduce two new voices of the contemporary social justice movement that offer scathing assessments of where the United States stands today—and how it can fulfill its promise.

Finally is a small book that is close to my heart: The Kingdom of Rye, a lyrical masterpiece that encapsulates a lifetime of knowledge about Russian scarcity and the gastronomic beauty it has produced.

Happy reading!

Tim Sullivan, Executive Director
Access Rules
Freeing Data from Big Tech for a Better Future
Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and Thomas Ramge

This urgent and radical call to action demands open access to data for all—to take back power from Big Tech and improve our lives and our societies.

Information is power, and the time is now for digital liberation. Access Rules mounts a strong and hopeful argument for how informational tools at present in the hands of a few could instead become empowering machines for everyone. By forcing data-hoarding companies to open access to their data, we can reinvigorate both our economy and our society. Authors Viktor Mayer-Schönberger and Thomas Ramge contend that if we disrupt monopoly power and create a level playing field, digital innovations can emerge to benefit us all.

Over the last twenty years, Big Tech has managed to centralize the most relevant data on their servers, and data has become the most important raw material for innovation. Dominant oligopolists like Facebook, Amazon, and Google, in contrast with their reputation as digital pioneers, are in fact slowing down innovation and progress for the benefit of their shareholders—and at the expense of customers, the economy, and society. As Access Rules compellingly argues, ultimately it is up to us to force information giants, wherever they are located, to share their treasure troves of data with others. In order for us to limit global warming, contain a virus like COVID-19, or successfully fight poverty, everyone must have access to data—and that includes citizens and scientists, start-ups and established companies, as well as the public sector and NGOs. When everyone has access to the informational riches of the data age, the nature of digital power will change. Information technology will find its way back to its original purpose: empowering all of us to use information so we can thrive as individuals and as societies.

“Openness is the absolute key to innovation. Read this book on how to kick-start data-driven innovation and rein in Big Tech monopolies.”
—Katharina Borchert, former Chief Innovation Officer at Mozilla and Cofounder of Equilibrio

“This powerful vision deserves the attention of scholars, policymakers, and anyone interested in democratizing access to information.”
—AnnaLee Saxenian, University of California, Berkeley

“Highly readable, engaging, and important. A must-read for anyone wanting to understand the future of the global information economy.”
—Beth Simone Noveck, Director, The Governance Lab

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Jerusalem
History of a Global City
Vincent Lemire, Katell Berthelot, Julien Loiseau, and Yann Potin. Translated by Juliana Froggatt

A fresh and comprehensive history of the often mythologized city of Jerusalem from its origins to today, offering a deeper look at its real urban environment.

Jerusalem is often seen as an eternal battlefield in the “clash of civilizations” and in endless, inevitable wars of religion. But if we abandon this limiting image when reviewing the entirety of its concrete urban history—from its beginnings to today—we discover a global city at the world’s crossroads. Jerusalem is the common cradle of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, whose long and intertwined pasts include as much exchange and reciprocal influence as conflict and confrontation. This synthetic account is the first to make available to the general public Jerusalem’s whole history, informed by the latest archaeological finds, unexplored archives, and ongoing research and offering a completely renewed understanding of the city’s past and geography. This book is an indispensable guide to understanding why the world converges on Jerusalem.

“A lively, precise, and handy book of great intelligence. . . . In the end, [it is the physical city itself] that is at the heart of this fine work. . . . What a great achievement indeed to have made this most labyrinthine of cities so readable.”
—Le Monde

“Very readable, very well informed, very well documented. . . . Recommended to anyone traveling to Israel-Palestine or who cares about [Jerusalem’s] fate for good or for bad reasons.”
—LibreSens

“A thrilling book from beginning to end, which illuminates the dramas of the present.”
—L’Histoire

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Going Remote
How the Flexible Work Economy Can Improve Our Lives and Our Cities
Matthew E. Kahn

From a leading urban economist, this insightful study details how the rise of remote work can improve the standard of living for millions of people.

As COVID-19 descended upon the country in 2020, millions of American office workers transitioned to working from home to reduce risk of infection and prevent spread of the virus. In the aftermath of this shift, a significant number of workers will remain at least partially remote. It is clear that this massive experiment we were forced to run will have long-term consequences, changing the shape of our personal and work lives, as well as the urban landscape around us. How will the rise of telecommuting affect workers’ quality of life, the profitability of firms, and the economic geography of our cities and suburbs? Going Remote addresses the uncertainties and possibilities of this moment.

In Going Remote, urban economist Matthew E. Kahn takes readers on a journey through the new remote-work economy, revealing how people will configure their lives when they have more freedom to choose where they work and how they live. Melding ideas from labor economics, family economics, the theory of the firm, and urban economics, Kahn paints a realistic picture of what will happen to workers, firms, and urban areas, big and small. As Kahn shows, the rise of remote work presents especially valuable opportunities for flexibility and equity in the lives of women, minorities, and young people, and even for those whose jobs do not allow them to work from home. Uncovering key implications for our quality of life, Going Remote demonstrates how the rise of remote work can significantly improve the standard of living for millions of people by expanding personal freedom, changing the arc of how we live, work, and play.

“A thought-provoking analysis of the effects of working from home on the economic geography of the US by one of the leading urban economists.”
—Enrico Moretti, author of The New Geography of Jobs

“Going Remote is a thoughtful analysis of the working-from-home phenomenon written by one of the world’s leading urban and environmental economists. This engaging book will help readers understand the social, environmental, and economic consequences of telecommuting.”
—Edward Glaeser, Harvard University

“A necessary, thorough, and thoughtful treatment of the economics of remote work. A must-read for anyone who wants to understand the profound and wide ranging impacts that remote work is likely to bring to how we live and work.”
—Adam Ozimek, Chief Economist, Upwork

Matthew E. Kahn is Provost Professor at the University of Southern California. He is author of six previous books about environmental and urban economics issues.
Imperial Wine
How the British Empire Made Wine’s New World
Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre

The first history of wine across the British Empire, delving deeply into the colonial roots of the global wine industry.

Imperial Wine is a bold, rigorous history of Britain’s surprising role in creating the wine industries of Australia, South Africa, and New Zealand. Here, historian Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre bridges the genres of global commodity history and imperial history, presenting provocative new research in an accessible narrative. This is the first book to argue that today’s global wine industry exists as a result of settler colonialism and that imperialism was central, not incidental, to viticulture in the British colonies.

Wineries were established almost immediately after the colonization of South Africa, Australia, and New Zealand as part of a civilizing mission: tidy vines, heavy with fruit, were symbolic of Britain’s subordination of foreign lands. Economically and culturally, nineteenth-century settler winemakers saw the British market as paramount. However, British drinkers were apathetic towards what they pejoratively called “colonial wine.” The tables only began to turn after the First World War, when colonial wines were marketed as cheap and patriotic and started to find their niche among middle- and working-class British drinkers. This trend, combined with social and cultural shifts after the Second World War, laid the foundation for the New World revolution in the 1980s, making Britain into a confirmed country of wine-drinkers and a massive market for New World wines. These New World producers may have only received critical acclaim in the late twentieth century, but Imperial Wine shows that they had spent centuries wooing, and indeed manufacturing, a British market for inexpensive colonial wines. This book is sure to satisfy any curious reader who savors the complex stories behind this commodity chain.

“Fascinating and surprising. Imperial Wine traces in meticulous detail how the apparently modern fashion for New World wines is in fact the legacy of Empire.”
—Lizzie Collingham, author of The Hungry Empire: How Britain’s Quest for Food Shaped the Modern World

“Elegantly written and with impressive far-ranging research, which quite literally spans the globe, Imperial Wine will contribute to debates about the nature of British imperialism.”
—Stephen V. Bittner, author of Whites and Reds: A History of Wine in the Lands of Tsar and Commissar

“This wide-ranging transnational history gives fascinating and often surprising insights into the connections between viticulture and Empire. It is a thought-provoking and learned page-turner.”
—Richard Toye, author of Churchill’s Empire: The World That Made Him and the World He Made

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Are We Rich Yet?
The Rise of Mass Investment Culture in Contemporary Britain
Amy Edwards

An in-depth history of when and how finance became essential to everyday life in Thatcher’s Britain.

Are We Rich Yet? tells the story of the financialization of British society. During the 1980s and 1990s, financial markets became part of daily life for many Britons as the practice of investing moved away from the offices of the City of London, onto Britain’s high streets, and into people’s homes. The Conservative Party claimed this shift as evidence that capital ownership was in the process of being democratized. In practice, investing became more institutionalized than ever in late-twentieth-century Britain: inclusion frequently meant tying one’s fortunes to the credit, insurance, pension, and mortgage industries to maintain independence from state-run support systems.

In tracing the rise of a consumer-oriented mass investment culture, historian Amy Edwards explains how the “financial” became such a central part of British society, not only economically and politically, but socially and culturally, too. She shifts our focus away from the corridors of Whitehall and towards a cast of characters that included brokers, bankers and traders, newspaper editors, goods manufacturers, marketing departments, production companies, and hundreds of thousands of ordinary men and women. Between them, they shaped the terrain upon which political and economic reform occurred. Grappling with the interactions between structural transformation and the rhythms of everyday life, Are We Rich Yet? thus understands the rise of neoliberalism as something other than the inevitable outcome of a carefully orchestrated right-wing political revolution.

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“Are We Rich Yet? is the book that the field has been waiting for. It deserves to be widely read.”
—Helen McCarthy, Professor of Modern and Contemporary British History, University of Cambridge

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The Kingdom of Rye
A Brief History of Russian Food
Darra Goldstein

This vivid history of Russian food by celebrated food scholar and expert Darra Goldstein connects hardship to culinary culture.

The Kingdom of Rye unearths the foods and flavors of the Russian land. Preeminent food studies scholar Darra Goldstein offers readers a concise, engaging, and gorgeously crafted story of Russian cuisine and culture. This story demonstrates how national identity is revealed through food—and how people know who they are by what they eat together. The Kingdom of Rye examines the Russians’ ingenuity in overcoming hunger, a difficult climate, and a history of political hardship while deciphering Russia’s social structures from within. This is a domestic history of Russian food that serves up a deeper history, demonstrating that the wooden spoon is mightier than the scepter.

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“The Kingdom of Rye is a fascinating read filled with culinary history from someone who has spent a lifetime immersed in Russian culture. Bravo!”
—Joan Nathan, author of King Solomon’s Table: A Culinary Exploration of Jewish Cooking from Around the World

“Once again, Darra Goldstein has given the world an extraordinary gift. Her clear writing, scholarly background, and avid interest in the foodways of Russia make this a fascinating portrait of a country through time.”
—Deborah Madison, author of An Onion in My Pocket: My Life with Vegetables

Praise for The Georgian Feast:

“Nobody writes better about discovering culture in a kitchen than Darra Goldstein, and few are as adventurous or knowledgeable as she in searching out kitchens to explore.”
—Betty Fussell, author of Masters of American Cookery

“Darra Goldstein’s brilliant and captivating book lets us share her love affair with an extraordinarily fascinating world and its delicious cuisine.”
—Claudia Roden, author of The Food of Spain

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Afterlives of Data
Life and Debt under Capitalist Surveillance
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Taking a deep ethnographic dive, this book unveils how health data has become commercialized and weaponized to govern our daily lives.

Afterlives of Data follows the curious and multiple lives that our data live once they escape us. Mary F.E. Ebeling’s ethnographic investigation shows how information about our health and the debt we carry become biopolitical assets owned by healthcare providers, insurers, commercial data brokers, credit reporting companies, and platforms. By delving into the oceans of data built from everyday medical and debt traumas, Ebeling reveals how data about our lives come to control our bodies and our life chances and to wholly define us.

Investigations into secretive data collection and breaches of privacy by the likes of Cambridge Analytica have piqued concerns among many Americans about exactly what is being done with their data. From credit bureaus and consumer data brokers like Equifax and Experian to the secretive military contractor Palantir, this massive industry has little regulatory oversight for health data and works to actively obscure how it profits from our data. In this book, Ebeling follows the afterlives of health data—medical information extracted from patients’ bodies, digitized and repackaged into new data commodities—that go on to live in database lakes and oceans, algorithms, and statistical models used to score patients on their creditworthiness and riskiness. Afterlives of Data is a critical and disturbing narrative that examines how Americans’ data about their health and their debt are used in the service of marketing and capitalist surveillance.

“Afterlives of Data tells a disturbing story of citizenship in today’s datafied societies. To get healthcare or housing, most of us are submitting to a new kind of Leviathan that does not see people and relationships, but scores and ratings. This book is a strong call for democratic awakening.”
—Barbara Prainsack, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna

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The Kushnameh
The Persian Epic of Kush the Tusked
Iranshah ibn Abü'l-Khayr. Introduced by Kaveh L. Hemmat and Hee Soo Lee. Translated by Kaveh L. Hemmat. Edited by Hee Soo Lee

The great Persian epic known as the Kushnameh follows the entangled lives of Kush the Tusked—a monstrous antihero with tusks and ears like an elephant, descended from the evil emperor Zahhak—and Abtin, the exiled grandson of the last true Persian emperor. Abandoned at birth in the forests of China and raised by Abtin, Kush grows into a powerful and devious warrior. Kush and his foes scheme and wage war across a global stage reaching from Spain and Africa to China and Korea. Between epic battles and magnificent feasts are disturbing, sometimes realistic portrayals of abuse and oppression and philosophical speculation about nature and nurture and the origins of civilization.

The Kushnameh is a treasure trove of Islamic and pre-Islamic Persian cultural history and a striking contemporary document of the “global middle ages,” now available to English-speaking readers for the first time.

“A clear and accurate translation of a very important work of classical poetry. This is a worthy contribution to the study of Persian literature and a proud achievement.”
—Cyrus Ali Zargar, University of Central Florida

Iranshah ibn Abü'l-Khayr (sometimes written as Iranshan) was a poet active at the turn of the twelfth century, in the Seljuq empire. His other known work is the Bahmannamě (Epic of Bahman).

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Kingdoms in Peril
A Novel of the Ancient Chinese World at War
Feng Menglong. Translated by Olivia Milburn

One of the great works of Chinese literature, beloved in East Asia but virtually unknown in the West, Kingdoms in Peril is an epic historical novel charting the five hundred years leading to the unification of China under the rule of the legendary First Emperor. Writing some fourteen hundred years later, the Ming-era author Feng Menglong drew on a vast trove of literary and historical documents to compose a gripping narrative account of how China came to be China.

Here, translated into English for the first time, Kingdoms in Peril recounts the triumphs and tragedies of those five hundred years, through stories taken from the lives of the unforgettable characters that defined and shaped the age in which they lived. This abridged edition distills the novel’s distinct style and its most dramatic episodes into a single volume. Maintaining the spirit and excitement of the original novel, this edition weaves together nine of the most pivotal storylines—some extremely famous, others less well known. Readers will glimpse the intensity of tectonic events that shaped everyday lives, loves, and struggles, with powerful women featuring as prominently in the novel as they have in Chinese history. There are many historical works that provide an account of some of these events, but none are as thrilling and breathtakingly memorable as Kingdoms in Peril.

“Now, at last, readers can feel the magic in this marvelous translation of an acclaimed book.”
—Michael Nylan, Sather Professor of History, UC Berkeley

“Milburn has selected the vast novel’s most exciting episodes and presents them in a rollicking translation that does full justice to the original work.”
—Wilt L. Idema, Harvard University

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Revolutionary Nonviolence
Organizing for Freedom
James M. Lawson Jr., with Michael K. Honey and Kent Wong. Foreword by Angela Davis

Compiles the essential teachings of Rev. James M. Lawson on nonviolence organizing to guide a new generation of activists through building effective social movements.

Despite the rich history of nonviolent philosophy, many people today are unfamiliar with the basic principles and practices of nonviolence—even as these concepts have guided so many direct-action movements to overturn forms of racial apartheid, military and police violence, and dictatorships around the world. Revolutionary Nonviolence is a crucial resource on the long history of nonviolent philosophy through the teachings of Rev. James M. Lawson, one of the great practitioners of revolution through deliberate and sustained nonviolence. His ongoing work demonstrates how we can overcome violence and oppression through organized direct action, presenting a powerful roadmap for a new generation of activists.

Rev. Lawson’s work as a theologian, pastor, and social-change activist has inspired hope and liberation for more than sixty years. To hear and see him speak is to experience the power of the prophetic tradition in the African American and social gospel. In Revolutionary Nonviolence, Michael K. Honey and Kent Wong reflect on Rev. Lawson’s talks and dialogues, from his speeches at the Nashville sit-in movement in 1960 to his lectures in the current UCLA curriculum. This volume provides a comprehensive introduction to Rev. Lawson’s teachings on how to center nonviolence in successfully organizing for change.

“Jim Lawson is a peerless teacher, beloved role model, and prophet of nonviolence. This essential collection of his visionary teaching is more necessary today than ever.”
—Marian Wright Edelman, Founder, Children’s Defense Fund

“When Rev. Lawson taught nonviolence workshops for SCLC, Dr. King made a point of sitting in the front row and taking notes. What a gift to have this collection of Rev. Lawson’s teachings as we continue to need the power of nonviolence to reconstruct a society that works for everyone. Take notes, and get ready to put these lessons into practice.”
—Bishop William J. Barber, II, co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign

“Rev. Lawson’s wisdom and legacy of resilience shines through in Revolutionary Nonviolence. We are building a better world for all of us, and this book is a testament to that radical philosophy.”
—Patrisse Cullors, artist, abolitionist, and co-founder of #BlackLivesMatter

James M. Lawson Jr. is a Methodist minister who taught nonviolent theory and practice to help launch the 1960s Nashville lunch counter sit-ins, the Freedom Rides, the Memphis sanitation strike, and worker and immigrant rights movements in Los Angeles. He continues to energize leaders and activists and inspire social change movements in the US today.

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War Virtually
The Quest to Automate Conflict, Militarize Data, and Predict the Future
Roberto J. González

The first comprehensive and critical look at how the US military is weaponizing technology and data for new kinds of warfare—and why we must resist.

War Virtually is the story of how scientists, programmers, and engineers are racing to develop data-driven technologies for fighting virtual wars, both at home and abroad. In this landmark book, Roberto J. González gives us a lucid and gripping account of what lies behind the autonomous weapons, robotic systems, predictive modeling software, advanced surveillance programs, and psyops techniques that are transforming the nature of military conflict. González, a cultural anthropologist, takes a critical approach to the techno-utopian view of these advancements and their dubious promise of a less deadly and more efficient warfare.

With clear, accessible prose, this book exposes the high-tech underpinnings of contemporary military operations—and the cultural assumptions they’re built on. Chapters cover automated battlefield robotics; social scientists’ involvement in experimental defense research; the blurred line between political consulting and propaganda in the internet era; and the military’s use of big data to craft new counterinsurgency methods based on predicting conflict. González also lays bare the processes by which the Pentagon and US intelligence agencies have quietly joined forces with Big Tech, raising an alarming prospect: that someday Google, Amazon, and other Silicon Valley firms might merge with some of the world’s biggest defense contractors. War Virtually takes an unflinching look at an algorithmic future—where new military technologies threaten democratic governance and human survival.

“A deeply researched reflection on the latest dark, hubristic dreams of a multitude of US planners using big data to wage war. Roberto González asks ‘What could go wrong?’ And the answer, he discovers, is plenty.”
—Catherine Lutz, author of Homefront: A Military City and the American 20th Century

“González breaks new ground in an account of the military’s fusion of artificial intelligence, data science, and social science that is both captivating and frightening. Written in the style of the best science journalism, this book is hard to put down.”
—Hugh Gusterson, author of Drone: Remote Control Warfare

“A richly informative guide to the enrollment of behavioral sciences and digital tech in an American agenda of data-driven dominance.”
—Lucy Suchman, Professor Emerita, Lancaster University

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Race, Monogamy, and Other Lies They Told You, Second Edition
Busting Myths about Human Nature
Agustín Fuentes

This myth-busting toolkit uses science to debunk prevailing misconceptions about human nature, updated and expanded to meet the current moment.

There are three major myths of human nature: humans are divided into biological races; humans are naturally aggressive; and men and women are wholly different in behavior, desires, and wiring. Race, Monogamy, and Other Lies They Told You counters these pervasive and pernicious myths about human behavior. Agustín Fuentes tackles misconceptions about what race, aggression, and sex really mean for humans, and incorporates an accessible understanding of culture, genetics, and evolution that requires us to dispose of notions of “nature or nurture.”

Presenting scientific evidence from diverse fields, including anthropology, biology, and psychology, Fuentes devises a myth-busting toolkit to dismantle persistent fallacies about the validity of biological races, the innateness of aggression and violence, and the nature of monogamy, sex, and gender. This revised and expanded edition provides up-to-date references, data, and analyses, and addresses new topics, including the popularity of home DNA testing kits and the rise of “incel” culture; the resurgence of racist, nativist thinking and the internet’s influence in promoting bad science; and a broader understanding of the diversity of sex and gender.

Praise for the first edition:

“Agustín Fuentes engages readers in a complex but well-mapped journey that challenges commonly accepted assumptions about the nature of race, aggression, and fundamental differences in the desires and behaviors of men and women. . . . The author masterly conveys his knowledge in an informative way.”
—Science

“Where these myths come from, and how to bust them, is the basis of this lively, thoughtful book.”
—Boston Globe

“Accessible, compelling, and original, this book is a rich and nuanced account of how nature, culture, experience, and choice interact to influence human behavior.”
—Guardian

Agustín Fuentes is Professor of Anthropology at Princeton University. His research focuses on the entanglement of biological systems with the social and cultural lives of humans, examining health, behavior, and diversity in our ancestors, ourselves, and a few other animals with whom humanity shares close relations.
America, Goddam
Violence, Black Women, and the Struggle for Justice
Treva B. Lindsey

Combines history, theory, and memoir to paint a powerful and real portrait of the violence against Black women in America and their fight for liberation.

America, Goddam explores the combined force of anti-Blackness, misogyny, patriarchy, and capitalism in the lives of Black women and girls in the United States today. Through personal accounts and hard-hitting analysis, Black feminist historian Treva B. Lindsey starkly assesses the forms and legacies of violence against Black women and girls, as well as their demands for justice for themselves and their communities. America, Goddam powerfully demonstrates that the struggle for justice begins with reckoning with the pervasive nature of violence against Black women and girls in the United States.

Combining history, theory, and memoir, America, Goddam renders visible the gender dynamics of anti-Black violence. Black women and girls occupy a unique status of vulnerability to harm and death, while the circumstances and traumas of this violence go underreported and understudied. Lindsey also shows that the sanctity of life and liberty for Black men has been a galvanizing rallying cry within Black freedom movements. But Black women—who have been both victims of anti-Black violence as well as frontline participants in it, and quite often architects of these freedom movements—are rarely the focus. Black women have led movements demanding justice for Breonna Taylor, Sandra Bland, Toyin Salau, Riah Milton, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, and countless other Black women and girls whose lives have been curtailed by numerous forms of violence. Across generations and centuries, their refusal to remain silent about violence against them led many to envisioning and building toward Black liberation through organizing and radical politics. Echoing the energy of Nina Simone’s searing protest song that inspired the title, America, Goddam is a call to action in our collective journey toward just futures.

“America, Goddam is a brilliant and powerful book. Everyone who reads this text will be informed, challenged, inspired, and energized.”
—Tarana Burke, author of You Are Your Best Thing: Vulnerability, Shame Resilience, and the Black Experience

“An impeccably researched and intensely told history of the terror, of the violence, of the dehumanization Black women and girls have faced, battled, and resisted. We are better because of this book.”
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“With extraordinary insight and elemental passion, America, Goddam is a critical contribution to the evolving cannon of Black feminist texts and scholarship.”
—Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor, author of How We Get Free

“This is not fiction, but you’ll wonder how it can be true. It is not an easy book, but it’s necessary. And in the end Treva Lindsey challenges you to choose hope.”
—Melissa Harris-Perry, media host, and author of Sister Citizen

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Road Trip to Nowhere
Hollywood Encounters the Counterculture
Jon Lewis

Through engaging and overlapping narratives, this collection explores how a new generation of counterculture talent changed the landscape of Hollywood, the film industry, and celebrity culture.

By 1967, the commercial and political impact on Hollywood of the sixties counterculture had become impossible to ignore. The studios were in bad shape, still contending with a generation-long box office slump and struggling to get young people into the habit of going to the movies. Road Trip to Nowhere examines a ten-year span (from 1967 to 1976) rife with uneasy encounters between artists caught up in the counterculture and a corporate establishment still clinging to a studio system on the brink of collapse. Out of this tumultuous period many among the young and talented walked away from celebrity, turning down the best job Hollywood—and America—had on offer: movie star.

Road Trip to Nowhere elaborates a primary-sourced history of movie production culture, examining the lives of a number of talented actors who got wrapped up in the politics and lifestyles of the counterculture. Thoroughly put off by celebrity culture, actors like Dennis Hopper, Christopher Jones, Jean Seberg, and others rejected the aspirational backstory and inevitable material trappings of success, much to the chagrin of the studios and directors who backed them. In Road Trip to Nowhere, film historian Jon Lewis details dramatic encounters on movie sets and in corporate boardrooms, on the job and on the streets, and in doing so offers an entertaining and rigorous historical account of an out-of-touch Hollywood establishment and the counterculture workforce they would never come to understand.

“Anyone who knows ’60s films will be delighted to encounter this list of characters, who are so iconic, yet understudied until now. An engrossing and consequential contribution to film history.”
—Dana Polan, author of Dreams of Flight: “The Great Escape” in American Film and Culture

“Lewis is one of our most eloquent and thought-provoking commentators on the mind meld between American film and culture, a critic who has all the best arrows in his quiver: a sharp eye for cinematic detail and cultural meaning, scholarly chops, and accessible, lively prose.”
—Thomas Doherty, author of Little Lindy Is Kidnapped: How the Media Covered the Crime of the Century

Jon Lewis is the University Distinguished Professor of Film Studies at Oregon State University. He is the author of over a dozen books, including Hard-Boiled Hollywood: Crime and Punishment in Postwar Los Angeles.
Menace to Empire
Anticolonial Solidarities and the Transpacific Origins of the US Security State
Moon-Ho Jung

A grand narrative of race, empire, and resistance across the US and Asia Pacific that tracks the origins of the national security state and exposes the origins of anti-Asian racism.

Menace to Empire is a profoundly original and ambitious book, a history of race and empire that traces both the colonial violence and the anticolonial rage that the United States spread across the Pacific between the Philippine-American War and World War II. Author Moon-Ho Jung argues that the US national security state as we know it was born out of attempts to repress and silence colonized subjects, from the Philippines and Hawai‘i to California and beyond, whose anticolonial aspirations challenged US claims to sovereignty.

Jung examines how the contradictions of race, nation, and empire generated waves of revolutionary movements spanning the Pacific—anticolonial, antiracist, and labor movements that exposed and confronted the US empire. In response, the US state closely monitored and brutally suppressed those movements by racializing particular politics and distinct communities as seditious, exaggerating fears of pan-Asian solidarities and sowing anti-Asian racism under the guise of national security. Menace to Empire transforms familiar themes in American history to highlight the critical role of colonial violence in the formation of radical movements and the antiradical origins of anti-Asian racism. Radicalized by their opposition to the US empire and racialized as threats to US security, peoples in and from Asia pursued a revolutionary politics that gave rise to the national security state—the heart and soul of the US empire ever since.

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“Moon-Ho Jung’s brilliant and riveting history shows how the US security state was created to preserve its empire from revolutionary insurgencies in the Pacific. Menace to Empire is one of those earth-shattering books that will force us all to rethink the entire twentieth century.”
—Robin D. G. Kelley, author of Freedom Dreams: The Black Radical Imagination

“Magical. This is a book of breathtaking intellectual ambition with an admirable clarity of analysis and narration, despite the many challenging twists and turns and layers of the history under investigation.”

“In this splendid book, Moon-Ho Jung’s exhaustive research and persuasive writing make a singular contribution to scholarship and civic life.”
—George Lipsitz, author of The Possessive Investment in Whiteness

Moon-Ho Jung is Professor of History at the University of Washington and the author of Coolies and Cane: Race, Labor, and Sugar in the Age of Emancipation.

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A literary mixtape of transformative dialogues on justice with a cast of visionary rebel activists, organizers, artists, culture workers, thought leaders, and movement builders.

Rebel Speak sounds the alarm for a global movement to end systemic injustice led by people doing the day-to-day rebel work in the prison capital of the world. Prison activist, artist, and scholar Bryonn Rolly Bain brings us transformative oral history ciphers, rooted in the tradition of call-and-response, to lay bare the struggle and sacrifice on the front lines of the fight to abolish the prison industrial complex.

Rebel Speak investigates the motives that inspire and sustain movements for visionary change. Sparked by a life-changing interview with working-class heroes Dolores Huerta and Harry Belafonte, Bryonn invites us to join conversations with change-makers whose diverse critical perspectives and firsthand accounts expose the crisis of prisons and policing in our communities. Through dialogues with activists including Albert Woodfox, founder of the first Black Panther Party prison chapter, and Susan Burton, founder of Los Angeles's A New Way of Life Reentry Project; a conversation with a warden pushing beyond traditions at Sing Sing Correctional Facility; and an intimate exchange with his brother returning from prison, Bryonn reveals countless unseen spaces of the movement to end human caging. Sampling his provocative sessions with influential artists and culture workers, like Public Enemy leader Chuck D and radical feminist MC Maya Jupiter, Bryonn opens up and guides discussions about the power of art and activism to build solidarity across disciplines and demand justice.

With raw insight and radical introspection, Rebel Speak embodies the growing call for “credible messengers” on prisons, policing, racial justice, abolitionist politics, and transformative organizing. Reimagining the role of the writer and scholar as a DJ and MC, Bryonn moves the crowd with this unforgettable mix of those working within the belly of the beast to change the world. This is a new century’s sound of movement-building and Rebel Speak.

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“Rebel Speak is not just a book. It is time itself, capturing generations of people who against all odds dared to believe and triumphed!”
—Nanon Williams, activist/writer/Death Row survivor

“The world needs to see how (Bryonn) carries the tradition of joining art and activism as an instrument for justice—at a time when the prison system has our communities in crisis.”
—Harry Belafonte, artist and activist

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—DJ Kool Herc, The Father of Hip Hop

Bryonn Rolly Bain is a prison activist, artist, scholar, and author of four books including The Ugly Side of Beautiful: Rethinking Race and Prison in America. Learn more about his critically acclaimed hip hop theater and spoken word multimedia production, Lyrics from Lockdown, and his Emmy Award–winning work on LA Stories, at www.bryonn.com.
A CONVERSATION WITH

Bryonn Rolly Bain

As an internationally acclaimed activist, scholar, artist, and prison educator, how does your background inform Rebel Speak?

My first rebel teacher was my mother. An immigrant and registered nurse for four decades, she is a healer who speaks truth to power. Performing in prisons as a kid, I learned to use my art as a tool for healing and to challenge inhumane treatment and trauma. In 1999, my family and I were wrongfully imprisoned. After law school, I sued the NYPD for unjustly incarcerating us. A brother imprisoned on Death Row for a crime he didn’t commit, Nanon Williams, urged me to continue sharing my story because folks were moved by my artistry as well as my “overpriced degrees.”

My father won his way from Trinidad to Harlem’s Apollo Theater singing calypso music. His freedom songs showed me the impact inspiring storytellers have. I organized arts programs at Rikers Island, bringing in students from Columbia and NYU, until scholars Robin Kelley and Cheryl Harris recruited me to develop opportunities for folks in prison to earn an education from UCLA, the most applied-to institution in the world. From performing in prisons at 15 years old, to organizing political education workshops nationwide, to building the UCLA Center for Justice today, my prison movement work from over three decades informs my vision for transforming—not reforming—the justice system.

The Movement for Black Lives, as well as calls to defund the police, impact how the public understands structural racism, prison abolition, and policing. How does Rebel Speak build on this movement?

Hearts and minds are changed by compelling stories. We don’t want to be told what to do or how to think. I know white supremacy, sexism, and capitalist exploitation are the enemy, but we all want to be inspired to take in information and decide for ourselves. That’s why it’s critical that folks who are system-impacted or survive incarceration have more spaces to tell our stories. Those closest to the problem are often closest to the solution.

Rebel Speak seeks to change not just the narrative on justice but also the narrators. Bringing intimate dialogue and calls to action from some of the greatest artists, activists, and credible messengers of our time, it’s a nexus of my work with cutting-edge organizations like the Griot Initiative and Sankofa.org—nonprofits developing unprecedented platforms for people of color storytellers. We give voice to those marginalized within the prison system as we work to dismantle it together.

Your book features a “mixtape” of conversations with legendary thought leaders, including Dolores Huerta and Harry Belafonte, among others. Why structure the book this way?

Rebel Speak continues a lineage of dialogue-based works in the Black radical tradition, including Angela Davis’s Abolition Democracy (2005), Mumia Abu-Jamal’s The Classroom and the Cell (2012), bell hooks and Cornel West’s Breaking Bread (1991), and James Baldwin’s A Rap on Race (1971). Music and mixtapes have always been powerful ways to inspire, influence, and share how the artists we love shape who we are, shape how we see the world, and work to make it as it should be. This mixtape includes some of the most inspiring people I have been blessed to build with—voices we cannot afford to ignore in these critical times.

What do you hope readers will take away from your book?

I want folks to know there are solutions. It isn’t as hopeless as politicians make it seem. The artists I love redefine language and reimagine concepts. In my work for the Another Justice campaign with the For Freedoms network, we reframe the conversation on abolition to address genocide and slavery as the preludes to prisons and policing. We reframe on practical alternatives, such as replacing mass incarceration with mass decarceration. Rather than emphasize scarcity, greed, and violence, let’s organize our communities based on abundance, generosity, and humanity. That is the kind of justice I envision—and that is what I hope readers will take away from the book.
The Accidental Ecosystem
People and Wildlife in American Cities
Peter S. Alagona

Explains why wild animals are thriving in American cities and provides humane solutions for building vibrant urban ecosystems that serve both people and animals.

The Accidental Ecosystem tells the story of how cities across the United States went from having little wildlife to filling, dramatically and unexpectedly, with wild creatures. Today, many of these cities have more large and charismatic wild animals living in them than at any time in at least the past 150 years. Why have so many cities—the most artificial and human-dominated of all Earth’s ecosystems—grown rich with wildlife, even as wildlife has declined in most of the rest of the world? And what does this paradox mean for people, wildlife, and nature on our increasingly urban planet?

The Accidental Ecosystem is the first book to explain this phenomenon from a deep historical perspective, and its focus includes a broad range of species and cities. Digging into the natural history of cities and unpacking our conception of what it means to be wild, this book provides fascinating context for why animals are thriving more in cities than outside of them. Author Peter S. Alagona argues that the proliferation of animals in cities is largely the unintended result of human decisions that were made for reasons having little to do with the wild creatures themselves. Considering what it means to live in diverse, multispecies communities and exploring how human and non-human members of communities might thrive together, Alagona goes beyond the tension between those who embrace the surge in urban wildlife and those who think of animals as invasive or as public safety hazards. The Accidental Ecosystem calls on readers to reimagine interspecies coexistence in shared habitats as well as policies that are based on just, humane, and sustainable approaches.

“The Accidental Ecosystem is a crystalline gem of a book, with an original, engaging, and timely narrative that sparkles with wit and wisdom. This is environmental writing at its best.”
—Mark Barrow, author of Nature’s Ghosts: Confronting Extinction from the Age of Jefferson to the Age of Ecology

“This book reveals the wildlife all around us in towns and cities. It explains why that wildlife is there (or never left), explores some of the pleasures and perils of living so close to other species, and helps us better the human relationship to ecology.”
—Eric W. Sanderson, author of Mannahatta: A Natural History of New York City

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Can Legal Weed Win?
The Blunt Realities of Cannabis Economics
Robin Goldstein and Daniel Sumner

Showing economics in action, two economists debunk the legal weed market and reveal where cannabis regulation went wrong—and where it’s headed.

Cannabis “legalization” hasn’t lived up to the hype. Across North America, investors are reeling, tax collections are below projections, and people are pointing fingers. On the business side, companies have shut down, farms have failed, workers have lost their jobs, and consumers face high prices. Why has legal weed failed to deliver on many of its promises? Can Legal Weed Win? takes on the euphoric claims with straight dope and a full dose of economic reality.

This book delivers the unadulterated facts about the new legal segment of one of the world’s oldest industries. In witty, accessible prose, economists Robin Goldstein and Daniel Sumner take readers on a whirlwind tour of the economic past, present, and future of legal and illegal weed. Drawing upon reams of data and their own experience working with California cannabis regulators since 2016, Goldstein and Sumner explain why many cannabis businesses and some aspects of legalization fail to measure up, while others occasionally get it right. Their stories stretch from before America’s first medical weed dispensaries opened in 1996 through the short-term boom in legal consumption that happened during COVID-19 lockdowns. Can Legal Weed Win? is packed with unexpected insights about how cannabis markets can thrive, how regulators get the laws right or wrong, and what might happen to legal and illegal markets going forward.

“An irreverent, well-written, no-nonsense, fact-packed guide to some of the unexpected consequences of weed legalization. Both surprising and enlightening!”
—Laurie Santos, Professor of Psychology at Yale University and host of the podcast The Happiness Lab

“It’s high time economists took a serious look at weed. This insightful and entertaining joint effort sheds light on an important topic.”
—Jayson Lusk, Distinguished Professor and Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics at Purdue University, author of The Food Police

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Tolerance Is a Wasteland
Palestine and the Culture of Denial
Saree Makdisi

A leading Palestinian critic tackles how denial sustains the liberal imagination of a progressive and democratic Israel.

The question that this book aims to answer might seem simple: how can a violent project of dispossession and discrimination be imagined, felt, and profoundly believed in as though it were the exact opposite—an embodiment of sustainability, multicultural tolerance, and democratic idealism? Despite well-documented evidence of racism and human rights abuses, Israel has long been embraced by the most liberal sectors of European and American society as the manifestation of progressive values of tolerance, plurality, inclusivity, and democracy, and hence a project that can be passionately defended for its lofty ideals.

Tolerance Is a Wasteland argues that the key to this miraculous act of political alchemy is a very specific form of denial. Here the Palestinian presence in, and claim to, Palestine is not simply refused or covered up, but negated in such a way that the act of denial is itself denied. The effects of destruction and repression are reframed, inverted into affirmations of liberal virtues that can be passionately championed. In Tolerance Is a Wasteland, Saree Makdisi explores many such acts of affirmation and denial in a range of venues: from the haunted landscape of thickly planted forests covering the ruins of Palestinian villages forcibly depopulated in 1948; to the theater of “pinkwashing” as Israel presents itself to the world as a gay-friendly haven of cultural inclusion; to the so-called Museum of Tolerance being built on top of the ruins of a Muslim cemetery in Jerusalem, which was methodically desecrated in order to clear the space for this monument to “human dignity.” Tolerance Is a Wasteland reveals the system of emotional investments and curated perceptions that makes this massive project of cognitive dissonance possible.

“This book exposes the deep contradictions between Israel’s public image and the realities Palestinians experience every day. Its argument is searing and troubling—and anyone who cares about Israel-Palestine ignores it at their peril.”
—Peter Beinart, author of The Crisis of Zionism

“[Makdisi’s] analyses are keen and persuasive, and he holds out for a future of justice where so many have understandably despaired. This book is a beacon of light, and we can only hope that it shines and shines.”
—Judith Butler, author of Precarious Life and The Force of Nonviolence

“This book, a thoughtful examination of moments of occlusion as denial, is a must-read. It eloquently troubles Zionist affirmation of the fetish, opening up the possibility of global ethics and/as counterpolitics.”
—Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian, Queen Mary University of London, and Hebrew University of Jerusalem

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Forms of Persuasion
Art and Corporate Image in the 1960s
Alex J. Taylor

The first book-length history of corporate art patronage in the 1960s.

The 1960s saw artists and multinational corporations exploring new ways to use art for commercial gain. Whereas many art historical accounts of this period privilege radical artistic practices that seem to oppose the dominant values of capitalism, Alex J. Taylor instead reveals an art world deeply immersed in the imperatives of big business.

From Andy Warhol’s work for packaged goods manufacturers to Richard Serra’s involvement with the steel industry, Taylor demonstrates how major artists of the period provided brands with “forms of persuasion” that bolstered corporate power, prestige, and profit. Drawing on extensive original research conducted in artist, gallery, and corporate archives, Taylor recovers a flourishing field of promotional initiatives that saw artists, advertising creatives, and executives working around the same tables. As museums continue to grapple with the ethical dilemmas posed by funding from oil companies, military suppliers, and drug manufacturers, Forms of Persuasion returns to these earlier relations between artists and multinational corporations to examine the complex aesthetic and ideological terms of their enduring entanglements.

“Alex J. Taylor’s excellent and richly revealing Forms of Persuasion returns to the topic of art’s relationship to capitalism in the 1960s to uncover things most scholars have preferred to ignore. Through a wealth of fascinating stories, Taylor shows all the moves in the delicate dance shared by artists and corporate chiefs in a period of dissent.”
—Joshua Shannon, author of The Recording Machine: Art and Fact during the Cold War

“Challenging long-accepted verities about the nature of corporate sponsorship, Alex J. Taylor presents a series of shifting paradigms that reveal how the relationship between business and art was transformed by the end of the 1960s. This powerful book will reinvigorate the discussion of a phenomenon central to art culture until this day.”
—Nancy J. Troy, author of The Afterlife of Piet Mondrian

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A Place at the Nayarit
How a Mexican Restaurant Nourished a Community
Natalia Molina

The remarkable story of the Nayarit, a neighborhood restaurant that nourished its community of Mexican immigrants with a sense of belonging as they made their own places in Los Angeles.

In 1951, Doña Natalia Barraza opened the Nayarit, a Mexican restaurant in Echo Park, Los Angeles. With A Place at the Nayarit, historian Natalia Molina traces the life’s work of her grandmother, remembered by all who knew her as Doña Natalia—a generous, reserved, and extraordinarily capable woman. Doña Natalia immigrated alone from Mexico to L.A., adopted two children, and ran a successful business. She also sponsored, housed, and employed dozens of other immigrants, encouraging them to lay claim to a city long characterized by anti-Latinx racism. Together, the employees and customers of the Nayarit maintained ties to their old homes while providing one another safety and support.

The Nayarit was much more than a popular eating spot: it was an urban anchor for a robust community, a gathering space where ethnic Mexican workers and customers connected with their patria chica (their “small country”). That meant connecting with distinctive tastes, with one another, and with the city they now called home. Through deep research and vivid storytelling, Molina follows restaurant workers from the kitchen and the front of the house across borders and through the decades. These people’s stories illuminate the many facets of the immigrant experience: immigrants’ complex networks of family and community and the small but essential pleasures of daily life, as well as cross-currents of gender and sexuality and pressures of racism and segregation. The Nayarit was a local landmark, popular with both Hollywood stars and restaurant workers from across the city and beloved for its fresh, traditionally Mexican food. But as Molina argues, it was also, and most importantly, a place where ethnic Mexicans and other Latinx L.A. residents could step into the fullness of their lives, nourishing themselves and one another. A Place at the Nayarit is a stirring exploration of how racialized minorities create a sense of belonging: it will resonate with anyone who has felt like an outsider and had a special place where they felt like an insider.

“The story of Doña Natalia, told by her granddaughter Natalia Molina, is a must-read for anyone interested in the vital role restaurants can have in their communities.”
—Evan Kleiman, chef, author, and host of Good Food on KCRW

“In this stunning book, Natalia Molina reanimates for us a story that is not only her family’s own, but also a spark of Mexican American world-building in Los Angeles.”
—Karen Tongson, author of Why Karen Carpenter Matters

“Combining histories of family, ethnic queer, labor, women, and space, this book is a masterpiece of place as it shows how a neighborhood restaurant functioned as the center of multiple ignored-too-long universes.”
—Gustavo Arellano, columnist, Los Angeles Times

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The End of Two Illusions
Islam after the West
Hamid Dabashi

A prominent thinker on Islam demythologizes the divide between Islam and the West and proposes new ways to reread Islamic and world histories.

Extending from the front-page news coverage of our daily lives back into the deepest and most revelatory histories of the last two hundred years and earlier, Hamid Dabashi’s The End of Two Illusions is a daring, provocative, and groundbreaking work that dismantles the most dangerous delusions manufactured between two vastly fetishized abstractions: “Islam” and “the West.” With this book, Dabashi shows how the civilizational divides imagined between these two cosmic binaries have defined their entanglement—in ways that have nothing to do with the lived experiences of either Muslims or the diverse and changing communities scarcely held together by the myth of “the West.”

Through detailed historical and contemporary analysis, The End of Two Illusions untangles the motivations that produced this global fiction. Dabashi demonstrates how “the West” was an ideological commodity and civilizational mantra invented during the European Enlightenment, serving as an epicenter for the rise of globalized capitalist modernity. In turn, Orientalist ideologues went around the world manufacturing equally illusory abstractions in the form of inferior civilizations in India, China, Africa, Latin America, and the Islamic world. The result was the projection of “Islam and the West” as the prototype of a civilizational hostility that has given false explanations and flawed prognoses of our contemporary history, with weaponized Islamophobia on one side and militant Islamism on the other as its most palpable manifestations. Dabashi argues it is long past time to dismantle this dangerous liaison, expose and overcome its perilous delusions, and reimagine the world beyond its shimmering mirage. The End of Two Illusions is the most iconoclastic work of critical thought and scholarship to emerge in recent memory, clearing the way toward a far more liberating imaginative geography of the world we share.

“This book is the first bold and incisive deconstruction of the greatest fabricated binary of this century: ‘Islam and the West.’ Scholars and the wider audience will find in this book an accessible, honest, and very readable critique of a notion that impacts the lives of so many of us in this century.”
—Ilan Pappé, University of Exeter

“Dabashi’s convincing and powerful argument is the call to extricate ourselves from this and all binary illusions that shatter thinking in order to manage subjective and intersubjective relations.”
—Walter D. Mignolo, author of The Politics of Decolonial Investigations

“This brilliant book is an important intervention at this historical moment when the empire of capital has assumed new forms to legitimate itself.”
—Deepa Kumar, Rutgers University

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Democracy's Chief Executive
Interpreting the Constitution and Defining the Future of the Presidency
Peter M. Shane

From influential legal scholar Peter M. Shane, this guide confronts presidential entitlement and lack of accountability by offering a refreshing model of conceptualizing our constitutional presidency.

In the eyes of modern-day presidentialists, the United States Constitution’s vesting of “executive power” means today what it meant in 1787. For them, what it meant in 1787 was the creation of a largely unilateral presidency, and in their view, a unilateral presidency still best serves our national interest. Democracy’s Chief Executive challenges each of these premises, while showing how their influence on constitutional interpretation for more than forty years has set the stage for a presidency ripe for authoritarianism.

Democracy’s Chief Executive explains how dogmatic ideas about expansive executive authority can create within the government a psychology of presidential entitlement that threatens American democracy and the rule of law. Tracing today’s aggressive presidentialism to a steady consolidation of White House power aided primarily by right-wing lawyers and judges since 1981, Peter M. Shane argues that this is a dangerously authoritarian form of constitutional interpretation that is not even well supported by an originalist perspective. Offering instead a fresh approach to balancing presidential powers, Shane develops an interpretative model of adaptive constitutionalism, rooted in the values of deliberative democracy.

Democracy’s Chief Executive demonstrates that justifying outcomes explicitly based on core democratic values is more, not less, constraining for judicial decision making—and presents a model that Americans across the political spectrum should embrace.

“At a time when faith in our institutions has approached a nadir, Shane offers a compelling and imaginative vision for renewing and strengthening our democracy.”
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“Provides an elegant and persuasive argument for a vision of presidential power in the American constitutional system that is true to both American constitutional history and to the demands of contemporary democratic governance.”
—Jerry L. Mashaw, Professor of Law Emeritus, Yale University

“This book is a must-read for those seeking to better understand the connections among presidential power, legal interpretation, and American democracy.”
—Daphna Renan, Professor of Law, Harvard Law School

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That’s Not Funny
How the Right Makes Comedy Work for Them
Matt Sienkiewicz and Nick Marx

The first book to expose how right-wing comedy is strategically hidden in plain sight and leveraged by media to drive political agendas to viewers.

"Why do conservatives hate comedy? Why is there no right-wing Jon Stewart?" These sorts of questions launch a million tweets, a thousand op-eds, and more than a few scholarly analyses. That’s Not Funny argues that it is both an intellectual and politically strategic mistake to assume that comedy has a liberal bias. Matt Sienkiewicz and Nick Marx take readers—particularly self-described liberals—on a tour of contemporary conservative comedy and the “right-wing comedy complex.”

In That’s Not Funny, “complex” takes on an important double meaning. On the one hand, liberals have developed a social-psychological complex—it feels difficult, even dangerous, to acknowledge that their political opposition can produce comedy. At the same time, the right has been slowly building up a comedy-industrial complex, utilizing the humorous, irony-laden media strategies of liberals such as Jon Stewart, Samantha Bee, and John Oliver to garner audiences and supporters. Right-wing comedy has been hiding in plain sight, finding its way into mainstream conservative media through figures ranging from Fox News’s Greg Gutfeld to libertarian podcasters like Joe Rogan. That’s Not Funny guides readers through media history, text, and technique, and interviews with and observations of conservative comedians in action. You will find many of these comedians utterly appalling, some surprisingly funny, and others just plain weird. They are all, however, culturally and politically relevant—the American right is attempting to seize spaces of comedy and irony previously held firmly by the left. You might not like this brand of humor, but you can’t ignore it.

"An excellent tour through the contemporary right-wing media comedy complex: an area many of us know too little about and have resisted investigating on our own. I praise the authors for how beautifully they weave analysis into their descriptions of comedic performances and texts."
—Viveca S. Greene, Associate Professor of Media Studies, Hampshire College

“A lively tour of the menagerie of sad right-wing comedy tryhards who wield a surprising amount of power in today’s media ecosystem.”
—Ken Klippenstein, journalist

Matt Sienkiewicz is Associate Professor and Chair of the Boston College Communication Department.

Nick Marx is Associate Professor of Film and Media Studies in the Department of Communication Studies at Colorado State University.
Anticolonial Eruptions
Racial Hubris and the Cunning of Resistance
Geo Maher

A short and incisive introduction to the essential ideas of anticolonialism, revealing the enduring power of this resistance and the fundamental, paradoxical weakness of colonialism.

Resistance is everywhere, but everywhere a surprise, especially when the agents of struggle are the colonized, the enslaved, the wretched of the earth. Anticolonial revolts and slave rebellions have often been described by those in power as “eruptions”—volcanic shocks to a system that does not, cannot, see them coming. In Anticolonial Eruptions Geo Maher diagnoses a paradoxical weakness built right into the foundations of white supremacist power, a colonial blind spot that grows as domination seems more complete.

Anticolonial Eruptions argues that the colonizer’s weakness is rooted in dehumanization. When the oppressed and excluded rise up in explosive rebellion, with the very human demands for life and liberation, the powerful are ill-prepared. This colonial blind spot is, ironically, self-imposed: the more oppressive and expansive the colonial power, the lesser-than-human the colonized are believed to be, the greater the opportunity for resistance. Maher calls this paradox the cunning of decolonization, an unwitting reversal of the balance of power between the oppressor and the oppressed. Where colonial power asserts itself as unshakable, total, and perpetual, a blind spot provides strategic cover for revolutionary possibility; where race or gender make the colonized invisible, they organize, unseen. Anticolonial Eruptions shows that this fundamental weakness of colonialism is not a bug, but a permanent feature of the system, providing grounds for optimism in a contemporary moment roiled by global struggles for liberation.

“An urgent effort to make sense of the senseless, helping readers see the rationality behind the tepid liberal responses to the ideological maximalism of settler colonial racism and violence. Indispensable, timely, and much needed.”
—Greg Grandin, author of The End of the Myth and Empire’s Workshop

“This is a remarkably rich and diverse work of political theory. It not only offers valuable insights into the composition of our colonial present but also points to the long history of explosive thought and action that will eventually bring it crashing down: that of the colonized themselves.”
—Glen Coulthard, author of Red Skin, White Masks: Rejecting the Colonial Politics of Recognition

Geo Maher is Visiting Associate Professor of Global Political Thought at Vassar College, author of Decolonizing Dialectics and A World without Police, and coeditor of the Duke University Press series Radical Américas.
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Respectable
Politics and Paradox in Making the Morehouse Man
Saida Grundy

This sociological study provides a unique insider-outsider look at the cultivated culture of Black male respectability at Morehouse College.

How does it feel to be groomed as the “solution” to a national Black male “problem”? This is the guiding paradox of Respectable, an in-depth examination of graduates of Morehouse College, the nation’s only historically Black college for men. While Black male collegians are often culturally fetishized for “beating the odds,” the image of Black male success that Morehouse assiduously promotes and celebrates is belied by many of the realities that challenge the students on this campus. Saida Grundy offers a unique insider perspective: a graduate of Spelman college and a former “Miss Morehouse,” Grundy crafts an incisive feminist and sociological account informed by her personal insights and scholarly expertise.

Respectable gathers the experiences of former students and others connected to Morehouse to illustrate the narrow, conservative vision of masculinity molded at a competitive Black institution. The thirty-two men interviewed unveil a culture that forges confining ideas of respectable Black manhood within a context of relentless peer competition and sexual violence, measured against unattainable archetypes of idealized racial leadership. Grundy underlines the high costs of making these men—the experiences of low-income students who navigate class issues at Morehouse, the widespread homophobia laced throughout the college’s notions of Black male respectability, and the crushingly conformist expectations of a college that sees itself as making “good” Black men. As Morehouse’s problems continue to pour out into national newsfeeds, this book contextualizes these issues not as a defect of Black masculinity, but as a critique of what happens when an institution serves an imagination of what Black men should be, at the expense of more fully understanding the many ways these young people see themselves.

“Respectable is an indispensible new addition to the canon of work on black masculinity. Incisive, provocative and deeply-researched, this is a study that will reframe the parameters of the discussion.”
—Jelani Cobb, author of The Substance of Hope: Barack Obama and the Paradox of Progress

“Brilliant, courageous, carefully researched, . . . this timely portrait makes an important contribution to Sociology, African American Studies, Women, Gender and Sexuality Studies, and the evolving field of Black Masculinities Studies.”
—Beverly Guy-Sheftall, Spelman College

“I know of no other work that addresses contemporary respectability politics through the lens of higher education with such breadth. This is a novel and necessary read.”
—Laurence Ralph, author of The Torture Letters: Reckoning with Police Violence

Saida Grundy is a feminist sociologist of race and Assistant Professor of Sociology, African American Studies, and Women’s and Gender Studies at Boston University. A proud graduate of Spelman College, she received her PhD in Sociology and Women’s Studies from the University of Michigan and often contributes to the Atlantic.
Imagining the Heartland
White Supremacy and the American Midwest
Britt E. Halvorson and Joshua O. Reno

A timely examination of the Midwest’s long influence on White Supremacy—and its continued role in the American imagination.

Though many associate racism with the regional legacy of the South, it is the Midwest that has upheld some of the nation’s most deep-seated convictions about the value of whiteness. From Jefferson’s noble farmer to The Wizard of Oz, imagining the Midwest has quietly gone hand-in-hand with imagining whiteness as desirable and virtuous. Since at least the U.S. Civil War, the imagined Midwest has served as a screen or canvas, projecting and absorbing tropes and values of virtuous whiteness and its opposite, white deplorability, with national and global significance. Imagining the Heartland provides a poignant and timely answer to how and why the Midwest has played this role in the American imagination.

In Imagining the Heartland, anthropologists Britt Halvorson and Josh Reno argue that there is an unexamined affinity between whiteness, Midwestness, and Americanness, anchored in their shared ordinary and homogenized qualities. These seemingly unremarkable qualities of the Midwest take work; they do not happen by default. Instead, creating successful representations of ordinary Midwestness, in both positive and negative senses, has required cultural expression through media ranging from Henry Ford’s assembly line to Grant Wood’s famous “American Gothic.” Far from being just another region among others, the Midwest is a political and affective logic in racial projects of global white supremacy. Neglecting the Midwest means neglecting the production of white supremacist imaginings at their most banal and at their most influential, their most locally situated and their most globally dispersed.

“The heartland isn’t a region. It’s a race. That’s the urgent lesson of Britt E. Halvorson and Joshua O. Reno’s Imagining the Heartland. The stories we tell about the Midwest—stories of blandness, averageness, of life in Lake Wobegon—inform who we see as virtuous, normal, and American. In a time of sensational acts of white entitlement, Halvorson and Reno have written an absorbing book about how images of boring white folks secure white dominance.”

Britt E. Halvorson is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Colby College and author of Conversionary Sites: Transforming Medical Aid and Global Christianity from Madagascar to Minnesota.

Joshua O. Reno is Professor of Anthropology at Binghamton University and author of Waste Away: Working and Living with a North American Landfill and Military Waste: The Unexpected Consequences of Permanent War Readiness.

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Prisons of Debt
The Afterlives of Incarcerated Fathers
Lynne Haney

This rigorous study presents a full portrait of formerly incarcerated fathers and the legal and criminal justice systems that trap them in a cycle of punishment and debt.

In the first study of its kind, sociologist Lynne Haney travels into state institutions across the country to document the experiences of the millions of fathers cycling through the criminal justice and child support systems. *Prisons of Debt* shows how these systems work together to create complex entanglements—rather than "piling up" in men's lives, these entanglements form feedback loops of disadvantage. The prison-child support pipeline flows in both directions, deepening parents' debt and criminal justice involvement.

Through moving accounts of men struggling to be fathers from behind prison walls and under the weight of support debt, *Prisons of Debt* exposes how the criminalization of child support undermines the most essential of familial relationships. Haney argues that these state systems can end up producing exactly the kind of parent they fear and loathe: bitter, unreliable, and cyclical fathers. Based on observations of 1,200 child support cases and interviews with 145 indebted fathers in New York, California, and Florida, *Prisons of Debt* reveals the actual practices of child support adjudication and enforcement alongside the lived realities of fathers trapped in those systems. The result is a rigorously documented analysis of how poor men are too often denied their rights of citizenship and of fatherhood.

“‘In Lynne Haney’s beautifully written *Prisons of Debt*, we learn what the merger of the criminal legal and child support systems has wrought for formerly incarcerated parents, especially low-income fathers of color, who bear the brunt of the dual systems’ mutually reinforcing modes of surveillance and control. [This] is a compelling and devastating account and a must-read for students of punishment and beyond.’”
—Sandra Susan Smith, Harvard Kennedy School

“An incredibly important book, both with respect to its rigor and multilayered analysis and the importance of its findings. *Prisons of Debt* successfully shows how child support orders are core to understanding the long reach or aftermath of mass incarceration experiences.”
—Sara Wakefield, coauthor of *Children of the Prison Boom: Mass Incarceration and the Future of American Inequality*

Lynne Haney is Professor of Sociology at New York University and author of the award-winning books *Offending Women* and *Inventing the Needy*. Her research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the National Institute of Justice, the Russell Sage Foundation, and the Fulbright New Century Scholars Program.
Muybridge and Mobility
Tim Cresswell and John Ott, with an introduction by Anthony W. Lee

New interpretations of Muybridge's famous motion studies through the lenses of mobility and race, from a cultural geographer and an art historian.

In 1878, Eadweard Muybridge successfully photographed horses in motion, proving that all four hooves leave the ground at once for a split second during full gallop. This was the beginning of Muybridge's decades-long investigation into instantaneous photography, culminating in his masterpiece Animal Locomotion. Muybridge became one of the most influential photographers of his time, and his stop-motion technique helped pave the way for the motion-picture industry, born a short decade later.

Coauthored by cultural geographer Tim Cresswell and art historian John Ott, this book reexamines the motion studies as historical forms of "mobility," in which specific forms of motion are given extraordinary significance and accrued value. Through a lively, interdisciplinary exchange, the authors explore how mobility is contextualized within the transformations of movement that marked the nineteenth century and how mobility represents the possibilities of social movement for African Americans. Together, these complementary essays look to Muybridge's works as interventions in knowledge and experience and as opportunities to investigate larger social ramifications and possibilities.

Series: Defining Moments in Photography

“One of the most important contributions to the history of photography, Eadweard Muybridge’s series of motion studies is standard viewing for anyone interested in the field. Muybridge and Mobility presents fresh perspectives on this iconic series and challenges readers to think of it in new ways.”

—Steven Hoelscher, Professor of American Studies and Geography, University of Texas at Austin

“Muybridge and Mobility offers fresh insight into this famous photographer. Tim Cresswell and John Ott mine Muybridge’s photographs for overlooked phenomena of the Gilded Age: the integration of Black athletes into professional sports and the initiation of a scientific culture of surveillance.”

—Wendy Jean Katz, author of Humbug! The Politics of Art Criticism in New York City’s Penny Press

Tim Cresswell is Ogilvie Professor of Geography at the University of Edinburgh. His most recent books are Maxwell Street: Writing and Thinking Place and a volume of poetry called Plastiglomerate.

John Ott is Professor of Art History at James Madison University and author of Manufacturing the Modern Patron in Victorian California. His current book project is Mixed Media: The Visual Cultures of Racial Integration, 1931–1954.
Diego Rivera’s America
Edited by James Oles

Revisits a moment when Rivera helped forge Mexican national identity in visual terms, and imagined a Pan-American future based on unity.

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

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

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

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San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
July 16, 2022—January 1, 2023
Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art, Bentonville, Arkansas
March 11, 2023—July 31, 2023

James Oles, curator of the exhibition Diego Rivera’s America, is a specialist in Latin American art, focusing on modern Mexican art and architecture. He is a senior lecturer in the Art Department at Wellesley College and serves as Adjunct Curator of Latin American art at the Davis Museum in Wellesley.

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Beverly McIver
Full Circle
Edited by Kim Boganey

This exhibition catalog accompanies a survey exhibition of contemporary artist and painter Beverly McIver. Curated by Kim Boganey, this exhibition represents the diversity of McIver’s thematic approach to painting over her career.

Full Circle illuminates the arc of Beverly McIver’s artistic career while also touching on her personal journey. McIver’s self-portraits explore expressions of individuality, stereotypes, and ways of masking identity; portraits of family provide glimpses into intimate moments, in good times as well as in illness and death. The show includes McIver’s portraits of other artists and notable figures, recent work resulting from a year in Rome with American Academy’s Rome Prize, and new work in which McIver explores the juxtaposition of color, patterns, and the human figure. The complementary exhibition, In Good Company, includes artists who have mentored McIver, such as Faith Ringgold and Richard Mayhew, as well as those who have studied under her.

This catalog includes a conversation with Beverly McIver by exhibition curator Kim Boganey, as well as two essays: one by leading Black feminist writer Michele Wallace, daughter of Beverly’s graduate school mentor Faith Ringgold, and another by distinguished scholar of African American art history Richard Powell.

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Kim Boganey is Director of Scottsdale Public Art. She has worked for the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Phoenix Arts Commission, and the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art, before directing for seven years the nationally recognized 40 Acres Art Gallery in Sacramento, California.

Infrastructure and Form
The Global Networks of Indian Contemporary Art, 1991-2008
Karin Zitzewitz

In the 1990s and 2000s, contemporary art in India changed radically in form, as an art world once dominated by painting began to support installation, new media, and performance. State-run institutions decreased the support they had given a modernist avant-garde, and art was cultivated instead by a booming market as well as new nonprofit institutions that combined strong local roots and transnational connections. The result was an unprecedented efflorescence of contemporary art in India.

Among the first studies of contemporary South Asian art, Infrastructure and Form engages deeply with sixteen of India’s leading contemporary artists and art collectives to examine what made this development possible. Karin Zitzewitz articulates the connections between formal trajectories of medium and material, curatorial frames and networks of circulation, and the changing conditions of everyday life after economic liberalization. By untangling the complex interactions of infrastructure and form, the book offers a discussion of the barriers and conduits that continue to shape global contemporary art and its relationship to capital more broadly.

“Karin Zitzewitz’s Infrastructure and Form represents an important contribution to the literature on global contemporary art, which makes a crucial argument about the importance of infrastructure to the formats, themes, materials, and very forms of contemporary art.”
—Ming Tiampo, Professor of Art History, Carleton University

“Infrastructure and Form marks a signal intervention by rigorously articulating an approach via ‘infrastructure.’ It thoroughly reinvigorates art historical study of this important period and its vibrant art infrastructures.”
—Rebecca M. Brown, Professor, Johns Hopkins University

Karin Zitzewitz is Associate Professor of Art History and Visual Culture at Michigan State University and the author of The Art of Secularism: The Cultural Politics of Modernist Art in Contemporary India.
Speculative Landscapes
American Art and Real Estate in the Nineteenth Century
Ross Barrett

Speculative Landscapes offers the first comprehensive account of American artists’ financial involvements in and creative responses to the nineteenth-century real estate economy. Examining the dealings of five painters who participated actively in this economy—Daniel Huntington, John Quidor, Eastman Johnson, Martin Johnson Heade, and Winslow Homer—Ross Barrett argues that the experience of property investment exposed artists to new ways of seeing and representing land, inspiring them to develop innovative figural, landscape, and marine paintings that radically reworked visual conventions. This approach moved beyond just aesthetics, however, and the book traces how artists creatively interrogated the economic, environmental, and cultural dynamics of American real estate capitalism. In doing so, Speculative Landscapes reveals how the provocative experience of land investment spurred painters to produce uniquely insightful critiques of the emerging real estate economy, critiques that uncovered its fiscal perils and social costs and imagined spaces outside the regime of private property.

“Speculative Landscapes goes very deep into the weeds of speculation, enclosure, outlay, debt, recompense, and the process by which land becomes property. The author shows how painting provided a tool for comprehending and commenting on that act of becoming.”
—Leo Mazow, Louise B. and J. Harwood Cochrane Curator of American Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

Ross Barrett is Associate Professor of Art History at Boston University. He is the author of Rendering Violence: Riots, Strikes, and Upheaval in Nineteenth-Century American Art and the coeditor, with Daniel Worden, of Oil Culture.

Metrics of Modernity
Art and Development in Postwar Turkey
Sarah-Neel Smith

In this vivid portrait of the art world of 1950s Turkey, Sarah-Neel Smith offers a new framework for analyzing global modernisms of the twentieth century: economic development.

After World War II, a cohort of influential Turkish modernists built a new art scene in Istanbul and Ankara. The entrepreneurial female gallerist Adalet Cimcoz, the art critic (and future prime minister) Bülent Ecevit, and artists like Aliye Berger, Füreya Koral, and Bedri Rahmi Eyüboğlu were not only focused on aesthetics. On the canvas, in criticism, and in the gallery, these cultural pioneers also grappled with economic questions—attempting to transform their country from a “developing nation” into a major player in the global markets of the postwar period.

Smith’s book publishes landmark works of Turkish modernism for the first time, along with an innovative array of sources—from gossip columns to economic theory—to reveal the art world as a key site for the articulation of Turkish nationhood at midcentury.

“Metrics of Modernity is the first book in any language to illuminate postwar art in Turkey in all its complexity. Sarah-Neel Smith reveals how an artistic community molded during the liberalization of the 1950s built the foundations of today’s global contemporary art scene.”
—Vasif Kortun, Research and Curatorial Advisor, Mathaf, Arab Museum of Modern Art, Doha

“Metrics of Modernity expertly weaves together the artistic, political, and economic threads that shape Turkey’s relation to international politics and the broader framework of developmental modernity. A landmark intervention into our understanding of art and modernity in the Cold War era.”
—Rebecca M. Brown, Johns Hopkins University

“Smith’s book draws thought-provoking parallels between the development of Turkey’s arts industry during the 1950s and its neoliberal economic transformation today.”
—Berin Golonu, University at Buffalo, SUNY

Sarah-Neel Smith is on faculty in the Department of Art History, Theory, and Criticism at the Maryland Institute College of Art.
Beethoven, A Life
Jan Caeyers. Translated by Brent Annable

With unprecedented access to the archives at the Beethoven House in Bonn, renowned Beethoven conductor and scholar Jan Caeyers expertly weaves together a deeply human and complex image of Beethoven—his troubled youth, his unpredictable mood swings, his desires, relationships, and conflicts with family and friends, the mysteries surrounding his affair with the “immortal beloved,” and the dramatic tale of his deafness. Caeyers also offers new insights into Beethoven’s music and its gradual transformation from the work of a skilled craftsman into that of a consummate artist.

Demonstrating an impressive command of the vast scholarship on this iconic composer, Caeyers brings Beethoven’s world alive with elegant prose, memorable musical descriptions, and vivid depictions of Bonn and Vienna—the cities where Beethoven produced and performed his works. Equal parts absorbing cultural history and lively biography, Beethoven, A Life paints a complex portrait of the musical genius who redefined the musical style of his day and went on to become one of the great pillars of Western art music.

“Beethoven, A Life continues the journey towards a more complex and nuanced picture of the great composer. . . . The result is a very readable book that, as a byproduct, offers a generous supply of scene-setting detail.”
—Financial Times (Books of the Year 2020)

“Among the books about the legend . . . the most substantial is Jan Caeyers’s Beethoven: A Life, a magisterial account, rich in archival findings, translated with revisions from the German edition of 2009.”
—Times Literary Supplement (Books of the Year 2020)

Notable Music Books of 2020
—Alex Ross, The Rest is Noise

“Detailed and engaging, this fitting tribute to the iconic composer will enrich anyone’s enjoyment and appreciation of his great music.”
—Library Journal

Jan Caeyers is a conductor and musicologist. One of Europe’s preeminent experts on Beethoven, he is the music director of the Beethoven orchestra Le Concert Olympique and a member of the Department of Musicology at KU Leuven.

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 history of 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 base of their power and popular sovereignty.

This history continues in the present, when lies again seem to increasingly replace 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.

“Federico Finchelstein, who is one of the world’s leading experts on both fascism and populism, is essential reading for the times in which we live.”
—Times Literary Supplement

“A lucid examination of how fascism does not just embrace lies, but integrates them into a distinctive, irrational structure of ‘truth’ that serves its political ends. Finchelstein’s key arguments are immensely valuable to our understanding of contemporary politics.”
—London School of Economics Review

“Finchelstein leaves us with the importance of understanding mythic nationalist ideologies, and not simply the behavior of leaders who mobilize myths.”
—Los Angeles Review of Books

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No Go World
How Fear Is Redrawing Our Maps and Infecting Our Politics
Ruben Andersson

War-torn deserts, jihadist killings, trucks weighted down with contraband and migrants—from the Afghan-Pakistan borderlands to the Sahara, images of danger depict a new world disorder on the global margins. With vivid detail, Ruben Andersson traverses this terrain to provide a startling new understanding of what is happening in remote “danger zones.” Instead of buying into apocalyptic visions, Andersson takes aim at how Western states and international organizations conduct military, aid, and border interventions in a dangerously myopic fashion, further disconnecting the world’s rich and poor. Using drones, proxy forces, border reinforcement, and outsourced aid, risk-obsessed powers are helping to remap the world into zones of insecurity and danger. The result is a vision of chaos crashing into fortified borders, with national and global politics riven by fear. Andersson contends that we must reconnect and snap out of this dangerous spiral, which affects us whether we live in Texas or Timbuktu. Only by developing a new cartography of hope can we move beyond the political geography of fear that haunts us.

“An ambitious and wide-ranging exploration of how risk, danger and fear are ‘remapping’ the world with dire ethical and practical consequences.”
—Journal of Refugee Studies

“Vividly and convincingly, No Go World describes a global shift toward cordonning off more and more zones labeled violent and high-risk, making them inaccessible to outsiders. . . . Andersson’s argument is devastating and crucial.”
—Public Books

“The value, ultimately, and there is real value, in No Go World is in the discovery of the mostly unseen everyday that refuses to be defeated by the military border.”
—Society and Space

Ruben Andersson is an anthropologist and Associate Professor in the Department of International Development, University of Oxford. He is the author of Illegality, Inc.: Clandestine Migration and the Business of Bordering Europe and the winner of the BBC Thinking Allowed Award for Ethnography in 2015.

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 could previously only be imagined. As archaeologists create a better and more complete picture of the past, they sometimes find that truth is stranger than fiction.

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—Nature

Mark D. McCoy is an expert in geospatial archaeology and Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Southern Methodist University. He is the author of over forty scientific journal articles on the archaeology of the Pacific Islands.
Homegrown Hate
Why White Nationalists and Militant Islamists Are Waging War against the United States
Sara Kamali

Homegrown Hate is a groundbreaking and deeply researched work that directly compares White nationalists and militant Islamists in the United States. In this timely book, scholar and holistic justice activist Sara Kamali examines these Americans’ self-described beliefs, grievances, and rationales for violence, and details their organizational structures within a transnational context. She presents compelling insight into the most pressing threat to homeland security not only in the United States, but in nations across the globe: citizens who are targeting their homeland according to their respective narratives of victimhood. She also explains the hate behind the headlines and provides the tools to counter this hate from within, cogently offering hope in uncertain and divisive times. Innovative and engaging, this is an indispensable resource for all who cherish equity and justice in the United States and around the world.

―Eerily prescient. . . . Kamali rebuts the idea that ‘lone wolves’ drive terrorism and focuses on a comparative analysis of the White nationalist and militant Islamist groups that can drive it.
―Kirkus Reviews

―The literature on White nationalists and militant Islamists gains an important new entry examining the reasons for acts of terrorism perpetrated by American citizens against the United States.
―Ethnic and Racial Studies

―The book is a significant contribution to the field—deeply informative and written in an engaging manner.
―European Center for Populism Studies

Sara Kamali is a Senior Fellow at the Centre for Analysis of the Radical Right in the UK and an expert with the Canadian Network for Research on Terrorism, Security and Society. She is also a holistic justice activist and a scholar of systemic inequities, White nationalism, and militant Islamism. Her scholarship and activism address how interlocking institutions of power oppress the many while maintaining systems of privilege for a select few.

Autopsy of a Crime Lab
Exposing the Flaws in Forensics
Brandon L. Garrett

Autopsy of a Crime Lab is the first book to catalog the sources of error and the faulty science behind a range of well-known forensic evidence, from fingerprints and firearms to forensic algorithms. In this devastating forensic takedown, noted legal expert Brandon L. Garrett poses the questions that should be asked in courtrooms every day: Where are the studies that validate the basic premises of widely accepted techniques such as fingerprinting? How can experts testify with 100 percent certainty about a fingerprint, when there is no such thing as a 100 percent match? Where is the quality control in the laboratories and at the crime scenes? Should we so readily adopt powerful new technologies like facial recognition software and rapid DNA machines? And why have judges been so reluctant to consider the weaknesses of so many long-accepted methods?

Taking us into the lives of the wrongfully convicted or nearly convicted, into crime labs rocked by scandal, and onto the front lines of promising reform efforts driven by professionals and researchers alike, Autopsy of a Crime Lab illustrates the persistence and perniciousness of shaky science and its well-meaning practitioners.

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―Amanda Knox, author of Waiting to Be Heard

Brandon L. Garrett is the L. Neil Williams Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, where he directs the Wilson Center for Science and Justice.
Black Lives, White Lives
Three Decades of Race Relations in America
Bob Blauner, with a new foreword by Gerald Early

Beginning in 1968, Bob Blauner and a team of interviewers recorded the words of those caught up in the crucible of rapid racial, social, and political change. Unlike most retrospective oral histories, these interviews capture the intense racial tension of 1968 in real time, as people talk with unusual candor about their deepest fears and prejudices. The diverse experiences and changing beliefs of Blauner’s interview subjects—sixteen of them Black, twelve of them white—are expanded through subsequent interviews in 1979 and 1986, revealing as much about ordinary, daily lives as the extraordinary cultural shifts that shaped them. This book remains a landmark historical and sociological document, and an exceptional primary-source commentary on the development of race relations since the 1960s. Republished with a foreword by Professor Gerald Early, Black Lives, White Lives offers new generations of scholars and activists a galvanizing meditation on three decades of profound social change.

“Black Lives, White Lives is a sociological study with a vivid face and a warm heart.”
—Los Angeles Times

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—New York Times

Bob Blauner (1929–2016) was Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of California, Berkeley, and an author who taught, lectured, consulted, and wrote on race relations.

Gerald Early is Chair of African and African-American Studies and Professor of English at Washington University

Freedom Now!
Forgotten Photographs of the Civil Rights Struggle
Martin A. Berger

Photographers shot millions of pictures of the black civil rights struggle between the close of World War II and the early 1970s, yet most Americans today can recall just a handful of images that look remarkably similar. In the popular imagination, the civil rights movement is remembered in dramatic photographs of protestors attacked with police dogs and fire hoses, firebombs and shotguns, tear gas and billy clubs. The most famous images of the era show black activists victimized by violent Southern whites.

But there are other stories to be told. Blacks changed America through their action, not their suffering. In this groundbreaking catalogue, Martin Berger presents a collection of forgotten photographs that illustrate the action, heroism, and strength of black activists in driving social and legislative change. Freedom Now! highlights the power wielded by black men, women, and children in courthouses, community centers, department stores, political conventions, schools, and streets.

Freedom Now! reveals that we have inherited a photographic canon—and a picture of history—shaped by whites’ comfort with unthreatening images of victimized blacks. And it illustrates how and why particular people, events, and issues have been edited out of the photographic story we tell about our past. By considering the different values promoted in the forgotten photographs, readers will gain an understanding of African Americans’ role in rewriting U.S. history and the high stakes involved in selecting images with which to narrate our collective past.

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Martin A. Berger is Provost and Senior Vice President of Academic Affairs at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.
We Are the Land
A History of Native California
Damon B. Akins and William J. Bauer, Jr.

We Are the Land is the first and most comprehensive text of its kind, centering the long history of California around the lives and legacies of the Indigenous people who shaped it. Beginning with the ethnogenesis of California Indians, the book recounts the centrality of the Native presence from before European colonization through statehood—paying particularly close attention to the persistence and activism of California Indians in the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries. It deftly contextualizes the first encounters with Europeans, Spanish missions, Mexican secularization, the devastation of the Gold Rush and statehood, genocide, efforts to reclaim land, and the organization and activism for sovereignty that built today's casino economy. A text designed to fill the glaring need for an accessible overview of California Indian history, We Are the Land will be a core resource in a variety of classroom settings, as well as for casual readers and policymakers interested in a history that centers the native experience.

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—CounterPunch

William J. Bauer, Jr. is an enrolled citizen of the Round Valley Indian Tribes and Professor of History at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

Damon B. Akins is Associate Professor of History at Guilford College, in Greensboro, North Carolina.

California Indian Languages
Victor Golla

Nowhere was the linguistic diversity of the New World more extreme than in California, where an extraordinary variety of village-dwelling peoples spoke seventy-eight mutually unintelligible languages. This comprehensive illustrated handbook, a major synthesis of more than 150 years of documentation and study, reviews what we now know about California’s indigenous languages. Victor Golla outlines the basic structural features of more than two dozen language types and cites all the major sources, both published and unpublished, for the documentation of these languages—from the earliest vocabularies collected by explorers and missionaries, to the data amassed during the twentieth-century by Alfred Kroeber and his colleagues, to the extraordinary work of John P. Harrington and C. Hart Merriam. Golla also devotes chapters to the role of language in reconstructing prehistory, and to the intertwining of language and culture in pre-contact California societies, making this work, the first of its kind, an essential reference on California’s remarkable Indian languages.

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—Anthropological Linguistics

“Bringing together the linguistic records of explorers and missionaries, as well as the research of anthropologists . . . this is an essential reference for linguistics collections.”
—Library Journal

Victor Golla (1939-2021) was Professor Emeritus of Anthropology at Humboldt State University. He was the editor of The Sapir-Kroeber Correspondence: Letters Between Edward Sapir and Alfred Kroeber, 1905-1925 and of several volumes of The Collected Works of Edward Sapir.
**Revolutionary Love**
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Michael Lerner

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**The Accidental History of the U.S. Immigration Courts**
War, Fear, and the Roots of Dysfunction
Alison Peck

During the Trump administration, the immigration courts were decried as more politicized enforcement weapon than impartial tribunal. Yet few people are aware of a fundamental flaw in the system that has long pre-dated that administration: The immigration courts are not really “courts” at all but an office of the Department of Justice—the nation’s law enforcement agency.

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“An eye-opening look at how the history and structure of U.S. immigration courts contribute to present-day problems. . . . Supported with lucid legal analysis and incisive historical details, this is a persuasive call for change.”
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Alison Peck is Professor of Law and Codirector of the Immigration Law Clinic at West Virginia University College of Law.
**Wandering Spirits**  
Chen Shiyuan’s Encyclopedia of Dreams  
Translated with an introduction by Richard E. Strassberg

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—Robert E. Hegel, author of *Reading Illustrated Fiction in Late Imperial China*

Richard E. Strassberg is Professor of Chinese at the University of California, Los Angeles. He is author of *Inscribed Landscapes: Travel Writing from Imperial China* and *A Chinese Bestiary: Strange Creatures from the Guideways through Mountains and Seas.*

**The Variae**  
The Complete Translation  
Cassiodorus. Translated by M. Shane Bjornlie

Cassiodorus—famed throughout history as one of the great Christian exegetes of antiquity—spent most of his life as a high-ranking public official under the Ostrogothic King Theoderic and his heirs. He produced the *Variae*, a unique letter collection that gave witness to the sixth-century Mediterranean, as late antiquity gave way to the early middle ages. The *Variae* represents thirty years of Cassiodorus’s work in civil, legal, and financial administration, revealing his interactions with emperors and kings, bishops and military commanders, private citizens, and even criminals. Thus, the *Variae* remains among the most important sources for the history of this pivotal period and is an indispensable resource for understanding political and diplomatic culture, economic and legal structure, intellectual heritage, urban landscapes, religious worldview, and the evolution of social relations at all levels of society during the twilight of the late-Roman state. This is the first full translation of this masterwork into English.

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When Abortion Was a Crime
Women, Medicine, and Law in the United States, 1867-1973, with a New Preface
Leslie J. Reagan

*When Abortion Was a Crime* is the must-read book on abortion history. Originally published ahead of the 30th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade*, this award-winning study was the first to examine the entire period during which abortion was illegal in the United States, beginning in the mid-nineteenth century and ending with that monumental case in 1973. *When Abortion Was a Crime* is filled with intimate stories and nuanced analysis, demonstrating how abortion was criminalized and policed—and how millions of women sought abortions regardless of the law. With this edition, Leslie Reagan provides a new preface that addresses the dangerous and ongoing threats to abortion access across the country, and the precarity of our current moment.

With the right to abortion increasingly under attack, this book remains the definitive history of abortion in the United States, offering vital lessons for every American concerned with health care, civil liberties, and personal and sexual freedom.

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Leslie J. Reagan is Professor of History, Law, Gender and Women’s Studies, and Media Studies at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Author of the award-winning *Dangerous Pregnancies: Mothers, Disability, and Abortion in Modern America*, and public intellectual, Reagan has written for the *Washington Post*, *Time*, *Ms. Magazine*, and *Huffington Post* and has appeared on numerous national and international media outlets.

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**Thesaurus Linguae Graecae**
A Bibliographic Guide to the Canon of Greek Authors and Works
Maria C. Pantelia

The *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae® (TLG) Canon of Authors and Works* is a bibliographic guide to the authors and works that have survived in Greek from antiquity (eighth century BCE) to the present era and have been collected and digitized by the TLG. It provides biographical information about each author, such as dates, place of birth, and literary activity, as well as a list of their extant works and print publications. The Canon encompasses more than 4,400 authors and 17,000 individual works identified and documented by the TLG in its fifty-year history. It offers a concise and authoritative literary history of Greek literature and an indispensable reference source for everyone concerned with its study.

“This work significantly updates a reference guide that catalogues the Greek texts, from Homer to selected authors up into the nineteenth century, present in the *Thesaurus Linguae Graecae*, as well as works known to the project but not yet present in the online databank. The level of detail is impressive and the coverage unmatched in any other source.”
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Amphibious Subjects
Sasso and the Contested Politics of Queer Self-Making in Neoliberal Ghana
Kwame Edwin Otu

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Amphibious Subjects is an ethnographic study of a community of self-identified effeminate men—known in local parlance as sasso—residing in coastal Jamestown, a suburb of Accra in Ghana’s capital. Drawing on the Ghanaian philosopher Kwame Gyekye’s notion of “amphibious personhood,” Kwame Edwin Otu argues that sasso embody and articulate amphibious subjectivity in their self-making of an identity that moves beyond the homogenizing impulses of western categories of gender and sexuality. Such subjectivity simultaneously unsettles claims purported by the Christian heteronationalist state and LGBT+ human rights organizations that Ghana is predominantly heterosexual or homophobic. Weaving together personal interactions with sasso, participant observation, autoethnography, archival sources, essays from African and African-diasporic literature, and critical analyses of documentaries such as the BBC’s The World’s Worst Place to Be Gay, Amphibious Subjects is an ethnographic meditation on how Africa is configured as the “heart of homophobic darkness” in transnational LGBT+ human rights imaginaries.

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After Servitude
Elusive Property and the Ethics of Kinship in Bolivia
Mareike Winchell

How are injurious pasts redeployed by the dispossessed? After Servitude chronicles how agrarian engineers, indigenous farmers, Creole mining bosses, and rural workers navigate racial hierarchies rooted in histories of forced agrarian labor. In the rural Bolivian province of Ayopaya, where the liberatory promises of property remain elusive, Quechua people address such hierarchies by demanding aid from Creole elites and, where that fails, through acts of labor militancy. Against institutional faith in property ownership as a means to detach land and people, present and past, the kin of former masters and servants alike insisted that ethical debts from earlier racial violence stretch across epochs and formal land sales. What emerges is a vision of justice grounded in popular demands that wealth remain beholden to the region’s agrarian past. By tracing this broader relational orientation to the past, Mareike Winchell demonstrates existing alternatives to property both as an extractive paradigm and as a technique of historical redress.

“After Servitude offers what the best ethnography provides—a richly contextualized case study of global phenomena. It rewards with careful re-evaluations of property rights, political reform and indigenous/colonial relations, revealing the surprising ways they interweave in the living histories of contemporary Bolivia. An exemplary bit of scholarship.”
—Justin Richland, author of Cooperation without Submission: Indigenous Jurisdictions in Native Nation-US Engagements

Mareike Winchell is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago.
Today, the majority of the world’s population lives in a country with falling marriage rates, a phenomenon with profound impacts on women, gender, and sexuality. In this exceptionally crafted ethnography, Sarah Lamb probes the gendered trend of single living in India, examining what makes living outside marriage for women increasingly possible and yet incredibly challenging. Featuring the stories of never-married women as young as 35 and as old as 92, the book offers a remarkable portrait of a way of life experienced by women across class and caste divides, from urban professionals and rural day laborers, to those who identity as heterosexual and lesbian, to others who evaded marriage both by choice and by circumstance. For women in India, complex social-cultural and political-economic contexts are foundational to their lives and decisions, and evading marriage is often an unintended consequence of other pressing life priorities. Arguing that never-married women are able to illuminate their society’s broader social-cultural values, Sarah Lamb offers a new and startling look at prevailing systems of gender, sexuality, kinship, freedom, and social belonging in India today.

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“This lively ethnographic account of the experiences of never-married women makes several key contributions to feminist anthropological appraisals of marriage as an institution. Drawing on in-depth interviews and extensive exercises in participant observation, Sarah Lamb renders a compelling, detailed, and sensitive portrait of compulsory heterosexuality and patriarchy as seen from the margins.”
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Sarah Lamb is Barbara Mandel Professor of Humanistic Social Sciences and Professor of Anthropology and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality studies at Brandeis University.

In his bold and provocative new book, Damani Partridge examines the possibilities and limits for a universalized Black politics. German youth of Turkish, Arab, and African descent use claims of Blackness to hold states and other institutions accountable for racism today. Partridge tracks how these young people take on the expressions of Black Power, acting out the scene from the 1968 Olympics, proclaiming, “I am Malcolm X,” expressing mutual struggle with Muhammad Ali and Spike Lee, and standing with raised and clenched fists next to Angela Davis. Simultaneously, he documents public school teachers, federal program leaders, and politicians demanding that young immigrants account for the global persistence of anti-Semitism as part of the German state’s commitment to anti-genocidal education. Partridge uses these stories to interrogate the relationships between European Enlightenment, Holocaust memory, and Black futures, showing how noncitizens work to reshape their everyday lives. In doing so, he demonstrates how Blackness is a concept that energizes, inspires, and makes possible participation beyond national belonging for immigrants, refugees, Black people, and other People of Color.

“This book is a captivating display of kaleidoscopic transformations of Blackness in Germany and beyond from the end of World War II to today. Through decades of committed research into the lives of noncitizens in Germany, Partridge shows us how seemingly diverse phenomenon such as the Holocaust memory, refugee crisis, the Black Lives Matter movement, and international solidarity with the Palestinians are intricately connected in the way racialized people make demands for justice.”
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Damani Partridge is Professor of Anthropology and Afroamerican and African Studies at the University of Michigan.
In China, the weather has changed. Decades of reform have been shadowed by a changing meteorological normal: major seasonal dust storms and spectacular episodes of air pollution have reworked physical and political relations between China’s land and air and have set off experiments in politics and environment management. *Continent in Dust* offers an anthropology of strange weather, zeroing in on experiments with statecraft, landscape, atmosphere, and society. Traveling from state engineering programs to choreograph the movement of mobile dunes in the interior, to newly reconfigured bodies and airspaces in Beijing, and beyond, this book explores contemporary China as a weather system in the making: what would it mean to understand “the rise of China” literally, as the country itself rises into the air?

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Every year at least 20,000 people go missing in São Paulo, Brazil. Many will be found, sometimes in mundane mass graves, but thousands will not. *Keep the Bones Alive* explores this phenomenon and why there is little concern for those who vanish. Ethnographer Graham Denyer Willis works beside family members, state workers, and gravediggers to examine the rationalization behind why bodies are missing in space—from cemeteries, the criminal coroner’s office, prisons, and elsewhere. By following the bereaved as they confront an indifferent state and a suspicious society and search for loved ones against all odds, this gripping book reveals where missing bodies go and the reasons why people can disappear without being pursued. Recognizing that disappearance has long been central to Brazil’s everyday political order, this humanistic account of the silences surrounding disappearance shows why a demand for a politics of life is needed now more than ever.

“This with profound empathy and courage, this book listens closely to terrifying silences, digging and sifting to reveal what they can tell us about who is valued, who is not, and why.”
—Anthony W. Fontes, author of *Mortal Doubt: Transnational Gangs and Social Order in Guatemala City*

Graham Denyer Willis is Associate Professor in Development Studies and Latin American Studies in the Department of Politics and International Studies at the University of Cambridge, and Fellow of Queens’ College.
Panics Without Borders
How Global Sporting Events Drive Myths about Sex Trafficking
Gregory Mitchell

We are living in a time of great panic about “sex trafficking”—an idea whose meaning has been expanded beyond any real usefulness by evangelicals, conspiracy theorists, anti-prostitution feminists, and politicians with their own agendas. This is especially visible during events like the FIFA World Cup and the Olympic Games when claims circulate that as many as 40,000 women and girls will be sex trafficked. Drawing on extensive fieldwork in Brazil as well as interviews with sex workers, policymakers, missionaries, and activists in Russia, Qatar, Japan, the UK, and South Africa, Gregory Mitchell shows that despite such baseless statistical claims, sex trafficking never increases as a result of these events. However, police violence against sex workers always does.

While advocates have long decried this myth, Mitchell follows the discourse across host countries to ask why this panic so easily embeds during these mega-events. What fears animate it? Who profits? He charts the move of sex trafficking into the realm of the spectacular—street protests, awareness-raising campaigns, telenovelas, social media, and celebrity spokespeople—where it spreads across borders. This trend is dangerous because these events happen in moments of nationalist fervor, in which fears of foreigners and migrants are heightened and easily exploited, to frightening ends.

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The Industrial Ephemeral
Labor and Love in Indian Architecture and Construction
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The Bastille Effect
Transforming Sites of Political Imprisonment
Michael Welch

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As conceptualized throughout this richly illustrated book, the Bastille Effect represents the unique ways that former prisons and detention centers are transformed, both physically and culturally. In their afterlives, these sites deliver critiques of political imprisonment and the sustained efforts to hold perpetrators accountable for state violence. However, for that narrative to surface, the sites are cleansed of their profane past, even enlisting clergy to perform purifying rituals that grant them a new place identity as a memorial. For example, at Villa Grimaldi, a former detention and torture center in Santiago, Chile, activists condemn the brutal Pinochet dictatorship by honoring the memory of victims, allowing the space to emerge as a “park for peace.” Throughout the Southern Cone of Latin America, and elsewhere around the globe, carceral sites have been dramatically repurposed into places of enlightenment that offer inspiring allegories of human rights. Interpreting the complexities of those common threads, this book weaves together a broad range of cultural, interdisciplinary, and critical thought to offer new insights into the study of political imprisonment, collective memory, and post-conflict societies.

“How the scholarly work of Michael Welch is recognized for its blend of critical theory and human rights. The Bastille Effect is no exception. With lessons from Northern Ireland, the Southern Cone of Latin America, and other post-conflict societies, the book reveals the terrible depths—and pains—of political imprisonment.”
—Kieran McEvoy, The George J. Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice, Queen’s University, Belfast

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Borderland Circuitry
Immigration Surveillance in the United States and Beyond
Ana Muñiz

Political discourse on immigration in the United States has largely focused on what is most visible, including border walls and detention centers, while the invisible information systems that undergird immigration enforcement have garnered less attention. Tracking the evolution of various surveillance-related systems since the 1980s, Borderland Circuitry investigates how the deployment of this information infrastructure has shaped immigration enforcement practices. Ana Muñiz illuminates three phenomena that are becoming increasingly intertwined: digital surveillance, immigration control, and gang enforcement. Using ethnography, interviews, and analysis of documents never before seen, Muñiz uncovers how information-sharing partnerships between local police, state and federal law enforcement, and foreign partners collide to create multiple digital borderlands. Diving deep into a select group of information systems, Borderland Circuitry reveals how those with legal and political power deploy the specter of violent cross-border criminals to justify intensive surveillance, detention, brutality, deportation, and the destruction of land for border militarization.

“Engaging and well written, offering novel insights into the use of databases and technology to facilitate immigration enforcement and surveillance by federal immigration authorities.”
—Bryce Clayton Newell, Police Visibility: Privacy, Surveillance, and the False Promise of Body-Worn Cameras

Ana Muñiz is Assistant Professor in the Department of Criminology, Law and Society at the University of California, Irvine. She is the author of Police, Power, and the Production of Racial Boundaries.
In recent decades, life imprisonment without the possibility of parole (LWOP) has developed into a distinctive penal form in the United States, one firmly entrenched in US policymaking, judicial and prosecutorial decision making, correctional practice, and public discourse. Yet while LWOP is now a routine part of contemporary US criminal justice, even engrained in the nation’s cultural imaginary, just how it came to be so remains in question. Fifty years ago, imprisoning a person until death was an extraordinary sentence; today, it accounts for an increasing percentage of all US prisoners. What explains the shifts in penal practice and the social imagination whereby we have become accustomed to imprisoning individuals until death, without any reevaluation or reasonable expectation of release? Combining a wide historical lens with detailed state-level and institutional-level research, Death by Prison offers a provocative new foundation for questioning this deeply problematic practice that has escaped close scrutiny for too long.

The rise of life without parole, this book demonstrates, is not simply a matter of growth; it is a phenomenon of change, inclusive of changes in definitions, practices, and meanings. Death by Prison demonstrates that the complex processes by which life without parole became imprisonment until death and perpetual confinement became a routine part of American punishment must be understood not only in terms of punitive attitudes and political efforts but as a matter of background conditions and transformations in penal institutions. The book also reveals how the social and sociological relevance of life without parole extends beyond its punitive element: imbued in the history of life without parole are a variety of forms of disregard—for human dignity, for social consequences, and for the myriad responsibilities that go along with statepunishment.

“Death by Prison is an ambitious overview of the rise of life sentences for American prisoners. As both an empirical and conceptual contribution, it’s original and comprehensive.”
—Steven Herbert, author of Too Easy to Keep: Life-Sentenced Prisoners and the Future of Mass Incarceration

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While few might disagree that neighborhood and place are important dimensions of reentry from prison, we have a less clear sense of why or how they matter, and we rarely get a view of the lived social-interactional dynamics between people returning from incarceration and receiving communities. Intersecting Lives focuses on the processes through which neighborhood and place influence reentry experiences, and simultaneously how these processes shape community life. Through interviews and ethnographic observations, Andrea M. Leverentz brings readers into three very different Boston communities. These places and the interactions they foster shape reentry outcomes, including re-offending, surveillance, relationship formation, and access to opportunities. This book sheds crucial new light on the processes of reentry and desistance, tying them intimately to space and community, including dynamics around race, gender, gentrification, homelessness, and transportation.

“A great contribution. Few studies on prisoner reentry focus on both the perspective of formerly incarcerated individuals and the perspective of the community.”
—Jennifer Cobbina-Dungy, author of Hands Up, Don’t Shoot

“The particular focus on place feels refreshingly new and important. I have not ever seen a work quite like this.”
—Venezia Michalsen, author of Mothering and Desistance in Re-Entry

Andrea M. Leverentz is Professor of Sociology at the University of Massachusetts Boston. She is the author of The Ex-Prisoner’s Dilemma: How Women Negotiate Competing Narratives of Reentry and Desistance and coeditor of Beyond Recidivism: New Approaches to Research on Prisoner Reentry and Reintegration.
This Is Our Freedom
Motherhood in the Shadow of the American Prison System
Geniece Crawford Mondé

For the overwhelming majority of women leaving correctional institutions in the United States, there is one aspect of their identity that informs their needs, opportunities, hopes, and dreams: their roles as mothers. This Is Our Freedom provides an intimate and moving portrait of women’s journeys prior to and after incarceration. In interviews with seventy formerly incarcerated mothers, Geniece Crawford Mondé captures how women reframe their marginalized identity and place themselves at the center of their own stories. With incisive analysis, Mondé reveals the complex ways that motherhood shapes post-incarceration life, while highlighting how the lasting legacy of mass incarceration continues to impact society’s most vulnerable members.

“Geniece Crawford Mondé’s nuanced and compelling study of mothers offers a much-needed expansion of life-course theory, one that considers the fluidity of motherhood and its impact on how women navigate the pathways available to them after they leave penal facilities.”
—Anna Curtis, author of Dangerous Masculinity: Fatherhood, Race, and Security inside America’s Prisons

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Open Hand, Closed Fist
Practices of Undocumented Organizing in a Hostile State
Kathryn Abrams

How does a group that lacks legal status organize its members to become effective political activists? In the early 2000s, Arizona’s campaign of “attrition by enforcement” aimed to make life so miserable for undocumented immigrants that they would “self-deport.” Undocumented activists resisted hostile legislation, registered thousands of new Latino voters, and joined a national movement to advance justice for immigrants. Drawing on five years of observation and interviews with activists in Phoenix, Arizona, Kathryn Abrams explains how the practices of storytelling, emotion cultures, and performative citizenship fueled this grassroots movement. Together they produced both the “open hand” (the affective bonds among participants) and the “closed fist” (the pragmatic strategies of resistance) that have allowed the movement to mobilize and sustain itself over time.

“This book will be one-stop shopping to understand the immigrant rights movement in Arizona, one of the most important states of immigrant battles in the twenty-first century.”
—Paul Almeida, Professor of Sociology, University of California, Merced

“A rich, qualitative empirical account of how deeply disenfranchised undocumented immigrants were inspired and empowered to form an ‘unlikely’ movement.”
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Kathryn Abrams is Herma Hill Kay Distinguished Professor of Law at University of California, Berkeley Law School.
**Academic Apartheid**
Race and the Criminalization of Failure in an American Suburb
Sean J. Drake

In *Academic Apartheid*, sociologist Sean J. Drake addresses longstanding problems of educational inequality from a nuanced perspective, looking at how race and class intersect to affect modern school segregation. Drawing on more than two years of ethnographic observation and dozens of interviews at two distinct high schools in a racially diverse Southern California suburb, Drake unveils hidden institutional mechanisms that lead to the overt segregation and symbolic criminalization of Black, Latinx, and lower-income students who struggle academically. His work illuminates how institutional definitions of success contribute to school segregation, how institutional actors leverage those definitions to justify inequality, and the ways in which local immigrant groups use their ethnic resources to succeed. *Academic Apartheid* represents a new way forward for scholars whose work sits at the intersection of education, race and ethnicity, class, and immigration.

"*Academic Apartheid* makes an indelible impact on the field of race and ethnic relations. This is a must-read book that also offers ways in which public schools can contest racialized and unequal tracking systems in American education."
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"Drake’s work fills a hugely important gap in the existing literature by showing how even within a successful, well-to-do, diverse school district, institutional success is predicated on pressuring lower-performing students out of their comprehensive high school into a segregated subpar school, even when those students could remain and graduate."
—Dana M. Moss, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Notre Dame

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**On Black Media Philosophy**
Armond R. Towns

Who is the human in media philosophy? Though media philosophers have argued since the twentieth century that media are fundamental to being human, this question has not been explicitly asked and answered in the field.

Armond R. Towns demonstrates that humanity in media philosophy has implicitly referred to a social Darwinian understanding of the human as a Western, white, male, and capitalist figure. Building on concepts from Black studies and cultural studies, Towns develops an insightful critique of this dominant conception of the human in media philosophy and introduces a foundation for Black media philosophy.

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—Alexander Ghedi Weheliye, Professor of African American Studies, Northwestern University

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Transition Problems for Low-Income Youth in High School
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Education has been increasingly lauded as the path to achieving the American Dream, and in this book Martín Sánchez-Jankowski uses extensive ethnographic research to explore the dynamics of the interrelated obstacles that low-income students must surpass in order to make transitions successfully from high school to college. With compassion and rigor, and engaging in participant observation to examine how individuals navigate the education system, *Potholes in the Road* shows how the roadblocks of social capital, wealth, and culture make achieving the American Dream through education nearly impossible.

“Martín Sánchez-Jankowski has once again produced a top-rate book that will stir much debate in the fields of sociology and urban education studies. *Potholes in the Road* also offers the opportunity to find ways in which public schools can partner with urban communities to contest inequality in a time of the COVID-19 pandemic and racial injustice and also to promote achieving the American Dream.”
—Gilberto Q. Conchas, Wayne K. & Anita Woolfolk Hoy Endowed Professor, Pennsylvania State University

“I know of no other book that is as sophisticated as this one in portraying a set of interacting obstacles and challenges that youth from lower income backgrounds face as they make important transitions between middle and high schools and then onto college.”
—Lynn Chancer, Executive Officer of the PhD Program in Sociology, Graduate Center of the CUNY

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Walking Mannequins
How Race and Gender Inequalities Shape Retail Clothing Work
Joya Misra and Kyla Walters

In malls across the United States, clothing retail workers navigate low wages and unpredictable schedules. Despite these problems, they devote time and money to mirror the sleek mannequins stylishly adorned with the latest merchandise. Bringing workers’ voices to the fore, sociologists Joya Misra and Kyla Walters demonstrate how employers reproduce gendered and racist “beauty” standards by regulating workers’ size and look. Interactions with customers, coworkers, and managers further reinforce racial hierarchies. New surveillance technologies also lead to ineffective corporate decision-making based on flawed data. By focusing on the interaction of race, gender, and surveillance, *Walking Mannequins* sheds important new light on the dynamics of retail work in the twenty-first century.

“This is a major contribution to the research on work, consumption, and aesthetic labor in the modern economy. It’s a compelling read that will have a significant impact on how we think about the racial and gendered dynamics of workplace inequality.”
—Adia Harvey Wingfield, Mary Tileston Hemenway Professor of Arts and Sciences, Washington University in St. Louis

“This is an important, unprecedented insights into work and inequality in an often overlooked sector: fashion retail. *Walking Mannequins* updates our knowledge of technology and accelerated product cycles affect work processes in fast-fashion.”
—Eileen Otis, author of *Markets and Bodies: Women, Service Work, and the Making of Inequality in China*

“This outstanding book is essential reading for anyone interested in interactive service work.”
—Dennis Nickson, coauthor of *Aesthetic Labour*

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Homelessness Is a Housing Problem
How Structural Factors Explain U.S. Patterns
Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern

In *Homelessness is a Housing Problem*, Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern seek to explain the substantial regional variation in rates of homelessness in cities across the United States. In a departure from many analytical approaches, Colburn and Aldern shift their focus from the individual experiencing homelessness to the metropolitan area. Using accessible statistical analysis, they test a range of conventional beliefs about what drives the prevalence of homelessness in a given city—including mental illness, drug use, poverty, weather, generosity of public assistance, and low-income mobility—and find that none explain the regional variation observed across the country. Instead, housing market conditions, such as the cost and availability of rental housing, offer a far more convincing account. With rigor and clarity, *Homelessness is a Housing Problem* explores U.S. cities’ diverse experiences with housing precarity and offers policy solutions for unique regional contexts.

“There is no shortage of empirical research on homelessness in the academic literature. What is missing is a book like this one, which draws on this research to explain the scope, nature, and underlying causes of homelessness to a non-academic and non-specialist audience.”
—Thomas Byrne, Associate Professor of Social Welfare Policy, Boston University

“Gregg Colburn and Clayton Page Aldern provide an intuitive understanding of the difference between the causes of rates of homelessness and vulnerability factors that increase risk for individuals.”
—Marybeth Shinn, author of *In the Midst of Plenty: Homelessness and What to Do About It*

Gregg Colburn is Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, where he studies housing policy, housing affordability, and homelessness.

Clayton Page Aldern is a data scientist and policy analyst based in Seattle.

Networked Feminism
How Digital Media Makers Transformed Gender Justice Movements
Rosemary Clark-Parsons

*Networked Feminism* tells the story of how activists have used media to reconfigure what feminist politics and organizing looks like in the United States. Drawing on years spent participating in grassroots communities and observing viral campaigns, Rosemary Clark-Parsons argues that feminists engage in a do-it-ourselves feminism characterized by the use of everyday media technologies. Faced with an electoral system and a history of collective organizing that have failed to address complex systems of oppression, do-it-ourselves feminists do not rely on political organizations, institutions, or authorities. Instead, they use digital networks to build movements that reflect their values and meet the challenges of the current moment, all the while juggling the affordances and limitations of their media tools. Through its practitioner-centered approach, this book sheds light on feminist media activists’ shared struggles and best practices at a time when collective organizing for social justice has become more important than ever.

“The culmination of years of qualitative research carried out with individual activists and organizations, this book explores the complexity of engaging in activism on platforms that often work both for and against women. *Networked Feminism* is a welcome addition to emerging scholarship on networked feminism and networked activism.”
—Kate Eichhorn, author of *The End of Forgetting: Growing Up with Social Media*

“In this important, exciting, and timely book, Clark-Parsons shows the power of self-produced feminist media to challenge oppressive gender norms, laying the groundwork for new feminist communities, solidarities, and consciousnesses. This is a key book for those interested in the recent history of digital feminism and offers key insights for thinking about its future.”
—Dr. Kaitlynn Mendes, coauthor of *Digital Feminist Activism: Girls and Women Fight Back against Rape Culture*

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**Archipelago of Resettlement**

**Vietnamese Refugee Settlers and Decolonization across Guam and Israel-Palestine**

Evyn Lê Espiritu Gandhi

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What happens when refugees encounter Indigenous sovereignty struggles in the countries of their resettlement? From April to November 1975, the US military processed over 112,000 Vietnamese refugees on the unincorporated territory of Guam; from 1977 to 1979, the State of Israel granted asylum and citizenship to 366 non-Jewish Vietnamese refugees. *Archipelago of Resettlement* analyzes these two cases to theorize what Espiritu Gandhi calls the refugee settler condition: the fraught positionality of refugee subjects whose resettlement in a settler colonial state is predicated upon the unjust dispossession of an Indigenous population. This groundbreaking book traces two forms of critical geography: first, archipelagos of empire, examining how the Vietnam War is linked to the US military build-up in Guam and unwavering support of Israel, and second, corresponding archipelagos of resistance, tracing how Chamorro decolonization efforts and Palestinian liberation struggles are connected by through the Vietnamese refugee figure. Thinking through distinct yet overlapping modalities of refugee and Indigenous displacement, Espiritu Gandhi offers tools for imagining emergent forms of decolonial solidarity between refugee settlers and Indigenous peoples.

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“This brilliant book interweaves archival research, site visits, and oral interviews to map and grapple with the entangled histories of Vietnamese refugee resettlement.”

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**Crimes in Archival Form**

**Human Rights, Fact Production, and Myanmar**

Ken MacLean

*Crimes in Archival Form* explores the many ways in which human rights “facts” are produced rather than found. Using Myanmar as his case study, Ken MacLean examines the fact-finding practices of a human rights group, two cross-border humanitarian agencies, an international law clinic, and a global NGO-led campaign. Foregrounding fact-finding, in critical yet constructive ways, prompts long overdue conversations about the possibilities and limits of human rights documentation as a mode of truth-seeking. Such conversations are particularly urgent in an era when the perpetrators of large-scale human rights violations exploit misinformation, weaponize disinformation, and employ outright falsehoods, including deep fakes, to undermine the credibility of those who document abuses and demand accountability for them in the court of public opinion and in courts of law. To respond to such attacks, MacLean compels practitioners and scholars alike to be more transparent about how human rights “fact” production works, why it is important, and when its use should prompt concern.

“*Crimes in Archival Form* is a landmark study of how state violence is documented under protracted military dictatorship and a welcome corrective to overstated critiques of the global human rights project. Ken MacLean offers a close and nuanced look at how facts about atrocities are produced, and why it matters. At once critical and empathetic, this is engaged social science at its best.”

—Nick Cheesman, author of *Opposing the Rule of Law: How Myanmar’s Courts Make Law and Order*

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Evolution of a Movement
Four Decades of California Environmental Justice Activism
Tracy E. Perkins

Despite living and working in California, one of the country’s most environmentally progressive states, environmental justice activists have spent decades fighting for clean air to breathe, clean water to drink, and safe, healthy communities. *Evolution of a Movement* tells their story—from the often-raucous protests of the 1980s and 1990s to activists’ growing presence inside the halls of the state capitol in the 2000s and 2010s. Tracy E. Perkins traces how shifting political contexts combined with activists’ own efforts to institutionalize their work within nonprofits and state structures. By revealing these struggles and transformations, Perkins offers a new lens for understanding environmental justice activism in California.

Drawing on case studies and 125 interviews with activists from Sacramento to the California-Mexico border, Perkins explores the successes and failures of the environmental justice movement in California. She shows why some activists have moved away from the disruptive “outsider” political tactics common in the movement’s early days and embraced traditional political channels of policy advocacy, electoral politics, and working from within the state’s political system to enact change. At a time when environmental justice scholars and activists face pressing questions about the best route for enacting meaningful change, this book provides insight into the strengths and limitations of social movement institutionalization.

“This is truly the original scholarship that challenges long-held assumptions about one of the most significant grassroots political formations of our time.”
—David N. Pellow, author of *What Is Critical Environmental Justice?*

“*Evolution of a Movement* addresses one of the most pressing environmental justice issues today—that of political strategy. An invaluable contribution to the literature on environmental justice.”
—Laura Pulido, Collins Chair and Professor of Indigenous Studies, Race, and Ethnic Studies, University of Oregon

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Two Systems, Two Countries
A Nationalist Guide to Hong Kong
Kevin Carrico

As Hong Kong is integrated into the People's Republic of China, ever fewer people in the city identify as Chinese. *Two Systems, Two Countries* explains why.

*Two Systems, Two Countries* traces the origins of Hong Kong nationalism and introduces readers to its main schools of thought: city-state theory, self-determination, independence, and return-ism. The idea of Hong Kong independence, Kevin Carrico shows, is more than just a provocation testing Beijing’s red lines: it represents a collective awakening to the failure of One Country Two Systems and the need to transcend obsolete orthodoxies. With a conclusion that examines Hong Kong nationalism’s influence on the 2019 protest movement, *Two Systems, Two Countries* is an engaging and accessible introduction to the tumultuous shifts in Hong Kong politics and identity over the past decade.

“*Two Systems, Two Countries* is important because it provides a complex, multifaceted analysis of the Hong Kong nationalist movement. Kevin Carrico brings a wealth of new empirical sources, taking seriously different voices in Hong Kong and the mainland’s response.”
—William A. Callahan, Professor of International Relations, London School of Economics, and author of *Sensible Politics: Visualizing International Relations*

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Demons in the Details
Demonic Discourse and Rabbinic Culture in Late Antique Babylonia
Sara Ronis

The Babylonian Talmud is full of stories of demonic encounters and laws that attempt to regulate those encounters. In this book, Sara Ronis takes the reader on a journey across the rabbinic canon, exploring how Late Antique rabbis imagined, feared, and controlled demons. Ronis contextualizes the Talmud’s thought within the rich cultural matrix of Sasanian Babylonia, putting rabbinic thinking in conversation with Sumerian, Akkadian, Ugaritic, Syriac Christian, Zoroastrian, and Second Temple Jewish texts about demons to delve into the interactive communal context in which the rabbis created boundaries between the human and the supernatural, and between themselves and other religious communities. Demons in the Details explores the wide range of approaches that the rabbis took to their neighbors’ beliefs and practices, out of which they created a profoundly Jewish demonology.

“Ronis’s determination to take seriously the diversity of cultural contexts necessary for understanding Babylonian rabbinic literature is salutary, and her study superior to many earlier, more one-sided attempts.”
—Richard Kalmin, Theodore R. Racoosin Professor of Talmud and Rabbinics, The Jewish Theological Seminary

“This is a well-researched and much-needed project that contributes tremendously to our understanding of rabbinic culture and how it fits into its surrounding and preceding cultures. In it, Sara Ronis compares demons in the Babylonian Talmud to their near and distant relatives throughout Mesopotamia and the Mediterranean. If you thought all demons were alike or all societies related to demons in the same way, this book will be an eye-opener.”
—David Brodsky, Chair, Department of Judaic Studies, Brooklyn College, CUNY

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Medicine in the Talmud
Natural and Supernatural Therapies between Magic and Science
Jason Sion Mokhtarian

Despite the Talmud being the richest repository of medical remedies in ancient Judaism, this important strain of Jewish thought has been largely ignored—even as the study of ancient medicine has exploded in recent years. In a comprehensive study of this topic, Jason Sion Mokhtarian recuperates this obscure genre of Talmudic text that has been marginalized in the Jewish tradition since the Middle Ages to reveal the unexpected depth of the rabbis’ medical knowledge. Medicine in the Talmud argues that these therapies represent a form of rabbinic scientific rationality that relied on human observation and the use of nature while downplaying the role of God and Torah in health and illness. Drawing from a wide range of both Jewish and Sasanian sources—from the Bible, Talmud, and Maimonides to texts written in Akkadian, Syriac, and Mandaic, as well as the incantation bowls—Mokhtarian offers rare insight into how the rabbis of late antique Babylonia adapted the medical knowledge of their time to address the needs of their community and in the process narrates an untold chapter in the history of ancient medicine.

“Medicine in the Talmud is a growing area of interest but is understudied and undertheorized. This volume productively pushes the field forward. Considering both text and material culture, especially important evidence from the Aramaic bowls, this volume is indispensable for anyone interested in scientific knowledge in rabbinic literature or medicine in the ancient world in general.”
—Jordan D. Rosenblum, author of Rabbinic Drinking: What Beverages Teach Us about Rabbinic Literature

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A Greek State in Formation
The Origins of Civilization in Mycenaean Pylos
Jack L. Davis, with contributions by Sharon R. Stocker

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The Mycenaean civilization of the Greek Bronze was identified 150 years ago, yet its origins remain obscure. Jack L. Davis, codirector of ongoing excavations at the Palace of Nestor at Pylos, takes readers on a tour of the beginnings of Mycenaean civilization through a case study of this important site. In collaboration with Sharon R. Stocker, Davis demonstrates that this ancient place was a major node for the exchange of ideas between the already established Minoan civilization, centered on the island of Crete, and the Greek mainland. Davis and Stocker show how this adoption of Minoan culture created an ideology of power focused on a single individual, one that celebrated his military prowess and invested him with divine authority—a figure instantly recognizable to readers of Homer and students of Greek history. A Greek State in Formation makes the powerful case that a knowledge of the Greek Bronze Age is indispensable to the classics curriculum.

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Accidental Holy Land
The Communist Revolution in Northwest China
Joseph W. Esherick

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Yan’an is China’s “revolutionary holy land,” the heart of Mao Zedong’s Communist movement from 1937 to 1947. Based on thirty years of archival and documentary research and numerous field trips to the region, Joseph W. Esherick’s book examines the origins of the Communist revolution in northwest China, from the political, social, and demographic changes of the Qing dynasty (1644–1911) to the intellectual ferment of the early Republic, the guerrilla movement of the 1930s, and the replacement of the local revolutionary leadership after Mao and the Center arrived in 1935. In Accidental Holy Land, Esherick compels us to consider the Chinese revolution not as some inevitable peasant response to poverty and oppression, but as the contingent product of local, national, and international events in a constantly changing milieu.

“Esherick provides a compelling argument that will offer a sound alternative to the two pop narratives on China and the Chinese revolution: Xi’s stairway to heaven and the anti-China right’s house of the rising sun. Thwarting the easy and satisfying narratives, this book tells a convincing story of revolution grounded in context, contingency, and choice.”
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“Esherick makes a strong case that the history of the Chinese revolution needs to be rooted in an understanding of local history, but also that local history is connected to national and indeed international history.”
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Joseph W. Esherick is Emeritus Professor of History at the University of California, San Diego. He is the author of The Origins of the Boxer Uprising and Ancestral Leaves, both from UC Press.
Huizhou: Local Identity and Mercantile Lineage Culture in Ming China
Qitao Guo

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Huizhou studies the construction of local identity through kinship in the Huizhou prefecture, the most prominent merchant stronghold of Ming China. Making use of an array of untapped genealogies and other sources, Qitao Guo explores how developments in the sociocultural, religious, and gender realms from the fifteenth to sixteenth centuries intertwined to shape Huizhou identity as a land of “prominent lineages.” This gentrified self-image both sheltered and guided the development of mercantile lineages, which were further bolstered by the gender regime and the local religious order. As Guo demonstrates, the discrepancy between representation and practice helps explain Huizhou’s triumphs. The more active the economy became, the more those central to its commercialization embraced conservative sociocultural norms. Home lineages embraced neo-Confucian orthodoxy even as they provided the financial and logistical support to assure the success of Huizhou merchants. The end result was not “capitalism” but a gentrified mercantile lineage culture with Chinese—or Huizhou—characteristics.

“The book is both a comprehensive study of Huizhou society during the Ming dynasty and a valuable resource for the comparative study of Chinese migration. Ambitiously tackling a wide range of primary sources and different subfields, Qitao Guo has masterfully woven together seemingly disparate themes into this coherent and compelling study.”
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Qitao Guo is Professor of History at University of California, Irvine and author of Exorcism and Money: The Symbolic World of the Five-Fury Spirits in Late Imperial China and Ritual Opera and Mercantile Lineage: The Confucian Transformation in Late Imperial Huizhou.

The Practice of Texts: Education and Healing in South India
Anthony Cerulli

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The Practice of Texts examines the uses of the Sanskrit medical classics in two educational institutions—the college and the gurukula—of India’s classical life science, Ayurveda. In this interdisciplinary study, Anthony Cerulli probes late- and post-colonial reforms in ayurvedic education, the development of the ayurvedic college, and the impacts of the college curriculum on the ways that ayurvedic physicians understand and use the Sanskrit classics in their professional work today. His fieldwork in south India illuminates the nature of philology and ritual in the ayurvedic gurukula and showcases how knowledge is exchanged among students, teachers, and patients. The result, Cerulli shows, is that the Sanskrit classics are presented and applied differently in the college and the gurukula, producing a variety of relationships with these texts among practitioners and prompting a wide range of professional commitments and expectations. By interrogating the politics surrounding the place of the Sanskrit classics in ayurvedic curricula, the book reveals a spectrum of views about the history and tradition of Ayurveda in modern India.

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Beyond Patriotic Phobias
Connections, Cooperation, and Solidarity in the Peruvian-Chilean Pacific World
Joshua Savala

The War of the Pacific (1879-1883) looms large in the history of Peru and Chile. Upending the prevailing historiographical focus on the history of conflict, *Beyond Patriotic Phobias* explores points of connection shared between Peruvians and Chileans despite war. Through careful archival work, historian Joshua Savala highlights the overlooked cooperative relationships of workers across borders, including maritime port workers, doctors, and the police. These groups, in both countries, were intimately tied together through different forms of labor: they worked the ships and ports, studied and treated disease transmission in the face of a cholera outbreak, and conducted surveillance over port and maritime activities due to perceived threats like transnational crime and labor organizing. By following the movement of people, diseases, and ideas, Savala reconstructs the circulation that created a South American Pacific world. The resulting story is one in which communities, classes, and states formed transnationally through varied, if uneven, forms of cooperation.

“Beyond Patriotic Phobias turns on its head how scholars, journalists, and politicians represent relations between Peru and Chile. Joshua Savala contests this dominant view that highlights tensions and conflicts, instead showing how workers and common people forged diverse forms of solidarity. This is stirring and innovative social and transnational history and a major contribution to the study of class, nationalism, and the Pacific world.”
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Camera Palæstina
Photography and Displaced Histories of Palestine
Issam Nassar, Stephen Sheehi, and Salim Tamari

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*Camera Palæstina* is a critical exploration of Wasif Jawhariyyeh and his seven photography albums. Jawhariyyeh lived in Jerusalem from 1904 to 1972, and the nine hundred images in his albums chronicle a cultural history of Ottoman and Mandate Palestine. Shedding new light on this foundational period, the authors explore not just major historical events and the development of an urban bourgeois lifestyle, but an emerging Palestinian aesthetic. Issam Nassar, Stephen Sheehi, and Salim Tamari locate this photographic archive at the juncture between the history of photography in Palestine and the everyday social history of Palestine through photography. They offer evidence of the unbroken field of material, historical, and collective experience that constitutes an incontestable continuum of what is Arab Palestine, from its living past to its living present.

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Issam Nassar is Professor of History at Illinois State University and coeditor of *Jerusalem Quarterly*.

Stephen Sheehi is Sultan Qaboos Professor of Middle East Studies and Director of the Decolonizing Humanities Project at the College of William and Mary.

Salim Tamari is Senior Fellow of the Institute to Palestine Studies and Director of its Jerusalem Studies Program. He is also Professor of Sociology, Emeritus at Birzeit University.
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—Noam Chomsky

Jerome M. Segal, an American philosopher whose writings in 1988 were a catalyst for the Palestinian Declaration of Independence, is author of *Creating the Palestinian State* and coauthor of *Negotiating Jerusalem*. He is internationally known as one of the most innovative conflict-resolution practitioners.

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**Suburban Empire**

Cold War Militarization in the US Pacific

Lauren Hirshberg

*Suburban Empire* takes readers to the US missile base at Kwajalein Atoll in the Marshall Islands, at the matrix of postwar US imperial expansion, the Cold War nuclear arms race, and the tide of anti-colonial struggles rippling across the world. Hirshberg shows that the displacement of indigenous Marshallese within Kwajalein Atoll mirrors the segregation and spatial politics of the mainland US as local and global iterations of US empire took hold. Tracing how Marshall Islanders navigated US military control over their lands, Suburban Empire reveals that Cold War era suburbanization was perfectly congruent with US colonization, military testing, and nuclear fallout. The structures of suburban segregation cloaked the destructive history of control and militarism under a veil of small town innocence.

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Visions of Nature
How Landscape Photography Shaped Settler Colonialism
Jarrod Hore

Visions of Nature revives the work of a cast of late nineteenth-century landscape photographers who shaped the environmental attitudes of settlers from Australia to California. Despite having little association with one another, these photographers developed remarkably similar visions of nature. They rode a wave of interest in wilderness imagery and made pictures that were hung in settler drawing rooms, perused in albums, projected in theaters, and recreated on vacations. In both the American West and the Tasman world, landscape photography fed into settler belonging and produced new ways of thinking about territory and history. During this key period of settler revolution, a generation of photographers came to associate “nature” with remoteness, antiquity, and emptiness, a perspective that disguised the realities of Indigenous presence and reinforced colonial fantasies of environmental abundance. This book lifts the settler work of these photographers out of their provincial contexts and repositions it within a sweeping new comparative frame.

“There is nothing else quite like this book at present. Essential reading for those interested in any of these fields of study.”
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Queer Public History
Essays on Scholarly Activism
Marc Stein

Over the course of the last half century, queer history has developed as a collaborative project involving academic researchers, community scholars, and the public. Initially rejected by most colleges and universities, queer history was sustained for many years by community-based contributors and audiences. Academic activism eventually made a place for queer history within higher education, which in turn helped queer historians become more influential in politics, law, and society. Through a collection of essays written over three decades by award-winning historian Marc Stein, Queer Public History charts the evolution of queer historical interventions in the academic sphere and explores the development of publicly oriented queer historical scholarship. From the AIDS crisis of the 1980s and the rise of queer activism in the 1990s to debates about queer immigration, same-sex marriage, and the politics of gay pride in the early twenty-first century, Stein introduces readers to key themes in queer public history. A manifesto for renewed partnerships between academic and community-based historians, strengthened linkages between queer public history and LGBT scholarly activism, and increased public support for historical research on gender and sexuality, this anthology reconsiders and reimagines the past, present, and future of queer public history.

“Stein honors his mentors and provides a front seat social history of the experiences of the early wave of queer academics, their contradictions and struggles. Personal and vulnerable.”
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Li Shizhen. The complete Chinese text translated and annotated by Paul U. Unschuld

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Making Manila's Resource Frontier
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In Urban Ecologies on the Edge, Kristian Karlo Saguin tracks the politics of resource flows and unpacks the narratives of Laguna Lake as Manila's resource frontier. Provisioning the city and keeping it safe from floods are both frontier-making processes that bring together contested socioecological imaginaries, practices, and relations. Combining fieldwork and historical accounts, Saguin demonstrates how people—powerful and marginalized—interact with the state and the environment to produce the unequal landscapes of urbanization at and beyond the city's edge.

“Excellent scholarship. This is a thorough examination of metro Manila through an urban political ecology framework. Saguin brings a ton of research—empirical data and rich ethnographic fieldwork—to illustrate his argument. I learned a lot!”
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Kristian Karlo Saguin is Associate Professor of Geography at the University of the Philippines.

Negative Ecologies
Fossil Fuels and the Discovery of the Environment
David Bond

So much of what we know of clean water, clean air, and now a stable climate rests on how fossil fuels first disrupted them. Negative Ecologies is a bold reappraisal of the outsized role fossil fuels have played in making the environment visible, factual, and politically operable in North America. Following stories of hydrocarbon harm that lay the groundwork for environmental science and policy in North America, this book brings into clear focus the dialectic between the negative ecologies of fossil fuels and the ongoing discovery of the environment. Exploring iconic sites of the oil economy, ranging from leaky Caribbean refineries to deepwater oil spills, from the petrochemical fallout of plastics manufacturing to the extractive frontiers of Canada, Negative Ecologies documents the disruptions, injuries, and disasters that have long accompanied fossil fuels and the manner in which our solutions have often been less about confronting the cause than managing the effects. This history of our present promises to re-situate scholarly understandings of fossil fuels and renovate environmental critique today. David Bond challenges us to consider what forms of research, critique, and mobilization may now be needed not only to confront the deleterious properties of fossil fuels, but to envision ways of living beyond them.

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David Bond teaches anthropology and environment at Bennington College, where he also helps direct the Center for Advancement of Public Action (CAPA).
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Corrie Grosse is Assistant Professor of Environmental Studies at the College of Saint Benedict and Saint John’s University, where she teaches, researches, and organizes at the intersection of energy and climate justice.
Living Genres in Late Modernity
American Music of the Long 1970s
Charles Kronengold

Living Genres in Late Modernity reassesses the role of genres in musical practice and experience. Exploring stylistic developments from the late 1960s through the early 1980s, including soul, funk, disco, pop, the nocturne, and the concerto, Charles Kronengold treats genres as unstable constellations of works, people, practices, institutions, technologies, money, conventions, forms, ideas, and multisensory experiences. What these genres share is a significant cultural moment: they arrive just after "the sixties" and are haunted by a sense of belatedness or loss, even as they embrace narratives of progress or abundance. These genres give us reasons—and means—to examine our culture's self-understandings. Through close readings and large-scale mappings of cultural and stylistic patterns, the book's five linked studies reveal how genres help construct personal and cultural identities that are both partial and overlapping, that exist in tension with one another, and that we experience in ebbs and flows.

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Charles Kronengold is Assistant Professor of Music at Stanford University and, with Adrian Daub, the author of The James Bond Songs: Pop Anthems of Late Capitalism.

Terrible Freedom
The Life and Work of Lucia Dlugoszewski
Amy C. Beal

From her childhood in Detroit to her professional career in New York City, American composer Lucia Dlugoszewski (1925–2000) lived a life of relentless creativity as a poet and writer, composer for dance, theater, and film, and, eventually, choreographer. Forging her own path after briefly studying with John Cage and Edgard Varèse, Dlugoszewski tackled the musical issues of her time. She expanded sonic resources, invented instruments, brought new focus to timbre and texture, collaborated with artists across disciplines, and incorporated spiritual, psychological, and philosophical influences into her work. Remembered today almost solely as the musical director for the Erick Hawkins Dance Company, Dlugoszewski's compositional output, writings on aesthetics, creative relationships, and graphic poetry deserve careful examination on their own terms within the history of American experimental music.

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