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DJINN
Tofik Dibi
Translated and with an Introduction by Nicolaas P. Barr

The gripping memoir of a young man’s struggle with his sexuality and Muslim identity, culminating in his rise to the Dutch Parliament.

From a young age, Tofik Dibi feels “it”—a spirit, or djinn, that follows him everywhere. Where “it” goes, “they” go—his classmates, his colleagues, all the people who fear and hate “it,” his homosexuality.

The son of Moroccan immigrants, Dibi was elected to the Dutch Parliament in 2006 at just twenty-six years old. During his six years in office, he fought for the equal rights of Dutch Muslims against a political elite that cast them as misogynists, homophobes, and, after 9/11, terrorists. But Dibi himself never came out publicly as queer—until he wrote Djinn. A bestseller upon its publication in Dutch in 2015, it tells the poignant, at times heartbreaking, story of Dibi’s coming-of-age as a gay Muslim man with humor and grace. From his Amsterdam childhood to his experiences in New York City clubs and internet chatrooms to his unlikely political ascent, Djinn explores contemporary issues of race, religion, sexuality, and human rights in and beyond Europe. Yet it also promises readers who may not see themselves reflected in popular culture—like Dibi as a young man—an all-too-rare sense of visibility and recognition.

“A courageous personal story that is so much more. Dibi’s Djinn offers us a window through which we see how complex it can be to be gay in a Muslim community and how hard it is to be gay and Muslim in western societies. A contemporary must read for understanding the intertwining of religious belonging, societal expectations, and sexual identities. And a guide for those in need of support and love.” — Niels Spierings, Radboud University

Tofik Dibi is an author and playwright who served as Member of Parliament in the Netherlands from 2006 to 2012. Nicolaas P. Barr teaches in the Department of Comparative History of Ideas at the University of Washington.
**QORBANOT**

Offerings  
*Poems by Alisha Kaplan*  
*Art by Tobi Aaron Kahn*

*A dynamic dialogue of poetry and art that reimagines the ancient, biblical concept of sacrifice.*

A collaboration between poet Alisha Kaplan and artist Tobi Aaron Kahn, *Qorbanot*—the Hebrew word for “sacrificial offerings”—explores the concept of sacrifice, offering a new vision of an ancient practice. A dynamic dialogue of text and image, the book is a poetic and visual exegesis on Leviticus, a visceral and psychological exploration of ritual offerings, and a conversation about how notions of sacrifice continue to resonate in the twenty-first century.

Both from Holocaust survivor families, Kaplan and Kahn deal extensively with the Holocaust in their work. Here, the modes of poetry and art express the complexity of belief, the reverberations of trauma, and the significance of ritual. In the poems, the speaker, offspring of burnt offerings, searches for meaning in her grandparents’ experiences and in the long tradition of Orthodox Judaism in which she was raised. Kahn’s paintings on handmade paper, drawn from decades of his career as an artist, have not previously been exhibited or published. They reflect his quest to distill a legacy of trauma and loss into enduring memory.

With a foreword by James E. Young and essays by Ezra Cappell, Lori Hope Lefkovitz, and Sasha Pimentel, the book presents new directions for thinking about what sacrifice means in religious, social, and personal contexts, and harkens back to foundational traditions, challenging them in reimagined and artistic ways.

**Alisha Kaplan** is a poet and educator who lives in Toronto, Canada. This is her first book. **Tobi Aaron Kahn** is a painter, sculptor, and Professor of Fine Arts at the School of Visual Arts. His art is the subject of several books, including *Objects of the Spirit: Ritual and the Art of Tobi Kahn* (authored by Emily Bilski). He lives in New York City.
We live in a future-facing world, consumed by a sense of urgency. Responsibilities press upon us and, inevitably, the stories of where we live scatter down unnamed streets and recede into the past. **Hundred-Mile Home** is an intimate portrait—a story map—of Albany, Troy, and the Hudson River that slows time and challenges us to reconsider what we choose to remember and what we choose to forget about the places we call home.

Inspired by the story of New York’s capital region, Susan Petrie uses poetry, prose, photos, and drawings to uncover a place of intense natural beauty, legendary people, and remarkable events. She follows the course of its fabled Hudson River from Troy to Olana and back again, turning down dirt roads, wandering into forgotten terrains, and discovering layers of natural and human history that have become invisible.

As a work of art, **Hundred-Mile Home** moves between past and present. It revives a sense of wonder for what we speed past on our way to somewhere else, and reanimates the forgotten history and often-overlooked natural beauty of the mid-Hudson region. As a work of landscape and memory, it celebrates a place that—despite its instrumental role in the opening of America—has yet to take hold in the national imagination.

“Highly original and compelling, **Hundred-Mile Home** speaks to the ways in which histories of regions are created, shaped, and remembered.” — Jan Zlotnik Schmidt, coeditor of *A Slant of Light: Contemporary Women Writers of the Hudson Valley*

“Musical and effective.” — Lissa Kiernan, founder of the Poetry Barn and author of *Two Faint Lines in the Violet*

**Susan Petrie** is a writer, editor, and artist with an MFA from Bennington College. She lives in Albany, New York.
AN UNFINISHED REVOLUTION
Edna Buckman Kearns and the Struggle for Women’s Rights
Marguerite Kearns

The story of the suffrage movement and the ongoing struggle for women’s rights through the lens of one family’s history.

Through the lens of one family’s history, *An Unfinished Revolution* tells the story of the suffrage movement and the ongoing struggle for women’s rights in the United States. The book opens with ten-year-old Marguerite Kearns listening to her grandfather Wilmer’s stories about how he met her grandmother Edna, a ninth-generation Quaker and ardent suffrage campaigner, and how he fell in love with her. Wilmer, who became a male suffrage activist himself, also shares the story of the “Spirit of 1776” suffrage campaign wagon that Edna and others used while organizing in New York State in 1913. After sitting for years in a Kearns family garage, the wagon is currently housed in the permanent collection of the New York State Museum as a prime artifact in the national suffrage movement.

As Marguerite grows older, she draws on a wide variety of sources—from family stories and photographs to archives and scholarly histories—to piece together the real-life narrative of her family. Profoundly changed in the process, she becomes an activist herself, and when she marches in a present-day women’s march, she carries a photo of her grandparents participating in a 1914 women’s march in New York. With the women’s suffrage movement as the backdrop, this memoir and family history illuminates how activism passes from one generation to another—and how a horse-drawn suffrage campaign wagon became a symbol of freedom and equality.

Marguerite Kearns grew up in the Philadelphia area learning about her family history. A former journalist and teacher, her award-winning writing has contributed to a support base for her storytelling. She lives in Northern New Mexico.
New in Paper

ANGEL ON A FREIGHT TRAIN
A Story of Faith and Queer Desire in Nineteenth-Century America
Peter C. Baldwin

The story of a nineteenth-century New Yorker’s struggle to reconcile his same-sex erotic desires with his commitment to a Christian life.

Angel on a Freight Train examines the experiences of Samuel Edward Warren (1831–1909), a teacher and college professor in Troy, New York, who struggled to reconcile his same-sex erotic desires with his commitment to a Christian life. Unlike twenty-first-century evangelicals who try to “pray the gay away,” Warren discerned no fundamental conflict between his faith and his attraction to younger males. Growing up in the antebellum Northeast, in a culture that permitted and even celebrated emotional bonds between men, he strove to build emotionally intense relationships in many overlapping forms—friendship, pedagogy, evangelism, and romance—which allowed him to enjoy intimacy with little effort at concealment. However, as he passed into mature manhood and built a prestigious career, Warren began to feel that he should have grown out of romantic friendships, which he now feared had become emotionally and physically excessive.

Based on Warren’s deeply introspective and previously unexplored diaries, Angel on a Freight Train traces his youthful freedom and sensuality, his attempt to join with younger men in a spirit of loving mentorship, and, finally, the tortured introspection of a man whose age seemed to shut him out from an idyllic lost world. In the end, Warren came to believe rather sorrowfully in a radical division between his angelic, ideal self and what he called “the freight train of animal life below.”

“Because of social disdain for the acting out of same-sex attractions … Peter C. Baldwin has managed to overcome the evidentiary consequences of that reluctance … he has performed due diligence in recovering erased or partially erased entries that reveal important aspects of Warren’s relationships with other boys/men with whom he ‘frolicked’ or ‘slept.’ This is a fascinating historical narrative.” — John Corrigan, author of Business of the Heart: Religion and Emotion in the Nineteenth Century
**SUFFRAGE AND ITS LIMITS**

The New York Story
Kathleen M. Dowley, Susan Ingalls Lewis, and Meg Devlin O’Sullivan, editors

Reflects on the legacy and limits of suffrage in New York State as a way to understand present-day issues with women’s social and political rights, as well proposes ideas for future progress.

*Suffrage and Its Limits* offers a unique interdisciplinary overview of the legacy and limits of suffrage for the women of New York State. It commemorates the state suffrage centennial of 2017, yet arrives in time to contribute to celebrations around the national centennial of 2020. Bringing together scholars with a wide variety of research specialties, it initiates a timely dialogue that links an appreciation of accomplishments to a clearer understanding of present problems and an agenda for future progress. The first three chapters explore the state suffrage movement, the 1917 victory, and what New York women did with the vote. The next three chapters focus on the status of women and politics in New York today. The final three chapters take a prospective look at the limits of liberal feminism and its unfinished agenda for women’s equality in New York. A preface by Lieutenant Governor Katherine Hochul and a final chapter by activist Barbara Smith bookend the discussion. Combining diverse approaches and analyses, this collection enables readers to make connections between history, political science, public policy, sociology, philosophy, and activism. This study moves beyond merely celebrating the centennial to tackle women’s issues of today and tomorrow.

“This is a strong contribution to the field and serves as a snapshot of several different ways scholars study the lives of women—in a historical context, through political science, through the lens of black feminist studies, and also personal experiences.”

— Jennifer A. Lemak, Chief Curator of History at the New York State Museum

**DIY ON THE LOWER EAST SIDE**

Books, Buildings, and Art after the 1975 Fiscal Crisis
Andrew Strombeck

Engaging look at New York’s Lower East Side writers and artists in the wake of the city’s 1975 fiscal crisis.

The severe financial austerity imposed on New York City during the 1975 fiscal crisis resulted in a city falling apart. Broken windows, crumbling walls, and piles of bricks were everywhere. While, for many, this physical decay was a sign that the postwar welfare state had failed, for others, it represented a site of risky opportunity that could stimulate novel forms of creativity and community. In this book, Andrew Strombeck explores the legacy of this crisis for the city’s literature and art, focusing on one neighborhood where changes were acutely felt—the Lower East Side.

In what became a paradigmatic example of gentrification, the Lower East Side’s population shifted from working-class people to Wall Street traders and ad agents. This transformation occurred, in part, because of high-profile local artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Keith Haring, Jeff Koons, and Kiki Smith, but Strombeck argues that neighborhood writers also played a role. Drawing on archival research and original author interviews, he examines the innovative work of Kathy Acker, David Wojnarowicz, Miguel Piñero, Sylvère Lotringer, Lynne Tillman, and others and concludes that these writers still have much to teach us about changes in the nature of work and the emergence of a do-it-yourself ethos. *DIY on the Lower East Side* shows how place and politics shaped literature, and how New York City policies adopted at the time continue to shape our world.

**JANUARY** / 250 pages / 5 b/w photographs
$33.95 paperback ISBN 978-1-4384-7980-4
PARTITION’S LEGACIES

Joya Chatterji
Introduction by David Washbrook

Essays on modern Indian history and the legacy of Partition.

Partition’s Legacies offers a selection of Joya Chatterji’s finest and most influential essays. “Partition, nation-making, frontiers, refugees, minority formation, and categories of citizenship have been my preoccupations,” she writes in the preface, and these are also the major themes of this book.

Chatterji’s first book, Bengal Divided, shifted the focus from Muslim fanaticism as the driving force of Partition towards “secular” nationalism and Hindu aggression. Her Spoils of Partition rejected the idea of Partition as a breaking apart, showing it to be a process in the remaking of society and state. Her third book, Bengal Diaspora, cowritten with Claire Alexander and Annu Jalais, challenged the idea of migration and resettlement as exceptional situations. Partition’s Legacies can be seen as continuous with Chatterji’s earlier work as well as a distillation and expansion of it.

Joya Chatterji is Professor of South Asian History at the University of Cambridge and Fellow of Trinity College.

READING, WANTING, AND BROKEN ECONOMICS

A Twenty-First-Century Study of Readers and Bookshops in Southampton around 1900

Simon R. Frost

Uses a historical study of bookselling and readers as a way to question and rethink our understanding of the market for symbolic goods.

Combining historical study, theorization, and experimental fiction, this book takes commodity culture and book retail around 1900, as the prime example of a market of symbolic goods. With the port of Southampton, England, as his case study, Simon R. Frost reveals how the city’s bookshops, with their combinations of libraries, haberdashery, stationery, and books, sustained and were sustained by the dreams of ordinary readers, and how together they created the values powering this market. The goods in this market were symbolic and were not “consumed” but read. Their readings were created between other readers and texts, in happy disobedience to the neoliberal laws of the free market. Today such reader-created social markets comprise much of the world’s branded economies, which is why Frost calls for a new understanding of both literary and market values.

Simon R. Frost is Principal Academic in English at Bournemouth University, United Kingdom. He is the author of The Business of the Novel: Economics, Aesthetics and the Case of Middlemarch.


Ann R. Hawkins, Sean C. Grass, and E. Leigh Bonds, editors

MAY / 352 pages / 14 b/w photographs, 5 maps, 5 tables, 1 figure
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DUTCH AND INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES IN SEVENTEENTH-CENTURY NORTHEASTERN NORTH AMERICA
What Archaeology, History, and Indigenous Oral Traditions Teach Us about Their Intercultural Relationships
Lucianne Lavin, editor

Examines the significant impact of Dutch traders and settlers on the early history of Northeastern North America, and their relationships with its Indigenous peoples.

This volume of essays by historians and archaeologists offers an introduction to the significant impact of Dutch traders and settlers on the early history of Northeastern North America, as well as their extensive and intensive relationships with its Indigenous peoples. Often associated with the Hudson River Valley, New Netherland actually extended westward into present day New Jersey and Delaware and eastward to Cape Cod. Further, New Netherland was not merely a clutch of Dutch trading posts: settlers accompanied the Dutch traders, and Dutch colonists founded towns and villages along Long Island Sound, the mid-Atlantic coast, and up the Connecticut, Hudson, and Delaware River valleys. Unfortunately, few nonspecialists are aware of this history, especially in what was once eastern and western New Netherland (southern New England and the Delaware River Valley, respectively), and the essays collected here help strengthen the case that the Dutch deserve a more prominent position in future history books, museum exhibits, and school curricula than they have previously enjoyed.

Lucianne Lavin is Director of Research and Collections at the Institute for American Indian Studies in Washington, Connecticut. She is the author of Connecticut’s Indigenous Peoples: What Archaeology, History, and Oral Traditions Teach Us about Their Communities and Cultures.

THE MUSLIM WORLD IN MODERN SOUTH ASIA
Power, Authority, Knowledge
Francis Robinson

Sets out the challenges presented to Muslim societies by Western dominance over the past two hundred years, and explores Muslim responses, particularly in the context of South Asia.

Over the past two hundred years, two great processes have shaped Muslim societies: Western domination and the industrial capitalism that came with it, and the Islamic revival that preceded the Western presence but came to interact significantly with it. In this book, Francis Robinson considers the challenges Western dominance has offered key aspects of Muslim civilization, particularly in the context of South Asia, which in the nineteenth century moved from being a receiver of influences from the rest of the Muslim world to being a transmitter of influences to it.

Robinson also considers aspects of the Muslim revival and how they have come to shape, in various ways, Muslim responses to Western dominance. The role of the transmission of knowledge, both formal and spiritual, in forming Muslim societies is explored, and also the particular role of the transmitters in sustaining the Islamic dimensions of Muslim societies under Western dominance. Attention, too, is paid to the imposition of the modern state and the restriction of cosmopolitan spaces.

Francis Robinson is Professor of the History of South Asia at Royal Holloway, University of London. His many books include Islam and Muslim History in South Asia; The ‘Ulama of Farangi Mahall and Islamic Culture in South Asia; and Islam, South Asia, and the West.

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New in Paper

**ATLANTIC TRANSFORMATIONS**
Empire, Politics, and Slavery during the Nineteenth Century
*Dale W. Tomich, editor*

*Calls attention to the political, economic, and cultural interdependence and interaction of global and local forces shaping the Atlantic world of the nineteenth century.*

This book presents a new approach to nineteenth-century Atlantic history by extending the analytical perspective of the second slavery to questions of empire, colonialism, and slavery. With a focus on Latin America, Brazil, the Spanish Caribbean, and the United States, international scholars examine relations among empires, between empires and colonies, and within colonies as parts of processes of global economic and political restructuring. By treating metropolis-colony relations within the framework of the modern world-economy, the contributors call attention to the political, economic, and cultural interdependence and interaction of global and local forces shaping the Atlantic world. They reinterpret as specific local responses to global processes the conflicts between empires, within imperial relations, the formation of national states, the creation of new zones of agricultural production and the decline of old ones, and the emergence of liberal ideologies and institutions.

**JANUARY** / 240 pages / 4 maps, 2 figures
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**TEACHING RACE IN PERILOUS TIMES**
*Jason E. Cohen, Sharon D. Raynor, and Dwayne A. Mack, editors*

*Multidisciplinary anthology on teaching issues of race and racism in US college classrooms.*

The college classroom is inevitably influenced by, and in turn influences, the world around it. In the United States, this means the complex topic of race can come into play in ways that are both explicit and implicit. *Teaching Race in Perilous Times* highlights and confronts the challenges of teaching race in the United States—from syllabus development and pedagogical strategies to accreditation and curricular reform. Across fifteen original essays, contributors draw on their experiences teaching in different institutional contexts and adopt various qualitative methods from their home disciplines to offer practical strategies for discussing race and racism with students while also reflecting on broader issues in higher education. Contributors examine how teachers can respond productively to emotionally charged contexts, recognize the roles and pressures that faculty assume as activists in the classroom, focus a timely lens on the shifting racial politics and economics of higher education, and call for a more historically sensitive reading of the pedagogies involved in teaching race. The volume offers a corrective to claims following the 2016 US presidential election that the current moment is unprecedented, highlighting the pivotal role of the classroom in contextualizing and responding to our perilous times.

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A volume in the SUNY series, Critical Race Studies in Education
Derrick R. Brooms, editor

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Much written about the topic is theoretical, and few who have in-depth experience take time to describe what they’ve learned. This series meets the need, enabling new or experienced governance members to have easy access to the insights of governance leaders, representing all stakeholders—faculty, staff, administrators, and students. Each chapter is based on honest analyses of governance experiences. Challenging shared-governance topics—such as navigating accreditation, faculty review of academic deans, diversity, shared accountability, engaging new administrators in shared governance, establishing task forces on difficult topics such as preventing sexual violence, and budget allocations—are thoroughly explored. A rubric for evaluating the effectiveness of shared governance can be used for self-study (Volume 3), as can eight case studies appearing across the three volumes. Comprehensive indices are provided for each volume.

Sharon F. Cramer is Distinguished Service Professor Emerita at Buffalo State College, State University of New York, and Parliamentarian Emerita for the SUNY University Faculty Senate. She is the editor of the first two volumes in the Shared Governance series published by SUNY Press and the coauthor (with Jan Stivers) of A Teacher’s Guide to Change: Understanding, Navigating, and Leading the Process. Peter L. K. Knuepfer is Associate Professor of Geological Sciences and Environmental Studies at Binghamton University, State University of New York, and Immediate Past President of the SUNY University Faculty Senate.

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Millions of students in the US and Mexico begin their educations in one country and find themselves trying to integrate into the school system of the other. As global migration increases, their numbers are expected to grow and more and more teachers will find these transnational students in their classrooms. The goal of The Students We Share is to prepare educators for this present and future reality. While the US has been developing English as a Second Language programs for decades, Mexican schools do not offer such programs in Spanish and neither the US nor Mexico has prepared its teachers to address the educational, social-psychological, or other personal needs of transnational students. Teachers know little about the circumstances of transnational students’ lives or histories and have little to no knowledge of the school systems of the country from which they or their family come. As such, they are fundamentally unprepared to equitably educate the “students we share,” who often fall through the cracks and end their educations prematurely. Written by both Mexican and US pioneers in the field, chapters in this volume aim to prepare educators on both sides of the US-Mexico border to better understand the circumstances, strengths, and needs of the transnational students we teach.

Patricia Gándara is Research Professor and Co-Director of the Civil Rights Project at UCLA. Bryant Jensen is Associate Professor in the Department of Teacher Education at BYU.

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PLANTATION POLITICS AND CAMPUS REBELLIONS
Power, Diversity, and the Emancipatory Struggle in Higher Education
Bianca C. Williams, Dian D. Squire, and Frank A. Tuitt, editors

PLANTATION POLITICS AND CAMPUS REBELLIONS provides a multidisciplinary exploration of the contemporary university’s entanglement with the history of slavery and settler colonialism in the United States. Inspired by more than a hundred student-led protests during the Movement for Black Lives, contributors examine how campus rebellions—and university responses to them—expose the racialized inequities at the core of higher education. Plantation politics are embedded in the everyday workings of universities—in not only the physical structures and spaces of academic institutions, but in its recruitment and attainment strategies, hiring practices, curriculum, and notions of sociality, safety, and community. The book is comprised of three sections that highlight how white supremacy shapes campus communities and classrooms; how current diversity and inclusion initiatives perpetuate inequality; and how students, staff, and faculty practice resistance in the face of institutional and legislative repression.

Bianca C. Williams is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the Graduate Center, City University of New York.
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A volume in the SUNY series, Critical Race Studies in Education
Derrick R. Brooms, editor

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New in Paper

BUILDING PEDAGOGUES
White Practicing Teachers and the Struggle for Antiracist Work in Schools
Zachary A. Casey and Shannon K. McManimon

An in-depth account and model of antiracist professional development for white practicing teachers.

Antiracist professional development for white teachers often follows a one-size-fits-all model, focusing on narrow notions of race and especially white privilege at the expense of more radical analyses of white supremacy. Frustrated with this model, Zachary A. Casey and Shannon K. McManimon, both white teacher educators, developed a two-year professional development seminar called “RaceWork” with eight white practicing teachers committed to advancing antiracism in their classrooms, schools, and communities.

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SHARED GOVERNANCE IN HIGHER EDUCATION, VOLUME 3
Vitality and Continuity in Times of Change
Sharon F. Cramer and Peter L. K. Knuepfer, editors

Explores the impact of shared governance in times of campus and system transition.

Shared governance impacts every member of the campus community, including faculty, staff, students, and administrators. Contributors to this volume—presenters at multiple SUNY Voices conferences on Shared Governance—explore how campus members can effectively improve the dialogue about critical issues and become better informed about the subtle, sophisticated strategies needed to move from discussion to action.

JANUARY / 287 pages / 4 b/w photographs, 3 tables, 2 figures
New in Paper

**SANKOFA**

_African American Perspectives on Race and Culture in US Doctoral Education_
_Pamela Felder Small, Marco J. Barker, and Marybeth Gasman, editors_

_Explores the complex interplay of race and culture in the doctoral experiences of African American students._

“The range of topics covered and the nuance provided about Black students’ graduate school experiences are impressive … Given the scope of qualitative studies and empirical data offered, this volume makes a profound contribution to the field.” — Derrick R. Brooms, author of _Being Black, Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences_

_JANUARY / 230 pages / 11 tables_

**UNIVERSITY MANAGEMENT, THE ACADEMIC PROFESSION, AND NEOLIBERALISM**
_John S. Levin, Marie C. Martin, and Ariadna I. López Damián_

_A unique examination of how faculty and university administrators understand their work and professional identities under neoliberalism._

“The authors provide a new in-depth approach to understanding the influence of neoliberalism on traditional academic culture, values, and logic.” — Walter H. Gmelch, coauthor of _Building Academic Leadership Capacity: A Guide to Best Practices_

_JANUARY / 188 pages / 1 table_
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**TRANSFORMING HIGHER EDUCATION IN ASIA AND AFRICA**
_Strategic Planning and Policy_
_Fred M. Hayward_

_Analyzes twelve strategic planning efforts in higher education in eight countries in Asia and Africa._

“This book provides detailed and informative accounts of system transformation, policymaking, leadership, and development in several developing countries. These areas are largely neglected in the literature. It also provides an account of the value of coordination and planning in developing effective higher education systems and institutions. It is clear that the author has long experience and expertise in the topics and regions addressed.” — Brendan Cantwell, Michigan State University

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**RELATIONAL SOCIOLOGY AND RESEARCH ON SCHOOLS, COLLEGES, AND UNIVERSITIES**
_William G. Tierney and Suneal Kolluri, editors_

_Brings relational sociology to bear on educational research._

“I have read few books in my lengthy career where I said to myself: It’s long past time for both scholars and practitioners in the field of education to embrace this innovative theoretical lens both in their scholarship and their everyday practices. But this is such a book. It will be a needed ‘awakening’ for most scholars and practitioners and, in turn, is likely to have a profound impact over time on their scholarship.” — Clifton Conrad, coauthor of _Educating a Diverse Nation: Lessons from Minority-Serving Institutions_

_JANUARY / 202 pages / 3 tables, 6 figures_
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WOMEN’S ACTIVISM AND NEW MEDIA IN THE ARAB WORLD
Ahmed Al-Rawi

Critically evaluates the rapid changes that have happened in women’s lives in the contemporary Middle East due to globalization and the increasing popularity of modern technology and social media use.

Following the Arab Spring events in 2011, a number of important women’s social movements, as well as female figures and online communities, emerged to create positive change and demand equality with men. In *Women’s Activism and New Media in the Arab World*, Ahmed Al-Rawi discusses and maps out new feminist movements, organizations, and trends, assessing the influence of new media technologies on them and the impact of both on the values and culture of the Middle East. Due to the participation of many women in the events of the Arab Spring, he argues, a new image of Middle Eastern women has emerged in the West. As a result of social media, women have generally become more effective in expressing their views and better connected with each other, yet at the same time some women have been inhibited since many conservative circles use these new technologies to maintain their power. Overall, however, Al-Rawi argues that social media and new mobile technologies are assisting in creating changes that are predominately positive. Often assisted by these new technologies, the real change makers are women who have clear agencies and high hopes and aspirations to create a better future for themselves.

“An up-to-date and comprehensive approach to the interconnection between women, social campaigns, and new media.” — Yahya Kamalipour, North Carolina A & T University

JANUARY / 152 pages / 7 tables, 3 figures
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IMPROV FOR DEMOCRACY
How to Bridge Differences and Develop the Communication and Leadership Skills Our World Needs
Don Waisanen

Explores how improv-based teaching and training methods can bridge differences and promote the communication, leadership, and civil skills our world urgently needs.

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A DANGEROUS PASSION  
Leadership and the Question of Honor  
Haig Patapan  

 Shows the importance of honor for leaders, both as a source of noble ambition to pursue the public good and as dangerous temptation to seek glory through domination.  

A Dangerous Passion argues that leadership and honor are mutually constitutive and that this dynamic relationship fundamentally shapes the character of political practice. Haig Patapan shows how our contemporary blindness to this leadership–honor dynamic and neglect of the significance of honor (and shame) in modern politics have caused us to fundamentally misunderstand the nature of leadership. We have lost sight of how honor shapes the ambitions and aspirations of those who seek political office, and the opportunities and limits it imposes on leaders when engaging with their followers. What has been obscured are the two faces of honor: how it is the dangerous passion that fuels the ambitions of the glory seekers to pursue tyranny and empire, as well as being the source of good leadership that is founded on noble ambition and sacrifice for the common good. Patapan examines classical magnanimity, Machiavellian glory, and Hobbesian-dispersed leadership, views that continue to be debated, and then offers insights from these debates to illuminate a series of contemporary political challenges for leaders, including the politics of fame, identity and nationalism.

Haig Patapan is Professor in the School of Government and International Relations at Griffith University in Australia. His many books include The Democratic Leader: How Democracy Defines, Empowers, and Limits its Leaders (coauthored with John Kane).

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Based on three case studies from the Middle East, The Land beyond the Border advances an innovative theoretical framework for the study of state expansions and state contractions. Johannes Becke argues that state expansion can be theorized according to four basic ideal types—a form of patronage (patronization), the imposition of a satellite regime (satellization), the establishment of territorial exclaves (exclavization), or a full-fledged takeover (incorporation). Becke discusses how both irredentist ideologies and political realities have shaped the dynamics of state expansion and state contraction in the recent history of each state. By studying Israel comparatively with other Middle Eastern regimes, this book forms part of an emerging research agenda seeking to bring the research fields of Israel Studies and Middle East Studies closer together. Instead of treating Israel’s rule over the occupied territories as an isolated case, Becke offers students the chance to understand Israel’s settlement project within the broader framework of postcolonial state formation.

Johannes Becke is Assistant Professor of Israel and Middle East Studies at the Heidelberg Center for Jewish Studies in Germany.

THE IDEOLOGY OF CIVIC ENGAGEMENT
AmeriCorps, Politics, and Pedagogy
Sara Carpenter

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Sara Carpenter is Associate Professor of Educational Policy Studies at the University of Alberta. She is the coauthor (with Mojab Shahrzad) of Revolutionary Learning: Marxism, Feminism, and Knowledge.

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Robert M. Howard is Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University. He is the author of several books, including Getting a Poor Return: Courts, Justice, and Taxes, also published by SUNY Press. Also at Georgia State University, Christine H. Roch is Professor of Public Management and Policy. Susanne Schorpp is Research Fellow in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences at La Trobe University, Australia. Shane A. Gleason is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University–Corpus Christi.

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Daniela Huber is Head of the Middle East and Mediterranean Department at the Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and teaches at Roma Tre University, both in Rome, Italy. Her books include Democracy Promotion and Foreign Policy: Identity and Interests in US, EU and Non-Western Democracies.

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The Presidency of Barack Obama
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Historic, intriguing, and important in so many ways, the Obama presidency will be studied by scholars and students for years to come. With the rise in hyper-partisanship, legislative gridlock, political dysfunction, “fake news,” and other negative trends, it is imperative that academicians weigh in with a rigorous assessment of Obama’s presidency. This volume applies a variety of scholarly approaches to analyze the impact of Obama as a leader and policymaker. Scholars from disciplines such as political science, history, environmental science, economics, and communication come together to provide an interdisciplinary and wide-ranging appraisal of the president. Across the varied chapters, Obama’s leadership is central to understanding the success or failure of his policies and initiatives. The president’s decisions and actions are also assessed against the constraints and possibilities created by the modern US political system, rapid changes in technology and society, and shifting patterns in international relations. The result is a book that covers executive leadership, administration, domestic issues, foreign and national security policy, and more, to present a comprehensive review of the Obama legacy.

Tom Lansford is Professor of Political Science at the University of Southern Mississippi. Douglas M. Brattebo is Associate Professor of Political Science and Director of the James A. Garfield Center for the Study of the Presidency at Hiram College. Robert P. Watson is Distinguished Professor of American History at Lynn University. Casey Maugh Funderburk is Vice Provost and Director of the Speaking and Writing Center at the University of Southern Mississippi, Gulf Coast.

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In Cosmopolitan Belongingness and War, Matthew Leep develops a cosmopolitan account of war that blends sharp inquiry into interspecies politics with original poetry on animals, loss, and war. Informed by the works of Jacques Derrida, this book is not only a somber and sobering exploration of the loss of animal lives during the Iraq War—from the initial US invasion to later struggles with ISIS—but also an imaginative tracing of animal experiences in “spectral-poetic moments.” By emphasizing elegies, poetic space, and multispecies belonging, Leep envisions the cosmopolitan text as a hybrid form of critical and poetic engagement with animal others. An insightful mix of cosmopolitan poetics, poetry, and analysis of the Iraq War in its multispecies entanglements, Cosmopolitan Belongingness and War connects contemporary concerns with political violence, memory, and interspecies politics to imagine a more spectral, posthumanist, and poetic cosmopolitanism. Interdisciplinary in scope, this book will engage scholars of international relations, political theory, US foreign policy, animal studies, poetry, and Derrida, as well as those interested in human-animal relations in perilous times.

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*Fernando Ignacio Leiva*

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*Fernando Ignacio Leiva* is Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of California Santa Cruz and the author of *Latin American Neostructuralism: The Contradictions of Post-Neoliberal Development*.

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Argues that concern with the nation and national community will be a key factor in redefining twenty-first-century politics.

Bringing the Nation Back In takes as its starting point a series of developments that shaped politics in the United States and Europe over the past thirty years: the end of the Cold War, the rise of financial and economic globalization, the creation of the European Union, and the development of the postnational. This book contends we are now witnessing a break with the post-1945 world order and with modern politics. Two competing ideas have arisen—global cosmopolitanism and populist nationalism. Contributors argue this polarization of social ethos between cosmopolitanism and nationalism is a sign of a deeper political crisis, which they explore from different perspectives. Rather than taking sides, the aim is to diagnose the origins of the current impasse and to “bring the nation back in” by expanding what we mean by “nation” and national identity and by respecting the localizing processes that have led to national traditions and struggles.

“This is an innovative and refreshingly idiosyncratic volume that applies a range of bottom-up analyses to the problem of the nation, nationalism, and the nation-state. Framed by very readable and highly informative introductory and concluding chapters, the reader is introduced to the variety of approaches to nationalism, not only regarding methodological approaches and theoretical trends but also regionally specific meanings of the nation.”
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With assistance from Charla Burnett

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WAS IT YESTERDAY?
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Matthew Leggatt, editor

Explores how nostalgia operates in contemporary US film and television.

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Matthew Leggatt is Senior Lecturer in English and American Literature at the University of Winchester, United Kingdom and the author of Cultural and Political Nostalgia in the Age of Terror: The Melancholic Sublime.

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Imaginatively interweaving literatures across a variety of subjects, Sappho’s Legacy identifies the crucial role that islands and Greek economic culture play in teaching about capitalism’s failures and alternatives. Marina Karides offers a historical and ethnographic account of food cooperatives and microenterprises on the Greek island of Lesvos following the 2008 financial crisis to reveal the success stories of grassroots, traditional, and community centered economics organized by people marginalized on the basis of gender, sexuality, and ethnicity. Karides offers hope to others who are working against the tide of neoliberalism and heteropatriarchy to develop alternative or convivial economic practices that serve communities by providing a trail of rhythms from ancient times to the present that showcase Greece’s historical resistance.

Marina Karides is Professor of Geography and Environment at the University of Hawai‘i at Mānoa. She has written several books, including (coedited with Judith Blau) The World and US Social Forums: A Better World is Possible and Necessary and (coauthored with Jackie Smith, Marc Becker, Dorval Brunelle, Christopher Chase-Dunn, and Donatella Della Porta) Global Democracy and the World Social Forums, Second Edition.

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Feminism can reflect the cultural moment, especially as media appropriate and use feminist messaging and agenda to various ends. Yet media can also push boundaries, exposing audiences to ideas they may not be familiar with and advancing public acceptance of concepts once considered taboo. Moreover, audiences are far from passive recipients, especially in the digital age. In Media-Ready Feminism and Everyday Sexism, Andrea L. Press and Francesca Tripodi focus on how audiences across platforms not only consume but also create meanings—sometimes quite transgressive meanings—in engaging with media content. If television shows such as Game of Thrones and Jersey Shore and dating apps such as Tinder are sites of persistent everyday sexism, then so, too, are they sites of what Press and Tripodi call “media-ready feminism.” In developing a sociologically based conception of reception that encompasses media’s progressive potential, as well as the processes of domestication through which audiences and users revert to more limited cultural schemas, Press and Tripodi make a vital contribution to gender and media studies, and help to illuminate the complexity of our current moment.

Andrea L. Press is William R. Kenan Jr. Professor of Media Studies and Sociology at the University of Virginia. Francesca Tripodi is Assistant Professor of Information and Library Science and Senior Researcher at the Center for Information Technology and Public Life at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

A significant contribution to anthropology, history, and gender studies that reveals the denials of homosexuality in traditional and contemporary African societies to be rooted in colonialist ideologies.

Among the many myths created about Africa, the claim that homosexuality and gender diversity are absent or incidental is one of the oldest and most enduring. Historians, anthropologists, and many contemporary Africans alike have denied or overlooked African same-sex patterns or claimed that such patterns were introduced by Europeans or Arabs. In fact, same-sex love and nonbinary genders were and are widespread in Africa. Boy-Wives and Female Husbands documents the presence of this diversity in some fifty societies in every region of the continent south of the Sahara. Essays by scholars from a variety of disciplines explore institutionalized marriages between women, same-sex relations between men and boys in colonial work settings, mixed gender roles in east and west Africa, and the emergence of LGBTQ activism in South Africa, which became the first nation in the world to constitutionally ban discrimination based on sexual orientation. Also included are oral histories, folklore, and translations of early ethnographic reports by German and French observers. Boy-Wives and Female Husbands was the first serious study of same-sex sexuality and gender diversity in Africa, and this edition includes a new foreword by Marc Epprecht that underscores the significance of the book for a new generation of African scholars, as well as reflections on the book’s genesis by the late Stephen O. Murray.

Stephen O. Murray (1950–2019) was an independent scholar who held a PhD in Sociology from the University of Toronto. Will Roscoe is an independent scholar, with a PhD in History of Consciousness from the University of California, Santa Cruz. They are the coeditors of Islamic Homosexualities: Culture, History, and Literature.
SCREEN LOVE
Queer Intimacies in the Grindr Era
Tom Roach

Engaging analysis of men-seeking-men media as paradoxical sites of both self-marketing and radical queer sociality.

In work, play, education, and even healthcare, we are using social media during COVID-19 to approximate “normal life” before the pandemic. In Screen Love, Tom Roach urges us to do the opposite. Rather than highlight the ways that social media might help reproduce the pre-pandemic status quo, Roach explores how Grindr and other dating/hookup apps can help us envision a radically new normal: specifically, antinormative conceptions of selfhood and community. Although these media are steeped in neoliberal relational and communicative norms, they offer opportunities to reconceive subjectivity and ethics in ways that defy normative psychological and sexual paradigms. In the virtual cruise, Roach argues, we might experience a queer sociability in which participants are formally interchangeable avatar-objects.

On Grinder and other m4m platforms, a model of selfhood championed in liberal-humanist traditions—an intelligent, altruistic, eloquent, and emotionally expressive self—is often a liability. By teasing out the queer ethical and political potential of an antisocial, virtual fungibility, Roach compels readers to think twice about media typically dismissed as sordid, superficial, and narcissistic. Written for students, professors, and nonacademics alike, Screen Love is an accessible, provocative, and at times subversively funny read.

Tom Roach is Professor of Philosophy and Cultural Studies at Bryant University. He is the author of Friendship as a Way of Life: Foucault, AIDS, and the Politics of Shared Estrangement, also published by SUNY Press.

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Theoretically wide-ranging and deeply personal and poetic, Queer Freedom: Black Sovereignty is based on more than three years of fieldwork in the Dominican Republic. Ana-Maurine Lara draws on her engagement in traditional ceremonies, observations of national Catholic celebrations, and interviews with activists from peasant, feminist, and LGBT communities to reframe contemporary conversations about queerness and blackness. The result is a rich ethnography of the ways criollo spiritual practices challenge gender and racial binaries and manifest what Lara characterizes as a shared desire for decolonization.

“This book is a necessary and powerful contribution to the fields of gender and sexuality studies, Caribbean studies, black queer studies, and anthropology, among others. It is a refreshing intervention—dynamic, unique, and beautifully written—into how we write about, create, and theorize the Caribbean and postcolonial world. The book defies the conventions of Western forms of knowledge production. It fully embraces black and indigenous forms of creation and knowledge production—and the author demonstrates this through storytelling, ethnography, participatory research, creative nonfiction, poetry, mythmaking, and spiritual practice. This book and its author demand justice.”

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Race, Migration, and Citizenship in Brazil
Niyi Afolabi

Reevaluates the significance of iconic Afro-Brazilian figures, from slavery to post-abolition.

Drawing on historical and cultural approaches to race relations, Identities in Flux examines iconic Afro-Brazilian figures and theorizes how they have been appropriated to either support or contest a utopian vision of multiculturalism. Zumbi dos Palmares, the leader of a runaway slave community in the seventeenth century, is shown not as an anti-Brazilian rebel but as a symbol of Black consciousness and anti-colonial resistance. Xica da Silva, an eighteenth-century mixed-race enslaved woman who “married” her master and has been seen as a licentious mulatta, questions gendered stereotypes of so-called racial democracy. Manuel Querino, whose ethnographic studies have been ignored and virtually unknown for much of the twentieth century, is put on par with more widely known African American trailblazers such as W. E. B. Du Bois. Niyi Afolabi draws out the intermingling influences of Yoruba and Classical Greek mythologies in Brazilian representations of the carnivalesque Black Orpheus, while his analysis of City of God focuses on the growing centrality of the ghetto, or favela, as a theme and producer of culture in the early twenty-first-century Brazilian urban scene. Ultimately, Afolabi argues, the identities of these figures are not fixed, but rather inhabit a fluid terrain of ideological and political struggle, challenging the idealistic notion that racial hybridity has eliminated racial discrimination in Brazil.

Niyi Afolabi is Professor of African and African Diaspora Studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

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PUSHING PAST THE HUMAN IN LATIN AMERICAN CINEMA
Carolyn Fornoff and Gisela Heffes, editors

Wrestles with how Latin American cinema attempts to push beyond the human.

Pushing Past the Human in Latin American Cinema brings together fourteen scholars to analyze Latin American cinema in dialogue with recent theories of posthumanism and ecocriticism. Together they grapple with how Latin American filmmakers have attempted to “push past the human,” and destabilize the myth of anthropocentric exceptionalism that has historically been privileged by cinema and has led to the current climate crisis. While some chapters question the very nature of this enterprise—whether cinema should or even could actualize such a maneuver beyond the human—others signal the ways in which the category of the “human” itself is interrogated by Latin American cinema, revealed to be a fiction that excludes more than it unifies. This volume explores how the moving image reinforces or contests the division between human and nonhuman, and troubles the settler epistemic partition of culture and nature that is at the core of the climate crisis. As the first volume to specifically address how such questions are staged by Latin American cinema, this book brings together analysis of films that respond to environmental degradation, as well as those that articulate a posthumanist ethos that blurs the line between species.

Carolyn Fornoff is Assistant Professor of Latin American Literatures and Cultures at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Gisela Heffes is Associate Professor of Latin American Literatures and Cultures at Rice University.

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THE OTHER/ ARGENTINA
Jews, Gender, and Sexuality in the Making of a Modern Nation
Amy K. Kaminsky

Argues that Jewishness is an essential element of Argentina’s self-fashioning as a modern nation.

The Other/Argentina looks at literature, film, and the visual arts to examine the threads of Jewishness that create patterns of meaning within the fabric of Argentine self-representation. A multiethnic yet deeply Roman Catholic country, Argentina has worked mightily to fashion itself as a modern nation. In so doing, it has grappled with the paradox of Jewishness, emblematic both of modernity and of the lingering traces of the premodern. By the same token, Jewishness is woven into, but also other to, Argentineity. Consequently, books, movies, and art that reflect on Jewishness play a significant role in shaping Argentina’s cultural landscape. In the process they necessarily inscribe, and sometimes confound, norms of gender and sexuality.

Amy K. Kaminsky is Professor Emerita of Gender, Women, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Minnesota. Her books include Argentina: Stories for a Nation and After Exile: Writing the Latin American Diaspora.

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A Narrative Commons in the Ruins of Argentine State Terror
Karen Elizabeth Bishop

Examines the evolution of disappearance as a formal narrative and epistemological phenomenon in late twentieth-century Argentine fiction.

More than thirty thousand people were forcibly disappeared during the military dictatorship that governed Argentina from 1976 to 1983, leaving behind a cultural landscape fractured by absence, denial, impunity, and gaps in knowledge. This book is about how these absences assume narrative form in late twentieth-century Argentine fiction and the formal strategies and structures authors have crafted to respond to the country’s use of systematic disappearance as a mechanism of state terror. In incisive close readings of texts by Rodolfo Walsh, Julio Cortázar, and Tomás Eloy Martínez, Karen Elizabeth Bishop explores how techniques of dissimulation, doubling, displacement, suspension, and embodiment come to serve both epistemological and ethical functions, grounding new forms of historical knowledge and a new narrative commons whose work continues into the twenty-first century.

“Bishop offers fresh, new readings of works by major figures, and her particular take on disappearance as ‘a constitutive component of form and narrative structure’ is original and illuminating. Moreover, she provides the tools for reading disappearance in works of fiction from other parts of the world where writers have also responded to the sort of detention and disappearance that Argentina has given a name to, but that is, sadly, practiced far more widely.” — Amy K. Kaminsky, author of Argentina: Stories for a Nation

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**The Hasidic Legacy of Elie Wiesel**

*David Patterson*

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Elie Wiesel identified himself as a Vizhnitzer Hasid, who was above all things a witness to the testimony and teaching of the Jewish tradition at the core of the Hasidic tradition. While he is well known for his testimony on the Holocaust and as a messenger to humanity, he is less well known for his engagement with the teachings of Jewish tradition and the Hasidic heritage that informs that engagement. *Portraits* illuminates Wiesel’s Jewish teachings and the Hasidic legacy that he embraced by examining how he brought to life the sages of the Jewish tradition. David Patterson reveals that Wiesel’s Hasidic engagement with the holy texts of the Jewish tradition does not fall into the usual categories of exegesis or hermeneutics and of commentary or textual analysis. Rather, he engages not the text but the person, the teacher, and the soul. This book is a summons to remember the testimony reduced to ashes and the voices that cry out from those ashes. Just as the teaching is embodied in the teachers, so is the tradition embodied in their portraits.

*David Patterson* is Hillel A. Feinberg Distinguished Chair in Holocaust Studies at the University of Texas at Dallas. His many books include *The Holocaust and the Nonrepresentable: Literary and Photographic Transcendence*, also published by SUNY Press.

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Rafi Grosglik

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Lori Latrice Martin is Professor of Sociology and African and African American Studies at Louisiana State University. She is the author and editor of many books, including *Black Women as Leaders: Challenging and Transforming Society*.

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Stephanie Y. Evans is a Professor of Black Women’s Studies, Director of the Institute for Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies, and Affiliate Faculty in the Department of African American Studies and in the Center for the Study of Stress, Trauma, and Resilience at Georgia State University.

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Beth Hinderliter and Steve Peraza, editors

Covering rage and grief, as well as joy and fatigue, examines how Black Lives Matter activists, and the artists inspired by them, have mobilized for social justice.

Confronted by a crisis in black American leadership, state-sanctioned violence against black communities, and colorblind laws that trap black Americans in a racial caste system, Black Lives Matter activists and the artists inspired by them have devised new forms of political and cultural resistance. More Than Our Pain explores how affect and emotion can drive collective political and cultural action in the face of a new nadir in race relations in the United States. This foregrounding of affect and emotion marks a clear break from Civil Rights Era activists, who were often trained to counter false narratives about protesters as thugs and criminals by presenting themselves as impeccably groomed and disciplined young black Americans. In contrast, the Black Lives Matter movement in the early twenty-first century makes no qualms about rejecting the politics of respectability. Affect and emotion has moved from the margin to the center of this new human rights movement, and by examining righteous rage, black joy, as well as grief and fatigue among other emotions, the contributors celebrate the vitality of black life while documenting those who have harmed it. They also criticize the ways in which journalism has commercialized and sold black affect during coverage of the Black Lives Matter movement and point to strategies and modes-of-being needed to overcome the fatigue surrounding conversations of race and racism in the United States.

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“From the Bayou to the Bay is an engaging and accessible ‘coming-of-age’ memoir by one of the nation’s preeminent scholars of Black politics.” — Charles E. Jones, University of Cincinnati

Robert C. Smith is Emeritus Professor of Political Science at San Francisco State University. He is the author of many books, including African American Leadership (coauthored with Ronald W. Walters); John F. Kennedy, Barack Obama, and the Politics of Ethnic Incorporation and Avoidance; and Ronald W. Walters and the Fight for Black Power, 1969–2010, all published by SUNY Press.

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A celebration of Anishinaabe intellectual tradition.

Enduring Critical Poses examines the stories, poems, plays, and histories centered in the Great Lakes region of North America, where the Anishinaabeg live in a space Basil Johnston referred to as “Maazikamikwe,” a maternal earth. The Anishinaabeg are a confederacy of many communities, including the Odawa, Saulteaux, Ojibwe, Potawatomi, Oji-Cree, and Algonquin peoples, who share cultural practices and related languages. Bringing together senior scholars and new voices on the Anishinaabe intellectual landscape, this volume specifically explores Ojibwe, Odawa, and Potawatomi culture, language, and literary heritage. Through a tribal-centric framework, the contributors connect various branches of Native American literary studies and celebrate Anishinaabe narrative diversity to offer a single, overarching story of Anishinaabe survival and endurance.

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In the Great Lakes region of the nineteenth century, “mixed bloods” were a class of people living within changing indigenous communities. As such, they were considered in treaties signed between the tribal nations and the federal government. Larry Nesper focuses on the implementation and long-term effects of the mixed-blood provision of the 1854 treaty with the Chippewa of Wisconsin. That treaty not only ceded lands and created the Ojibwe Indian reservations in the region, it also entitled hundreds of “mixed-bloods belonging to the Chippewas of Lake Superior,” as they appear in this treaty, to locate parcels of land in the ceded territories. However, quickly dispossessed of their entitlement, the treaty provision effectively capitalized the first mining companies in Wisconsin, initiating the period of non-renewable resource extraction that changed the demography, ecology, and potential future for the region for both natives and non-natives. With the influx of Euro-Americans onto these lands, conflicts over belonging and difference, as well as community leadership, proliferated on these new reservations well into the twentieth century. This book reveals the tensions between emergent racial ideology and the resilience of kinship that shaped the historical trajectory of regional tribal society to the present.

Larry Nesper is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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Jason M. Gibson

Rethinks the role of Indigenous and non-Indigenous interactions in the production of ethnographic museum collections.

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THE EARLY BRONZE AGE IN WESTERN ANATOLIA
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The Question of Method in Japan Studies
Richard F. Calichman

Aims to introduce a greater degree of theoretical rigor to the discipline of Japan studies as a whole.

Before Identity represents the first attempt to provide a comprehensive examination of the methodological ground of Japan studies. At its most basic level, the field presupposes the immediate empirical existence of an entity known as the “Japanese people” or “Japanese culture,” from which it then carves out its various objects of inquiry. Richard F. Calichman attempts to show that this presupposition is itself ineluctably bound up with modern forms of knowledge formation, thereby enlarging the scope of what is meant by modernity. In this way, he aims to bring about a heightened level of theoretical-critical vigilance in the field.

Calichman explores the methodological commitments implied or expressed in the work of a range of writers and scholars—Murakami Haruki, Komori Yōichi, Harry Harootunian, Tomi Suzuki, Alan Tansman, and Dennis Washburn—and how such commitments have shaped and limited the field. If theoretical issues in Japan studies are not subjected to this sort of in-depth scrutiny, Calichman argues, then the field will continue to remain ghettoized relative to other disciplines in the humanities and social sciences, which have typically been more receptive to conceptual discourse. By showing that scholarly inquiry must begin not at the level of the object but rather at the more fundamental level of methodology, Calichman aims to introduce a greater degree of theoretical rigor to the discipline of Japan studies as a whole.

Richard F. Calichman is Professor of Japan Studies at the City College of New York, City University of New York.

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Practicing Astrology in North India
Caterina Guenzi

Investigates the professional practices of astrologers in urban India and their popularity among the educated middle and upper classes.

Astrologers and astrology play an important role in Indian society, but there are very few studies on their social identity and professional practices. Based on extensive fieldwork carried out in the city of Banaras, Words of Destiny shows how the Brahmanic scholarly tradition of astral sciences (jyotiḥśāstra) described in Sanskrit literature and taught at universities has been adapted and reformulated to meet the needs and questions of educated middle and upper classes in urban India: How to get a career promotion? How to choose the most suitable field of study for children? When is the best moment to move into a new house?

The study of astrology challenges ready-made assumptions about the boundaries between “science” and “superstition,” “rationality” and “magic.” Rather than judging the validity of astrology as a knowledge system, Caterina Guenzi explores astrological counseling as a social practice and how it “works from within” for both astrologists and their clients. She examines the points of view of those who use astrology either as a way of earning their living or as a means through which to solve problems and make decisions, concluding that, because astrology combines mathematical calculations and astronomical observations with ritual practices, it provides educated urban families with an idiom through which modern science and devotional Hinduism can be subsumed.

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The many Mahābhāratas of this book come from the first century to the twenty-first. They are composed in nine different languages—Apabhramsha, Bengali, English, Hindi, Kannada, Malayalam, Sanskrit, Tamil, and Telugu. Early chapters illuminate themes of retelling within the Sanskrit Mahābhārata itself, demonstrating that the story’s propensity for regeneration emerges from within. The majority of the book, however, reaches far beyond the Sanskrit epic. Readers dive into classical dramas, premodern vernacular poems, regional performance traditions, commentaries, graphic novels, political essays, novels, and contemporary theater productions—all of them Mahābhāratas.

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A Conversation with Confucianism on the Concept of Person
Peter D. Hershock and Roger T. Ames, editors

Argues that Confucianism and other East Asian philosophical traditions can be resources for understanding and addressing current global challenges such as climate change and hunger.

Great transformations are reshaping human life, social institutions, and the world around us, raising profound questions about our fundamental values. We now have the knowledge and the technical expertise, for instance, to realize a world in which no child needs to go to bed hungry—and yet, hunger persists. And although the causes of planetary climate disruption are well known, action of the scale and resolution needed to address it remain elusive.

In order to deepen our understanding of these transformations and the ethical responses they demand, considering how they are seen from different civilizational perspectives is imperative. Acknowledging the rise of China both geopolitically and culturally, the essays in this volume enter into critical and yet appreciative conversations with East Asian philosophical traditions—primarily Confucianism, but also Buddhism and Daoism—drawing on their conceptual resources to understand what it means to be human as irreducibly relational.

Peter D. Hershock is Director of the Asian Studies Development Program at the East-West Center. Roger T. Ames is Humanities Chair Professor at Peking University.

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Medieval Hinduism in the Modern Himalaya
Lokesh Ohri

The first book to offer a detailed framework, a fine-grained history, and an analytically nuanced understanding of one of the rarest branches of Hindu worship.

Hinduism, as is well known, has taken a multitude of shapes and forms. Some Hindu “little traditions” have remained obscure or understudied to this day due to their regional remoteness. One such offshoot is the influential cult of Mahasu, which has existed since medieval times in a part of the western Himalaya. The deity at the core of the cult takes the form of four primary Mahasus with territorial influence, installed in various far-flung temples. Their geographical center is the village of Hanol, and the larger territory is integrated into the Mahasu politico-religious system by a peripatetic deity with loyal followers across a considerable domain.

Mahasu remains influential in the region, its ritual practices having remained quite distinct despite social change. An anthropological survey was conducted in its terrain during British times, but Till Kingdom Come is the first book to offer a detailed framework, a fine-grained history, and an analytically nuanced understanding of one of the rarest branches of Hindu worship.

“A fascinating piece of work. I have learned a lot and feel honoured, almost initiated, to have had such a knowledgeable guide to the Mahasus, their realm, and the devta ka kaam.” — John Keay, author of India: A History, Revised and Expanded Edition

Lokesh Ohri is an anthropologist and activist who has worked for several years in the Himalaya. He was a doctoral fellow at the South Asia Institute, University of Heidelberg, Germany, and has worked on political rituals, heritage, and resource use in the mountains.

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Alice Collett is the author of Lives of Early Buddhist Nuns: Biographies as History and editor of Women in Early Indian Buddhism: Comparative Textual Studies.

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FROM WORLD RELIGIONS TO AXIAL CIVILIZATIONS AND BEYOND
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Essays in the field of comparative world religions and corresponding axial civilizations.

The post–World War II idea of the Axial Age by Karl Jaspers, and as elaborated into the sociology of axial civilizations by S. N. Eisenstadt in the later twentieth and early twenty-first centuries, continues to be the subject of intense scholarly debate. Examples of this can be found in recent works of Hans Joas and Jürgen Habermas. In From World Religions to Axial Civilizations and Beyond, an internationally distinguished group of scholars discuss, advance, and criticize the Jaspers-Eisenstadt thesis, and go beyond it by bringing in the critical influence of Max Weber’s sociology of world religions and by exploring intercivilizational encounters in key world regions. The essays within this volume are of unusual interest for their original analysis of relatively neglected civilizational zones, especially Islam and the Islamicate civilization and the Byzantine civilization, and its continuation in Orthodox Russia.

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An in-depth, ethnographic study of the transnational expansion of Santo Daime, a mystical religious tradition organized around sacramental ingestion of the mind-altering ayahuasca beverage.

After more than 450 years of European intrusions into South America’s rainforest, small groups of people across Europe now gather discreetly to participate in Amazonian ceremonies their local governments consider a criminal act. As devotees of a new Brazil-based religion called Santo Daime, they claim that they contact God by way of ayahuasca, a potent psychoactive beverage first developed by native communities in pre-Columbian Amazonia. This bitter, brown liquid is a synergy of plants containing DMT (N,N-Dimethyltryptamine), a mind-altering chemical classified as an illicit “hallucinogen” in most countries. By contrast, Santo Daime members (daimistas) revere ayahuasca as a sacrament, combining it with rituals and theologies borrowed from Christian mysticism, indigenous shamanism, Afro-Brazilian spiritualism, and Western esotericism.

The Santo Daime religion was founded in 1930 by an Afro-Brazilian rubber tapper named Raimundo Irineu Serra, now known as Mestre (Master) Irineu. Presenting results from more than a year of fieldwork with Santo Daime groups in Europe, Marc G. Blainey offers qualitative and quantitative answers to the question of why many Westerners are joining unconventional religions in the post-secular age.

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THE SCIENCE OF SATYUG
Class, Charisma, and Vedic Revivalism in the All World Gayatri Pariwar
Daniel Heifetz

The first in-depth study of the All World Gayatri Pariwar, a modern Indian religious movement.

The All World Gayatri Pariwar is a modern religious movement that enjoys wide popularity in North India, particularly among the many STEM workers who joined after becoming disillusioned with their lucrative but unfulfilling private-sector careers. Founded in the mid-twentieth century, the Gayatri Pariwar works to popularize practices inspired by ancient religious texts and breaks with convention by framing these practices as the foundation of a universal spirituality. The movement appeals to science in its advocacy of these practices, claiming that they have medical benefits that constitute proof that rational people around the world should find persuasive. Should these practices become sufficiently widespread, the belief is that humanity will enter a new satyug, or “golden age.”

In The Science of Satyug, Daniel Heifetz focuses on how religion and science are objects of intense emotion that help to constitute identities. Weaving engaging ethnographic anecdotes together with readings of Gayatri Pariwar literature, Heifetz interprets this material in light of classic and contemporary theory. The result is a significant contribution to current conversations about the globalized middle classes and the entanglement of religion and science that will appeal to anyone interested in understanding these aspects of life in modern India.

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Lessons from the World’s Religions
Maria Jaoudi

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The inundation of terrifying environmental news in recent years has left many people exhausted and in despair about our planet’s future. In Mindfulness as Sustainability, Maria Jaoudi addresses the need to take care of ourselves intellectually, spiritually, and emotionally during the current global climate crisis. Drawing on specific teachings, stories, and explorations of consciousness and reality from Buddhist, Christian, Daoist, Hindu, Indigenous, Islamic, and Jewish traditions, Jaoudi demonstrates that mindfulness is sustainability, and that mindfulness practice, applied both personally and politically, can help mitigate global climate change and rectify environmental injustice. Through illuminating discussions of primary scriptures, key spiritual figures, discoveries of modern science, and moments of social transformation, she offers practical ways to live our lives mindfully, ethically, and sustainably. Written for students and lay readers, the book makes the case that we can sustain our planet if we maintain our strength, increase our knowledge, and remain sensitive to the beauty and the sentence that is both within us and around us.

Maria Jaoudi is Professor of Humanities and Religious Studies at California State University, Sacramento. Her books include Medieval and Renaissance Spirituality: Discovering the Treasures of the Great Masters and Christian Mysticism East and West: What the Masters Teach Us.

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A New Paradigm for a Global World
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How can we live together without alienation, avoidance, and fear? How can we complement one another such that each of us can uniquely contribute to the making of our societies? To address these and other questions, Katrin A. Jomaa examines the moral, political, and spiritual understanding of the Qur’anic term ummah, which is commonly used to refer to the worldwide Muslim community but is employed more broadly in the Qur’an itself. Drawing on theology, history, philosophy, and political science, Jomaa argues that ummah, while often defined as a group of people united by ethnicity or religion, is, in its ideal sense, a community that demands active commitment and a conscious and continuous dedication to the highest moral ideals of that community rather than mere affiliation with a particular set of religious doctrines and practices. Jomaa begins by chronologically and thematically analyzing the word “ummah” in the Qur’an, a comprehensive study currently missing from Islamic scholarship, in order to propose a novel understanding of the term that connects all its different meanings. She then compares this new definition to the Aristotelean polis, which highlights the political features of ummah, thereby situating it within contemporary discourses on liberal politics and community and creating the space for an alternative sociopolitical order to the nation-state, both as a local unit and a global system.

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Antonio Rigopoulos is Professor of Sanskrit Language and Literature at the Ca’ Foscari University of Venice, Italy.

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Stuart Ray Sarbacker is Associate Professor of Philosophy and Religion at Oregon State University. He is the author of Samādhi: The Numinous and Cessative in Indo-Tibetan Yoga, also published by SUNY Press, and (with Kevin Kimple) The Eight Limbs of Yoga: A Handbook for Living Yoga Philosophy.

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Cybelle T. Shattuck

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THE AWAKENING OF MODERN JAPANESE FICTION
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Argues that the role of Buddhism in modern Japanese prose literature has been significantly overlooked.

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Michihiro Ama is Karashima Tsukasa Associate Professor of Japanese Language and Culture at the University of Montana. He is the author of Immigrants to the Pure Land: The Modernization, Acculturation, and Globalization of Shin Buddhism, 1898–1941.

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AGAINST THE DESPOTISM OF FACT
Modernism, Capitalism, and the Irish Celt
T. J. Boynton

First comprehensive account of the figure of the Irish Celt in modern British and Irish literature.

Emerging at a moment of escalating colonial conflict between England and Ireland, the figure of the Irish Celt enjoyed a long and varied career in both English and Irish literature from the late Victorian era to World War II. While this figure assumes many forms and functions, T. J. Boynton argues that he is consistently cast as inherently resistant to capitalism. Beginning with an innovative reassessment of Matthew Arnold’s *The Study of Celtic Literature*, from which the book also takes its title, *Against the Despotism of Fact* offers new readings of major works by writers such as Kipling, Conrad, Lawrence, Yeats, Joyce, and Beckett. In their writing, Boynton argues, the Irish Celt served as a transnational vehicle of modernist experimentation geared toward interrogating the imperial, social, and pop-cultural dimensions of capitalist modernity. Making a significant contribution to Irish studies, modernist studies, and postcolonial studies, *Against the Despotism of Fact* draws attention to not only the prevalence but also the critical potential of this fraught figure.

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BEYOND GOLD AND DIAMONDS
Genre, the Authorial Informant, and the British South African Novel
Melissa Free

The first book to examine and establish characteristics of the British South African novel.

*Beyond Gold and Diamonds* demonstrates the importance of southern Africa to British literature from the 1880s to the 1920s, from the rise of the systematic exploitation of the region’s mineral wealth to the aftermath of World War I. It focuses on fiction by the colonial-born Olive Schreiner, southern Africa’s first literary celebrity, as well as by H. Rider Haggard, Gertrude Page, and John Buchan, its most influential *authorial informants*, British authors who spent significant time in the region and wrote about it as insiders. Tracing the ways in which generic innovation enabled these writers to negotiate cultural and political concerns through a uniquely British South African lens, Melissa Free argues that British South African literature constitutes a distinct field, one that overlaps with but also exists apart from both a national South African literary tradition and a tradition of South African literature in English. The various genres that British South African novelists introduced—the New Woman novel, the female colonial romance, the Rhodesian settler romance, and the modern spy thriller—anticipated metropolitan literary developments while consolidating Britain’s sense of its own dominion in a time of increasing opposition.

Melissa Free is Assistant Professor of English at Arizona State University.
THE WORLD OF AGHA SHAHID ALI
Tapan Kumar Ghosh and Sisir Kumar Chatterjee, editors

Critical essays on the transnational Kashmiri-American poet.

Featuring essays by American, Indian, and British scholars, this collection offers critical appraisals and personal reflections on the life and work of the transnational poet Agha Shahid Ali (1949–2001). Though sometimes identified as an “Indian writer in English,” Shahid came to designate himself as a Kashmiri-American writer in exile in the United States, where he lived for the latter half of his life, publishing seven volumes of poetry and teaching at colleges and universities across the country. Locating Shahid in a diasporic space of exile, the volume traces the poet’s transnationalist attempts to bridge East and West and his movement toward a true internationalism. In addition to offering close formal analyses of most of Shahid’s poems and poetry collections, the contributors also situate him in relation to both Western and subcontinental poetic forms, particularly the ghazal. Many also offer personal anecdotes that convey the milieu in which the poet lived and wrote, as well as his personal preoccupations. The book concludes with the poet’s 1997 interview with Suvir Kaul, which appears in print here for the first time.

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POETICS OF BREATHING
Modern Literature’s Syncope
Stefanie Heine

A comparative study of breath and breathing as a core poetic and compositional principle in modern literature.

Breathing and its rhythms—liminal, syncopal, and usually inconspicuous—have become a core poetic compositional principle in modern literature. Examining moments when breath’s punctuations, cessations, inhalations, or exhalations operate at the limits of meaningful speech, Stefanie Heine explores how literary texts reflect their own mediality, production, and reception in alluding to and incorporating pneumatic rhythms, respiratory sound, and silent pauses. Through close readings of works by a series of pairs—Jack Kerouac and Allen Ginsberg, Robert Musil and Virginia Woolf, Samuel Beckett and Sylvia Plath, and Paul Celan and Herta Müller—Poetics of Breathing suggests that each offers a different conception of literary or poetic breath as a precondition of writing. Presenting a challenge to historical and contemporary discourses that tie breath to the transcendent and the natural, Heine traces a decoupling of breath from its traditional association with life, and asks what literature might lie beyond.

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SHADOWS IN THE CITY OF LIGHT
Paris in Postwar French Jewish Writing
Sara R. Horowitz, Amira Bojadzija-Dan, and Julia Creet, editors

Examines the place of Paris in French Jewish literary memory, a memory that, of necessity, grapples with the aftermath of the Holocaust.

The essays in Shadows in the City of Light explore the significance of Paris in the writing of five influential French writers—Sarah Kofman, Patrick Modiano, George Perec, Henri Raczymow, and Irene Nemirovsky—whose novels and memoirs capture and probe the absences of deported Paris Jews. These writers move their readers through wartime and postwar cityscapes of Paris, walking them through streets and arrondissements where Jews once resided, looking for traces of the disappeared. The city functions as more than a backdrop or setting. Its streets and buildings and monuments remind us of the exhilarating promise of the French Revolution and what it meant for Jews dreaming of equality. But the dynamic space of Paris also reminds us of the Holocaust and its aftermath. The shadowed paths traced by these writers raise complicated questions about ambivalence, absence, memory, secularity, and citizenship. In their writing, the urban landscape itself bears witness to the absent Jews, and what happened to them.

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DEATH RIGHTS
Romantic Suicide, Race, and the Bounds of Liberalism
Deanna P. Koretsky

Analyzes how literary representations of suicide have reinforced antiblackness in the modern world.

Death Rights presents an antiracist critique of British romanticism by deconstructing one of its organizing tropes—the suicidal creative “genius.” Putting texts by Olaudah Equiano, Mary Shelley, John Keats, and others into critical conversation with African American literature, black studies, and feminist theory, Deanna P. Koretsky argues that romanticism is part and parcel of the legal and philosophical discourses underwriting liberal modernity’s antiblack foundations. Read in this context, the trope of romantic suicide serves a distinct political function, indexing the limits of liberal subjectivity and (re)inscribing the rights and freedoms promised by liberalism as the exclusive province of white men.

The first book-length study of suicide in British romanticism, Death Rights also points to the enduring legacy of romantic ideals in the academy and contemporary culture more broadly. Koretsky challenges scholars working in historically Eurocentric fields to rethink their identification with epistemes rooted in antiblackness. And, through discussions of recent cultural touchstones such as Kurt Cobain’s resurgence in hip-hop and Victor LaValle’s comic book sequel to Frankenstein, Koretsky provides all readers with a trenchant analysis of how eighteenth-century ideas about suicide continue to routinize antiblackness in the modern world.

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INTERSECTING DIASPORAS
Italian Americans and Allyship in US Fiction
Suzanne Manizza Roszak

Examines literary expressions of allyship between Italian America and other diasporic communities in modern and contemporary US fiction.

Intersecting Diasporas examines literary expressions of allyship between Italian America and other diasporic communities in modern and contemporary US fiction. Rewriting the Anglo-American genre of the “Italian novel,” authors like James Baldwin, Bernard Malamud, Carolina De Robertis, and Chang-rae Lee have disrupted misconceptions of Italian and Italian American identity while confronting Italians’ own complicity with white racism. Likewise, Italian American authors from John Fante to Tina De Rosa have written in solidarity with Black, Chicanx, Filipinx, Jewish, Romani, and Irish diasporic communities on US shores, unsettling stereotypes and dissecting Italian America’s history of flawed allyship across diasporas. Suzanne Manizza Roszak traces these gestures of literary solidarity; considers how they relate to the writers’ critiques of toxic masculinity, anti-queerness, and socioeconomic injustice; and proposes interdiasporic allyship as a practice of reconciliation and healing.

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PREMISES AND PROBLEMS
Essays on World Literature and Cinema
Edited and with an Introduction by Luiza Franco Moreira

Discusses world literature and cinema from the perspective of literary languages and film traditions that do not hold a hegemonic position.

World literature, many have stressed, is a systematic category. Both literary scholars and social scientists have argued that the prestige of the major literary languages is key to establishing the shape of the overall system. In order to critically interrogate world literature and cinema, Premises and Problems approaches this system from the perspective of languages and film traditions that do not hold a hegemonic position. This perspective raises new questions about the nature of literary hegemony and the structure of world literature: How is hegemony established? What are the costs of losing it? What does hegemony mask? How is it masked? The contributors focus predominantly on literatures outside the small circle of prestigious modern European languages and on films and film criticism produced outside the best-known centers. The inclusion of this unfamiliar material calls attention to some areas of obscurity that make key features of the system indistinct, or that make it difficult to trace relationships between texts that hold different levels of prestige, such as those of the Global North and the Global South. The book argues that the study of world literature and cinema will profit from a sustained and informed engagement with the body of work produced by historical social scientists committed to the perspective of the world-system.

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Perched as he was at the beginning of literary modernism and the evolution of film as a medium, Henry James addressed a cluster of epistemological and aesthetic issues related to the visualization of reality. In Knowing It When You See It, Patrick O’Donnell compares several late novels and stories by Henry James with a series of films directed by Michael Haneké, Alfred Hitchcock, Quentin Tarantino, Christopher Nolan, and Lars Von Trier. O’Donnell argues that these issues find parallels in films made at the other end of an arc extending from the last decades of the nineteenth century to the initial years of the twenty-first. In mapping affinities between literature and film, he is not concerned with adaptation or discursivity, but rather with how the “visual” is represented in two mediums—with how seeing becomes knowledge, how framing what is seen becomes a critical part of the story that is conveyed, and how the perspective of the camera or the narrator shapes reality. Both James and these later auteurs “think” visually in ways that inter-illuminate their fictions and films, and newly bring into relief the trajectory of modernity in relation to visuality.


Yiddish Plays for Reading and Performance

Three stageworthy plays and nine individual scenes that offer an introduction to Yiddish theater at its liveliest.

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Nahma Sandrow, a playwright and librettist, is Professor Emerita at City University of New York.

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Super Schoolmaster
Ezra Pound as Teacher, Then and Now
Robert Scholes and David Ben-Merre

Traces the controversial poet’s thinking about teaching and learning throughout his career.

Once described by T.S. Eliot as “first and foremost, a teacher and campaigner,” Ezra Pound has received no shortage of critical attention. Super Schoolmaster suggests that Pound still has quite a bit to teach readers in the twenty-first century, particularly amid increasing threats to the humanities and higher education. Robert Scholes and David Ben-Merre illuminate Pound’s contradictory career of innovative poetics and reactionary politics by following his extensive thinking about teaching and learning within and beyond the academy. Given how scornful Pound could be of institutionalized schooling, the book’s title may feel like a misnomer; however, Super Schoolmaster makes clear how wholeheartedly this modernist icon believed in the importance and vitality of learning. Pound’s brief flirtation with becoming a professional academic ended early on, but his entire life’s work can be seen as an immense pedagogical lesson, promoting a living, breathing culture tied to the very fabric of contemporary life. Not to ignore his critics, who have taught the necessity of reading against Pound, Scholes and Ben-Merre propose that to reread Pound now is to celebrate the joy of learning while always remaining mindful of the ultimate perils of his example.

Robert Scholes (1929–2016) was Andrew W. Mellon Professor Emeritus of Humanities at Brown University. A prolific author, his books include In Search of James Joyce and Textual Power: Literary Theory and the Teaching of English. David Ben-Merre is Associate Professor of English at Buffalo State College, State University of New York. He is the author of Figures of Time: Disjunctions in Modernist Poetry, also published by SUNY Press.

Medicine Is War
The Martial Metaphor in Victorian Literature and Culture
Lorenzo Servitje

Examines how literature mediated a convergence of militarism and medicine in Victorian culture that continues into the present via a widespread martial metaphor.

Medicine is most often understood through the metaphor of war. We encounter phrases such as “the war against the coronavirus,” “the front lines of the Ebola crisis,” “a new weapon against antibiotic resistance,” or “the immune system fights cancer” without considering their assumptions, implications, and history. But there is nothing natural about this language. It does not have to be, nor has it always been, the way to understand the relationship between humans and disease.

Medicine Is War shows how this “martial metaphor” was popularized throughout the nineteenth century. Drawing on the works of Mary Shelley, Charles Kingsley, Bram Stoker, Arthur Conan Doyle, and Joseph Conrad, Lorenzo Servitje examines how literary form reflected, reinforced, and critiqued the convergence of militarism and medicine in Victorian culture. He considers how, in migrating from military medicine to the civilian sphere, this metaphor responded to the developments and dangers of modernity: urbanization, industrialization, government intervention, imperial contact, crime, changing gender relations, and the relationship between the one and the many.

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border shared by poetry and philosophy

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and poetry, also works rhetorically. Through close readings of
selected nonfiction from the last forty years—biographically,
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Didion deliberately and powerfully employs style to emphasize
her point of view and enchant her readers. While Didion
continues to publish and the “Cult of Joan,” as one author calls
it, grows seemingly stronger by the day, this book is the only
extended treatment of Didion’s later nonfiction and the first
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First translation into English of Fichte’s major work on the French Revolution.

The reception history of the French Revolution in France and England is well documented among Anglophone scholars; however, the debate over the Revolution in Germany is much less well known. Fichte’s Contribution played an important role in this debate. Presented here for the first time in English, Fichte’s work provides a distinctive synthesis of Locke’s “possessive individualism,” Rousseau’s general will, and Kant’s moral philosophy. This eclectic blend results in an unusual rights theory that at times veers close to a form of anarchism. Written in 1792–93, just before Fichte moved to Jena to develop his philosophical system in a series of works—above all the Wissenschaftslehre of 1794—the Contribution provides invaluable insight into Fichte’s early development. In addition, Fichte’s work predates much of Kant’s political philosophy, and can shed light on the rich dialogue in German political thought in the 1790s.

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Nick Mansfield is Honorary Professor of Critical and Cultural Studies at Macquarie University in Sydney. He is the author of several books, including The God Who Deconstructs Himself: Subjectivity and Sovereignty between Freud, Bataille and Derrida and Theorizing War: From Hobbes to Badiou.

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Corey McCall taught philosophy at Elmira College. He is the coeditor (with Nathan Ross) of Benjamin, Adorno, and the Experience of Literature and (with Tom Nurmi) of Melville among the Philosophers. Phillip McReynolds taught philosophy at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and is the author of The American Philosopher: Interviews on the Meaning of Life and Truth.

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Anna Conlan is Curator and Exhibitions Manager at the Samuel Dorsky Museum of Art at the State University of New York at New Paltz. Other recent publications include essays in Art After Stonewall, 1969–89 and Gender, Sexuality, and Museums: A Routledge Reader.

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