FEARLESS
A. Bartlett Giamatti and the Battle for Fairness in America
Neil Thomas Proto

Biography of the early years of A. Bartlett Giamatti, who would become Yale University’s first non-Anglo-Saxon Protestant president and commissioner of Major League Baseball.

In 1977, a thirty-nine-year-old Italian American professor of Renaissance literature, A. Bartlett Giamatti, was chosen as the next president of Yale University, a radical act that was immediately perceived as a threat to the university’s embedded, eugenics-driven, Anglo-Saxon mentality. Eugenics, as practiced in America, and especially at Yale, locked into place those who were deemed “unfit” due to beliefs about their ethnicity, class, and racial character, beliefs that had endured for decades and to which Giamatti’s selection, as an Italian American and therefore, to some, one of the “unfit,” was an open rebuke.

In Fearless, Neil Thomas Proto explores the origins of Giamatti’s ethical convictions, including his insistence on fairness, his respect for the duty of responsible citizenship, and his advocacy for people on the margins. Proto argues that these convictions, which would inform Giamatti’s time at Yale as well as his brief tenure as commissioner of Major League Baseball, can be understood only in the context of Giamatti’s family and the deeply entwined and conflicted histories of Yale and New Haven itself—a history that Giamatti, who had been both a student and a professor at Yale and who had Italian American relatives in New Haven, knew very well.

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DOGHIKER
Great Hikes with Dogs from the Adirondacks through the Catskills

Alan Via

A comprehensive guidebook for dog owners that includes seventy-seven great hikes from the Adirondacks through the Catskills.

Much more than a guidebook showing readers great places to hike with their canine companions in upstate New York, Doghiker is a dog owner’s operating manual and tool kit. A lifelong dog owner, Alan Via makes a strong case for responsible ownership and offers guidance on selecting a canine hiking companion, training, safety, appropriate gear, canine first aid, and keeping your dog fit and healthy. Covering the Adirondacks through the Catskills, and areas in between, this unique guidebook includes seventy-seven beautiful hikes that are great for dogs. Each hike has a custom topographic map showing parking areas, trails, viewpoints, water sources, and other points of interest. Included are a peak-finder map and chart showing every hike and a summary of rating categories, as well as information on total mileage, elevation gain, ratings for views, difficulty level, dog safety and hazards, hiker traffic, trail conditions, and whether a leash is suggested or required. Detailed driving directions for each outing, including GPS coordinates for key intersections and trailheads, are also provided. By presenting all of this information, drawn from Via’s forty-plus years of hike leadership, readers can easily evaluate which hike fits their needs and get outside and explore the great outdoors with their four-legged friends.

Alan Via is an author and outdoor enthusiast who lives in New York’s Capital Region. An experienced hiker, he has owned, trained, and hiked with dogs since childhood. He is the author of The Catskill 67: A Hiker’s Guide to the Catskill 100 Highest Peaks under 3500′.
ENTERPRISING WATERS

The History and Art of New York’s Erie Canal

Brad L. Utter with Ashley Hopkins-Benton and Karen E. Quinn

Foreword by Thomas X. Grasso

Chronicles the story of the Erie Canal from its inception to today.

One of the largest public works projects in American history, the Erie Canal inspired a nationwide transportation revolution and directed the course of New York and American history. When completed in 1825, the engineering marvel unlocked the Western interior for trade and settlement, boomtowns sprang up along the canal’s path, and New York City grew to be the nation’s most powerful center of international trade. Millions of people poured into New York (and some through it) to take advantage of the tremendous opportunities provided by the canal, influencing settlement and the social, political, and commercial landscapes of America.

Produced in honor of the bicentennial of the beginning of construction of the canal, Enterprising Waters—a companion catalog to the New York State Museum’s exhibition of the same name—includes reproductions of objects and images from the collections of more than thirty-five different institutions and individual lenders. It also contains reproductions of fifty-nine works of art used in the companion exhibition “Art of the Erie Canal.” Themes of politics, engineering, commerce, life on the canal, and more are paired with full color images of artifacts, documents, and images to bring this unique American story to life, from its inception to today.

“A fine presentation in words and images of the great project that inspired New York and the nation.” — Gerard Koeppel, author of Bond of Union: Building the Erie Canal and the American Empire

At the New York State Museum, Brad L. Utter, Ashley Hopkins-Benton, and Karen E. Quinn are all Senior Historians and Curators. Hopkins-Benton is the coauthor (with Jennifer A. Lemak) of Votes for Women: Celebrating New York’s Suffrage Centennial, also published by SUNY Press, and Quinn is a contributor to Mount Washington: The Crown of New England, by P. Andrew Spahr.
BIRTH CHART
Rachel Feder

A collection of poems weaving together astrology, motherhood, music, and literary history.

In Birth Chart, a collection of heartfelt, ruthless poetry, Rachel Feder rethinks the relationship between astrology and motherhood. She asks, if astrology constellates the universe around the moment of one’s birth, then how might it serve as shorthand for a vast number of personal experiences and cultural phenomena? How might it speak to and of friendship, motherhood, authorship, the mysteries of literary history, and the wonders of watching a child come into language? Across four sections, including a serial poem in sustained conversation with the modernist poet H.D., Feder’s references range from group texts to the Talmud to ’90s song lyrics. In her hands—and her inimitable yet familiar, often straight-up funny voice—astrology is less a means of explaining the world than of communicating, of capturing a feeling, of sealing a bond. The result is an equally sentimental and sardonic collection in which, “The language of explanation is a heart emoji. It means you know what I mean.” And we do.

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RESTLESS SPIRITS
Plays
William S. Yellow Robe Jr.
Edited by Jace Weaver
Foreword by Hanay L. Geiogamah

A collection of plays by American Indian playwright
William S. Yellow Robe Jr.

Restless Spirits is a collection of previously unpublished plays by contemporary Assiniboine playwright William S. Yellow Robe Jr. Including one full-length and seven one-act plays, this book reflects one of the author’s most creative and productive periods in his career. Selected by Yellow Robe, in consultation with editor Jace Weaver, the plays reveal the range of Yellow Robe’s writing from tragedies to farce. They are unified by their supernatural themes or significant elements, including Wood Bones, his most recent and highly successful full-length play. Weaver’s introduction says that the works in this collection clearly demonstrate that Yellow Robe is not just a great American Indian playwright, but a great American playwright in the company of David Mamet, Lynn Nottage, and Wallace Shawn. Renowned American Indian playwright Hanay L. Geiogamah provides a foreword and calls this volume “a real gift to the American Indian theater—and to theater, more generally."

Jace Weaver is Franklin Professor of Native American Studies at the University of Georgia. He is the author of many books, including (with Laura Adams Weaver) Red Clay, 1835: Cherokee Removal and the Meaning of Sovereignty and The Red Atlantic: American Indigenes and the Making of the Modern World, 1000–1927.

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INDIGENOUS STUDIES

“Yellow Robe’s Restless Spirits is a smart, funny, beautifully sad collection, one that knocks you over with its irreverent-yet-reverant Indigenous worldview. The characters in this collection are simultaneously the kinds of Indians you’d meet on the street—and yet, deeply transcendent, shining, and otherworldly. There is no playwright like Yellow Robe—there couldn’t be, not in this world.”
— Erika Wurth, author of You Who Enter Here
WHAT REMAINS
The Suitcases of Charles F. at Willard State Hospital
Essay by Ilan Stavans
Photographs by Jon Crispin

Combining photography and essay, presents a speculative portrait of a Jewish immigrant living out the end of his days in New York’s midcentury mental health system.

After the closure of Willard Psychiatric Center on New York’s Seneca Lake in 1995, more than four hundred abandoned suitcases were discovered in its attic, containing thousands of personal possessions belonging to former patients. Three of the suitcases were owned by Charles F., an eighty-four-year-old Russian Jewish immigrant arrested at a Brooklyn subway station in 1946 and institutionalized at Willard State Hospital (as it was then known).

An extraordinary collaboration between image and text, What Remains pairs Jon Crispin’s gripping photographs of Charles’s belongings with Ilan Stavans’s intriguing, speculative portrait of a patient and institution at odds with one another. Anxious, isolated, and senile, Charles strikes an unexpected friendship with a young doctor whose empathy accompanies him through a sudden spiritual awakening. As the narrative unfolds, it becomes clear that Stavans, himself an immigrant from Mexico whose family history is marked by bouts of mental illness, approaches his character as a surrogate of his own personal journey. Crispin’s photographs of Charles’s possessions—including clothing, household tools, and Jewish ritual objects—are haunting in their ability to compel the reader to imagine a distant man’s life. A moving blend of fact and fiction, photography and prose, What Remains reflects on questions of mental health, spirituality, and the Jewish immigrant experience in midcentury America.

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“This book is unique. Wharton is not a major figure in art, architecture, or education, although he did all three. However, Wharton does give us a view from a potential ‘socialiser’ during a period when the United States was full of opportunities. His interactions in the nineteenth-century New York art world and, twenty years later, life in New Orleans on the eve of the Civil War, unveil the role of social networks in both regions.” — Thomas S. Wermuth, author of Rip Van Winkle’s Neighbors: The Transformation of Rural Society in the Hudson River Valley, 1720–1850

Thomas Kelah Wharton’s travel diaries provide an intimate glimpse into the society of early nineteenth-century America. As a young immigrant from England, the eldest son of a wealthy merchant who fell on hard times, Wharton (1814–1862) navigated the complex world of New York and the Hudson River Valley in the early 1830s and his diaries reveal a vibrant cultural and social scene. Wharton’s details of encounters with the Hudson River School painter Thomas Cole; the author Washington Irving; Sylvanus Thayer, superintendent of the US Military Academy at West Point; the Greek Revival architect Martin E. Thompson, and many others enliven his story. Skipping two decades to 1853, Wharton—now an established professional living in New Orleans—brought his young family from New Orleans to Boston. The trip to and from Boston illuminates the joys and hazards of traveling aboard steamboats and trains, and touches on the tensions growing between North and South. The diary entries show an inquisitive, observant mind at work. A gifted pen-and-ink artist, the inclusion of Wharton’s faithful drawings provide rare and wonderful views of an America from a very unique and personal perspective.

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New in Paper

SPEAKING FACE TO FACE
The Visionary Philosophy of María Lugones
Pedro J. DiPietro, Jennifer McWeeny, and Shireen Roshanravan, editors

The first in-depth analysis of the radical feminist theory and coalitional praxis of scholar-activist María Lugones.

Speaking Face to Face provides an unprecedented, in-depth look at the feminist philosophy and practice of the renowned Argentinian-born scholar-activist María Lugones. Informed by her identification as “nondiasporic Latina” and US Woman of Color, as well as her long-term commitment to grassroots organizing in Chicana/o communities, Lugones’s work dovetails with, while remaining distinct from, that of other prominent transnational, decolonial, and women of color feminists. Her visionary philosophy motivates transformative modes of engaging cultural others, inviting us to create political intimacies rooted in a shared yearning for interdependence.

“This is an important contribution to Latinx studies, Latina feminist philosophy, queer studies, and the burgeoning field of decolonial feminism, a field that Lugones almost single-handedly launched. It is interdisciplinary, but also a wonderful pedagogical resource. It provides readers who are both familiar and unfamiliar with her work a thorough and judicious point of entry.” — Eduardo Mendieta, author of Global Fragments: Globalizations, Latinamericanisms, and Critical Theory

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MAJOR CONCEPTS IN SPANISH FEMINIST THEORY
Roberta Johnson

First book in English to offer a thorough introduction to key concepts and figures in Spanish feminist thought.

Major Concepts in Spanish Feminist Theory is the first book in English to offer a substantial overview of Spanish feminist thought. It focuses on six concepts—solitude, personality, social class, work, difference, and equality—and distinguishes Spanish feminist theory from that of other countries. Roberta Johnson employs a chronological format to highlight continuity and polemics in Spanish feminist thinking from the eighteenth century to the present. She brings together arguments from well-known names such as Benito Jerónimo Feijoo, Concepción Arenal, Emilia Pardo Bazán, María Martínez Sierra, Carmen de Burgos, and Carmen Laforet, as well as less familiar figures such as the Countess Campo Alange María Laffitte and Lili Álvarez, who defied restrictions on feminist activity during the Franco dictatorship to publish feminist books. The topics of difference and equality are explored, and the book recounts the long tension between theorists of each persuasion—a tension that erupted publicly during Spain’s democratic era. Each theorist’s arguments are laid out in straightforward, non-jargonistic prose, making this book a useful classroom tool for courses on Spanish women writers, Spanish culture, and cross-cultural feminist studies.

“This book is a significant overview of the theoretical concepts and authors that make up the history of Spanish feminism from the eighteenth century to the present. The organization of the book around concepts is not only its great strength but is also refreshing—a novel approach to a chronological history of Spanish feminism.” — Alda Blanco, San Diego State University

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THE SPACE OF DISAPPEARANCE
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. Their writing, Bishop argues, recalibrates our understanding of the rich and increasingly urgent reciprocities between fiction, history, and the demands of human rights. In the end, The Space of Disappearance asks us to reexamine in fiction what we think we cannot see; there, at the limits of the literary, disappearance appears as a vital agent of resistance, storytelling, and world-building.

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ARGENTINA NOIR
New Millennium Crime Novels in Buenos Aires
Cynthia Schmidt-Cruz

An engaging and insightful guide to Argentine crime fiction since 2000.

Argentina Noir offers a guide to Argentine crime fiction, with a focus on works published since the year 2000. It argues that the novela negra, or crime novel, has become the favored genre for many writers to address the social malaise brought about by changes linked to globalization and market-driven economic policies. Cynthia Schmidt-Cruz presents close readings and original interpretations of eleven novels, all set in or around Buenos Aires, and explores the ways these texts adapt major motifs, figures, and literary techniques in Hispanic crime fiction in order to give voice to wide-ranging social critiques. Schmidt-Cruz addresses such topics as organized crime and institutional complicity, corruption during the presidency of Carlos Menem (1989–1999), terrorist attacks on Jewish institutions in Buenos Aires and the mysterious death of Alberto Nisman, and the winners and the losers of neoliberal structural changes. With a solid underpinning in sociological studies and criticism of the genre and its historical context, Argentina Noir reveals how these novels are renovating the genre to engage pressing issues confronting not only Argentina but also countries throughout Latin America and around the globe.

“This is a very significant contribution to the field. It is a full and illustrative, as well as authoritative, guide to crime fiction and the novela negra in Argentina in the twenty-first century, with a particular focus on the literature’s social and political thematics.” — Philip Swanson, author of The New Novel in Latin America: Politics and Popular Culture after the Boom
FUNNY HOW?
Sketch Comedy and the Art of Humor
Alex Clayton

Uses comedy skits, from Monty Python to Key and Peele, to probe how humor works.

What makes something funny? This book shows how humor can be analyzed without killing the joke. Alex Clayton argues that the brevity of a sketch or skit and its typical rejection of narrative development make it comedy-concentrate, providing a rich field for exploring how humor works. Focusing on a dozen or so skits and scenes, Clayton shows precisely how sketch comedy appeals to the funny bone and engages our philosophical imagination. He suggests that since humor is about persuading an audience to laugh, it can be understood as a form of rhetoric. Through vivid, highly readable analyses of individual sketches, Clayton illustrates that Aristotle’s three forms of appeal—logos, the appeal to reason; ethos, the appeal to communality; and pathos, the appeal to emotion—can form the basis for illuminating the inner workings of humor. Drawing on both popular and lesser-known examples from the United States, United Kingdom, and elsewhere—Monty Python’s Flying Circus, Key and Peele, Saturday Night Live, Airplane!, and Smack the Pony—Clayton reveals the techniques and resonances of humor.

“This book tackles head-on the assumption that to examine comedy is to destroy it. Clayton isn’t out to make the reader laugh all over again at these sketches and extended comic riffs. His point is that comedy, like any other kind of artistic performance, should be amenable to aesthetic redescription by an attentive critic.” — Brenda Austin-Smith, coeditor of The Gendered Screen: Canadian Women Filmmakers

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THE SLAPSTICK CAMERA
Hollywood and the Comedy of Self-Reference
Burke Hilsabeck

Demonstrates that slapstick film comedies display a canny and sometimes profound understanding of their medium.

Slapstick film comedy may be grounded in idiocy and failure, but the genre is far more sophisticated than it initially appears. In this book, Burke Hilsabeck suggests that slapstick is often animated by a philosophical impulse to understand the cinema. He looks closely at movies and gags that represent the conditions and conventions of cinema production and demonstrates that film comedians display a canny and sometimes profound understanding of their medium—from Buster Keaton’s encounter with the film screen in Sherlock Jr. (1924) to Harpo Marx’s lip-sync turn with a phonograph in Monkey Business (1931) to Jerry Lewis’s film-on-film performance in The Errand Boy (1961). The Slapstick Camera follows the observation of philosopher Stanley Cavell that self-reference is one way in which “film exists in a state of philosophy.” By moving historically across the studio era, the book looks at a series of comedies that play with the changing technologies and economic practices behind film production and describes how comedians offered their own understanding of the nature of film and filmmaking. Hilsabeck locates the hidden intricacies of Hollywood cinema in a place where one might least expect them—the clowns, idiots, and scoundrels of slapstick comedy.

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LETTERS FROM HOLLYWOOD
1977–2017
Bill Krohn

Engaging essays on a wide spectrum of Hollywood directors and the films they created.

Journalist and filmmaker Bill Krohn has been the Los Angeles correspondent for the French magazine Cahiers du cinéma for over forty years. Letters from Hollywood brings together thirty-four of his essays, many of them appearing in English for the first time. Focusing most pieces on a particular director and film, Krohn uses his inside knowledge of the studio system to illuminate an art that is also a multibillion-dollar business. He connects currents in French film criticism and theory with an unfolding account of American cinema past and present, offering penetrating insights into directors and their work. Beginning with Allan Dwan, who learned how to make movies before Hollywood was born by watching D. W. Griffith, Krohn presents a panorama that encompasses Alfred Hitchcock and Woody Allen, Stanley Kubrick and Sergio Leone, Star Wars and I Love Lucy. He covers everything from gangsters to gremlins, from blockbusters to no-budget cult films like Moon Over Harlem and Plan 9 from Outer Space, in a style that is accessible to anyone who loves movies, or has a passion for writing about them.

“Living and working as a freelance writer outside of university teaching, Krohn has forged his own path and his own framework of understanding cinema. The book offers one of the very best examples I have ever encountered of a fertile space intermixing popular-journalistic and intellectual-critical modes of writing about and analyzing cinema.” — Adrian Martin, author of Mise en Scène and Film Style: From Classical Hollywood to New Media Art

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MIRACULOUS REALISM
The French-Walloon Cinéma du Nord
Niels Niessen

An authoritative study of this postsecular film movement from the French-Belgian border region that rose to prominence at the turn of the twenty-first century.

At the 1999 Cannes Film Festival, two movies from northern-Francophone Europe swept almost all the main awards. Rosetta by the Walloon directors Jean-Pierre and Luc Dardenne won the Golden Palm, and L’humanité by the French director Bruno Dumont won the Grand Prize; both won acting awards as well. Taking this “miracle” of Cannes as the point of departure, Niels Niessen identifies a transregional film movement in the French-Belgian border region—the Cinéma du Nord or “cinema of the North.” He examines this movement within the contexts of French and Belgian national cinemas from the silent era to the digital age, as well as that of the new realist tendency in world cinema of the last three decades. In addition, he traces, from a northern perspective, a secular-religious tradition in Francophone-European film and philosophy from Bresson and Pialat, via Bazin, Deleuze, and Godard, to the Dardennes and Dumont, while critiquing this tradition for its frequent use of a humanist vocabulary of grace for a secular world. Once a cradle of the Industrial Revolution, the Franco-Belgian Nord faced economic crisis for most of the twentieth century. Miraculous Realism demonstrates that the Cinéma du Nord’s rise to prominence resulted from the region’s endeavor to reinvent itself economically and culturally at the crossroads of Europe after decades of recession.

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RUMBLE AND CRASH
Crises of Capitalism in Contemporary Film
Milo Sweedler

Analyzes six films as allegories of capitalism’s precarious state in the early twenty-first century.

At the beginning of the twenty-first century, as the contradictions of capitalism became more apparent than at any other time since the 1920s, numerous films gave allegorical form to the crises of contemporary capitalism. Some films were overtly political in nature, while others refracted the vicissitudes of capital in stories that were not, on the surface, explicitly political. Rumble and Crash examines six particularly rich and thought-provoking films in this vein. These films, Milo Sweedler argues, give narrative and audiovisual form to the increasingly pervasive sense that the economic system we have known and accepted as inevitable and ubiquitous is in fact riddled with self-destructive flaws. Analyzing four movies from before the global financial crisis of 2008 and two that allegorize the financial meltdown itself, Sweedler explores how cinema responded to one of the defining crises of our time. Films examined include Alfonso Cuarón’s Children of Men (2006), Stephen Gaghan’s Syriana (2005), Fernando Meirelles’s The Constant Gardener (2005), Spike Lee’s Inside Man (2006), Martin Scorsese’s The Wolf of Wall Street (2013), and Woody Allen’s Blue Jasmine (2013).

“Illustrated throughout with judiciously chosen frame grabs, Sweedler’s book displays a thorough knowledge of the topic at hand and is a much-needed look back at a period of wretched excess—a period that is far from over … Highly recommended.”
— CHOICE

“This book is detailed and insightful in discussing the traditional (classical) and maverick (but ultimately recuperative) qualities of the mainstream films of the period. Windrum’s discussion of the narrative structure and stylistic elements of the films, both classical and innovative, is a highlight of the book.”

FROM EL DORADO TO LOST HORIZONS
Ken Windrum

Investigates how musicals, war films, sex comedies, and Westerns dealt with contentious issues during a time of change in Hollywood.

The era known as the Hollywood Renaissance is celebrated as a time when revolutionary movies broke all the rules of the previous “classical” era as part of the ferment of the late 1960s and early 1970s. Yet many films during this era did not overtly smash the system but provided more traditional entertainment, based on popular genres, for a wider audience than the youth culture who flocked to more transgressive fare. Ken Windrum focuses on four genres of traditionalist movies—big-budget musicals, war spectacles, “naughty” sex comedies, and Westerns. From El Dorado to Lost Horizons shows how even seemingly innocuous, family-oriented films still participated in the progressive aspects of the time while also holding a conservative point of view. Windrum analyzes representations of issues including gender roles, marriage, sexuality, civil rights, and Cold War foreign policy, revealing how these films dealt with changing times and reflected both status quo positions and new attitudes. He also examines how the movies continued or deviated from classical principles of structure and style. Windrum provides a counter-history of the Hollywood Renaissance by focusing on a group of important films that have nevertheless been neglected in scholarly accounts.

“Milo Sweedler has produced what are surely the most original, provocative, and downright dazzling readings of a handful of socially significant and potent films released during the tumultuous years from 2005 to 2013. This is a fine book.”
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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

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FROM NEWS TO TALK
The Expansion of Opinion and Commentary in US Journalism
Kimberly Meltzer

Explores how journalists think and talk about changes in the news environment, with a focus on the increase in opinion and commentary.

From News to Talk examines what journalists think about the movement toward often opinionated, sometimes uncivil, talk in news. It provides an important intervention in debates about the future of news by investigating what journalists themselves perceive as the forces affecting this movement, the effects of this shift on audiences and political culture, and how the movement from news to talk affects their roles and authority in society. Drawing on more than thirty interviews with journalists and other industry professionals and a decade of published journalistic materials, Kimberly Meltzer uncovers the technological, economic, cultural, and political forces affecting the movement toward opinion and commentary—or talk—in television, online, print, and radio news. From CNN’s Brian Stelter, to Fox Business Network’s Maria Bartiromo, the Washington Post’s Paul Farhi, and many other journalists from CBS, USA Today, POLITICO, and HuffPost, the interviewees are key figures in journalism. Her analysis centers around several key case studies, including the increase in opinionated talking heads on television and the ushering in of a new era of talk and entertainment programs, the strategy by CNN to broaden its definition of news by adding non-news programs, and the bevy of star journalists starting their own self-branded sites.

“…concisely structured in clear and readable language, From News to Talk should embrace a wider audience, which will arouse great interest among those who are committed to studies in sociolinguistics, discourse analysis, communication and mass media, American history, and so on … the scope of this book reaches far beyond mass media studies … This illuminating and informative book is readily intelligible to general readers, students, and researchers.”
— International Journal of Communication

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MERLEAU-PONTY AT THE GALLERY
Questioning Art beyond His Reach
Véronique M. Fóti

*A study of the significance of the visual arts in Merleau-Ponty’s aesthetics in relation to the work of five artists not known or discussed by him.*

Merleau-Ponty’s phenomenological ontology engages deeply with visual art, and this aspect of his work remains significant not only to philosophers, but also to artists, art theorists, and critics. Until recently, scholarly attention has been focused on the artists he himself was inspired by and wrote about, chiefly Cézanne, Klee, Matisse, and Rodin. *Merleau-Ponty at the Gallery* expands and shifts the focus to address a range of artists (Giorgio Morandi, Kiki Smith, Cy Twombly, Joan Mitchell, and Ellsworth Kelly) whose work came to prominence in the second half of the twentieth century and thus primarily after the philosopher’s death. Véronique M. Fóti does not confine her analyses to Merleau-Ponty’s texts (which now importantly include his late lecture courses), but also engages directly with the art. Of particular concern to her is the art’s ethical bearing, especially as related to animal and vegetal life. The book’s concluding chapter addresses the still-widespread rejection of beauty as an aesthetic value.

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Dan Krier is Professor of Sociology at Iowa State University and the author of Speculative Management: Stock Market Power and Corporate Change, also published by SUNY Press.

Mark P. Worrell is retired Professor of Sociology at the State University of New York College at Cortland and serves as an associate editor for the journal Critical Sociology.

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Explores why past generations of radical ecological and social justice scholarship have been ineffective, and considers the work of a new wave of scholarship that aims to reinvent the radical project and combat injustice.

In Postpolitics and the Limits of Nature, Andy Scerri offers a comprehensive overview of the critical theory project from the 1960s to the present, refracted through the lens of US politics and the American Left. He examines why past generations of radical ecological and social justice scholarship have been ineffective in the fight against injustice and rampant environmental exploitation. Scerri then engages a new wave of radicals and reformists who, in the wake of the Occupy movement and the 2016 presidential election, are reinventing the radical project as a challenge to injustice in the Anthropocene era. Along the way, he provides a fresh account of the thought of one of the major contributors to critical theory, Theodor Adorno, and of recent work that seeks to link Adorno’s ideas to the so-called new realism in political philosophy and political theory.

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In order to disrupt the dominant discourse and hierarchical power arrangements in pursuit of collective liberation for all as opposed to rights for some, the book advocates for a more confrontational approach that directly engages and challenges the hegemonic power structures that govern and discipline trans individuals.

Courtenay W. Daum is Professor of Political Science at Colorado State University.

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Amal Jamal is Associate Professor of Political Science and Political Communication at Tel Aviv University and the author of Arab Minority Nationalism in Israel: The Politics of Indigeneity.

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Mark Luccarelli, Rosario Forlenza, and Steven Colatrella, editors

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

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Mark Luccarelli is Associate Professor of American Studies at the University of Oslo, Norway. His books include The Eclipse of Urbanism and the Greening of Public Space: Image Making and the Search for a Commons in the United States, 1682–1865. Rosario Forlenza is Fellow at the Remarque Institute at New York University. Steven Colatrella is Adjunct Professor of International Political Theory at the University of Padua, Italy, and Adjunct Professor of Government and Sociology at the University of Maryland University College.

CIVILIZATION AND BARBARISM
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Aaron Tesfaye is Professor of Political Science at William Paterson University. He is the author of *State and Economic Development in Africa: The Case of Ethiopia; The Political Economy of the Nile Basin Regime in the Twentieth Century;* and *Political Power and Ethnic Federalism: The Struggle for Democracy in Ethiopia.*

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Striving for Peace and Justice in the Age of Endless War

Steve Breyman, John W. Amidon, and Maureen Baillargeon Aumand, editors

Inspiring collection narrating how peace activists found their calling and why the world still needs peace activism.

Since the late 1990s the annual Kateri Tekakwitha Interfaith Peace Conference in upstate New York has grown to become the region’s premier peace conference. Bending the Arc provides a history of the conference and brings together the inspiring, personal stories from such well-known participants as Medea Benjamin, Blasé Bonpane, Kathy Kelly, Bill Quigley, David Swanson, and Ann Wright, among others. Drawing from diverse philosophical and spiritual traditions, contributors share their experiences of working for peace and justice and discuss the obstacles to both. They address a wide range of contemporary problems, including the war on terror, killer drones, the invasions and occupations of Afghanistan and Iraq, mass surveillance, the human cost of war, political-economic impediments to peace, violent extremism, the role of women in peace-building, and the continued threat of nuclear weapons. With its stories of how peace activists found their calling and its exploration of why the world still needs peace activism, the book offers a vision rooted in human community and hope for the future.

“...enjoyable, interesting, and moving to read.” — Jason Del Gandio, coeditor of Educating for Action: Strategies to Ignite Social Justice

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John W. Amidon founded the Kateri Tekakwitha Interfaith Peace Conference and is a member of Veterans For Peace.
Maureen Baillargeon Aumand is a retired public school English teacher and librarian. She is an active member of Women Against War and cofacilitator of the Kateri Peace Conference.

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New in Paper

POWER, POLITICAL ECONOMY, AND HISTORICAL LANDSCAPES OF THE MODERN WORLD
Interdisciplinary Perspectives

Christopher R. DeCorse, editor

Reveals how the expanding world-system entangled the non-Western world in global economies, yet did so in ways that were locally articulated, varied, and, often, non-European in their expression.

This interdisciplinary volume brings together a richly substantive collection of case studies that examine European-indigene interactions, economic relations, and their materialities in the formation of the modern world. Research has demonstrated the extent and complexity of the varied local economic and political systems, and diverse social formations that predated European contact. These preexisting systems articulated with the expanding European economy and, in doing so, shaped its emergence. Moving beyond the confines of national or Atlantic histories to examine regional systems and their historical trajectories on a global scale, the studies within this volume draw examples from the Caribbean, Mesoamerica, North America, South America, Africa, and South Asia. While the contributions are rooted in substantive studies from different world areas, their overarching aim is to negotiate between global and local frames, revealing how the expanding world-system entangled the non-Western world in global economies, yet did so in ways that were locally articulated, varied and, often, non-European in their expression.

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21 b/w photos, 43 maps, 4 tables, 6 figures
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BLACK CULTURAL MYTHOLOGY
Christel N. Temple

Offers a new conceptual framework rooted in mythological analysis to ground the field of Africana cultural memory studies.

Black Cultural Mythology retrieves the concept of “mythology” from its Black Arts Movement origins and broadens its scope to illuminate the relationship between legacies of heroic survival, cultural memory, and creative production in the African diaspora. Christel N. Temple comprehensively surveys more than two hundred years of figures; moments; ideas; and canonical works by such visionaries as Maria Stewart, Richard Wright, Colson Whitehead, and Edwidge Danticat to map an expansive yet broadly overlooked intellectual tradition of Black cultural mythology and to provide a new conceptual framework for analyzing this tradition. In so doing, she at once reorients and stabilizes the emergent field of Africana cultural memory studies, while also staging a much broader intervention by challenging scholars across disciplines—from literary and cultural studies, history, sociology, and beyond—to embrace a more organic vocabulary to articulate the vitality of the inheritance of survival.

“This book not only offers a new and exciting theoretical concept, it also applies that concept to texts in unique and different ways. With this theoretical lens, we can ‘read’ and ‘see’ texts, memories, and ideas in new ways. The author examines an almost dizzying array of cultural and historical moments, scholars, artists, and activists and provides new lenses through which to read them as well. This is a brilliant and much-needed addition to the academic and cultural conversation.”

Christel N. Temple is Associate Professor of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Her books include Transcendence and the Africana Literary Enterprise and Literary Spaces: Introduction to Comparative Black Literature.

APRIL • 320 pp • 1 table, 2 figures
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NEO-RACE REALITIES IN THE OBAMA ERA
Heather E. Harris, editor

Considers the impact of neo-racism during the Obama presidency.

Neo-race Realities in the Obama Era expands the discourse about Barack Obama’s two terms as president by reflecting upon the impact of neo-racism during his tenure. Continually in conversation with Étienne Balibar’s conceptualization of neo-racism as being racism without race, the contributors examine how identities become the target of neo-racist discriminatory practices and policies in the United States. Individual chapters explore how President Obama’s multiple and intersecting identities beyond the racial binaries of Black and White were perceived, as well as how his presence impacted certain marginalized groups in our society as a result of his administration’s policies. Evidencing the hegemonic complexity of neo-racism in the United States, the contributors illustrate how the mythic post-race society that many wished for on election night in 2008 was deferred, in order to return to the uncomfortable comfort zone of the way America used to be.

“…a collection of seven insightful essays on the issues of identity and power during that pivotal time in American history.”
— Montreal Community Contact

“Well organized and compelling, this book covers everything from perspectives on the AIDS epidemic to racial authenticity, yet the reader never forgets that he/she is on a journey through the Age of Obama and its many contested nuances.”
— Ricky L. Jones, author of What’s Wrong with Obamamania?
Black America, Black Leadership, and the Death of Political Imagination

JANUARY • 156 pp • 1 table, 5 figures
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THE REVOLUTION WILL NOT BE THEORIZED
Cultural Revolution in the Black Power Era
Errol A. Henderson

Studies the revolutionary theory of the Black Power Movement in the 1960s through ’70s, placing it within the broader social theory of black revolution in the United States since the nineteenth century.

The study of the impact of Black Power Movement (BPM) activists and organizations in the 1960s through ’70s has largely been confined to their role as proponents of social change; but they were also theorists of the change they sought. In The Revolution Will Not Be Theorized Errol A. Henderson explains this theoretical contribution and places it within a broader social theory of black revolution in the United States dating back to nineteenth-century black intellectuals. These include black nationalists, feminists, and anti-imperialists; activists and artists of the Harlem Renaissance; and early Cold War-era black revolutionists. The book first elaborates W. E. B. Du Bois’s thesis of the “General Strike” during the Civil War, Alain Locke’s thesis relating black culture to political and economic change, Harold Cruse’s work on black cultural revolution, and Malcolm X’s advocacy of black cultural and political revolution in the United States. Henderson then critically examines BPM revolutionists’ theorizing regarding cultural and political revolution and the relationship between them in order to realize their revolutionary objectives. Focused more on importing theory from third world contexts that were dramatically different from the United States, BPM revolutionists largely ignored the theoretical template for black revolution most salient to their case, which undermined their ability to theorize a successful black revolution in the United States.

“This book is not only one of the most intellectually ambitious works but also the most comprehensive examination of revolutionary theory in the Black Power Era. A monumental accomplishment. Bravo!” — Komozi Woodard, author of A Nation within a Nation: Amiri Baraka (LeRoi Jones) and Black Power Politics

EXILES, ENTREPRENEURS, AND EDUCATORS
African Americans in Ghana
Steven J. L. Taylor

Compares the political activities of African Americans who settled in Ghana in the 1950s and 1960s with those who settled in the 1980s to the present.

After repeated coups and periods of military rule, Ghana is now one of Africa’s longest enduring democratic republics. Exiles, Entrepreneurs, and Educators compares the political proclivities of two generations of African Americans who moved to Ghana. Steven J. L. Taylor blends archival and ethnographic research, including interviews, to provide a unique perspective on these immigrants who chose to leave an economically developed country and settle in an impoverished developing country. The first generation consisted of voluntary exiles from the United States who arrived from 1957 to 1966, during the regime of President Kwame Nkrumah, and embraced both Nkrumah and his left-leaning political party. In contrast to the first generation, many in the second generation left the United States to establish commercial enterprises in Ghana. Although they identified with the Democratic Party while living in the United States, and were politically active, they avoided political activity in Ghana and many identified with the Ghanaian party that is modeled after the Republican Party in the United States. Taylor dispels some of the incorrect assumptions about African politics and provides readers with an insightful look at how developing nations can embark upon a path toward democratization.

“This book is an exciting addition to existing scholarship about African American expatriates in Ghana.” — April Copes, Anne Arundel Community College

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JANUARY • 491 pp
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TUNING THE STUDENT MIND
A Journey in Consciousness-Centered Education
Molly Beauregard

Explores the effectiveness and value of meditation in a college classroom.

How can we rethink teaching practices to include and engage the whole student? What would student experience look like if we integrated silence and feeling with empirical analysis? *Tuning the Student Mind* is the story of one teacher’s attempt to answer these questions by creating an innovative college course that marries the spiritual and the theoretical, integrating meditation and self-reflection with more conventional academic curriculum. The book follows Molly Beauregard and her students on their intellectual and spiritual journey over the course of a semester in her class, “Consciousness, Creativity, and Identity.” Interweaving personal stories, student writing, and Beauregard’s responses, along with recommendations for further reading and a research appendix, it makes the case for the transformative power of consciousness-centered education. Written in a warm, engaging voice that reflects Beauregard’s teaching style, *Tuning the Student Mind* provides an accessible, step-by-step template for other educators, while inviting readers more broadly to reconnect with the joy of learning in and beyond the classroom.

“This is an engaging and inspirational text. It shows how the postsecondary classroom can be an authentic place of healing and growth.” — Jack Miller, author of *Love and Compassion: Exploring Their Role in Education*

Molly Beauregard is Adjunct Professor of Sociology at the College for Creative Studies.

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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. Readers will gain new insights, enabling them to reexamine their own governance, both their current circumstances and possible futures. Included here are examinations of the key elements and models of shared governance, the role of faculty governance in institutional diversity and inclusion, relationship and rapport-building, and communication in times of change. Also discussed are assessment rubrics, campus and systemwide experiences, and analyses of shared governance in the accreditation process.

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JUNE • 256 pp • 4 b/w photos, 3 tables, 2 figures
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SANKOFA
African American Perspectives on Race and Culture in US Doctoral Education
Pamela Felder, Marco J. Barker, and Marybeth Gasman, editors

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

Sankofa reexamines doctoral education through the lens of African American and Black experiences. Drawing on the African diasporic legacy of Sankofa and the notion that “it is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten,” the contributors “go back” to address legacies of exclusion in higher education and take care to center and honor the contributions of historically marginalized doctoral students. Whereas earlier studies focused largely on socialization, departmental norms, and statistical portraits of doctoral degree attachment, this book illuminates the ways African American students encounter, navigate, and make sense of their doctoral experiences and especially the impact of race and culture on those experiences. Individual chapters look at STEM programs, the intersections of race and gender, the role of HBCUs, and students’ relationships with faculty and advisors. Amid growing diversity across programs and institutions, Sankofa provides a critical model for applying culturally based frameworks in educational research, as well as practical strategies for better understanding and responding to the needs of students of color in predominantly white contexts.

Pamela Felder is an Independent Scholar, Consultant and Founder of #BlackDoctoratesMatter. Marco J. Barker is Vice Chancellor for Diversity and Inclusion and Associate Professor of Practice in Educational Administration at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Marybeth Gasman is Samuel DeWitt Proctor Endowed Chair in Education and Distinguished Professor at Rutgers University–New Brunswick.

MAY • 275 pp • 11 tables
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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.

Drawing on over fifty years of on-the-ground experience, Fred M. Hayward’s Transforming Higher Education in Asia and Africa analyzes change processes in higher education in eight Asian and African countries. The twelve cases range from the push to upgrade and transform higher education in Afghanistan in the midst of a war, to the successful struggle against apartheid in South African institutions, as well as thwarted efforts in Sierra Leone and Madagascar. Providing both practical lessons learned and hope for communities globally, Hayward demonstrates that higher education change and even transformation, which is more fundamental and structural, can occur even in the most difficult environments. Successful transformation requires well-crafted strategic and budget plans with careful implementation, monitoring, and effective leadership at multiple levels. Yet also critical are a commitment to human development, a desire for freedom and belief in democracy, and recognition that high-quality higher education is essential to national development.

“This book provides detailed and informative accounts of system transformation, policymaking, leadership, and development in several developing countries … It is clear that the author has long experience and expertise in the topics and regions addressed.” — Brendan Cantwell, Michigan State University

A former professor of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin–Madison, Fred M. Hayward is a specialist in higher education and comparative politics in the developing world.

A volume in the SUNY series in Global Issues in Higher Education
Kevin Kinser, Jason E. Lane, and Ş. İlgü Özler, editors

MARCH • 289 pp • 4 tables, 6 figures
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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.

Relational sociology was conceived by theorists frustrated by what they viewed as an incomplete accounting of social reality. Torn between notions of structural rigidity, on the one hand, and rational choice individualism, on the other, relational sociologists have sought new units of analysis. Social reality, they have argued, is manufactured through relationships. People are who they are, and society is what it is, not because of some individual or collective “essence” but because of the networks that social beings build among one another.

Relational Sociology and Research on Schools, Colleges, and Universities demonstrates the value of introducing new relational methods and epistemologies in educational research. The contributors examine the roles and significance of ongoing transactions among connected social actors—students, peers, families, teachers—in a variety of institutional contexts. The book explores various uses and applications of relational sociology in education, while highlighting its promise to provide fresh insight into intractable problems of inequity in US schools.

William G. Tierney is University Professor, Wilbur-Kieffer Professor of Higher Education, and Founding Director of the Pullias Center for Higher Education at the University of Southern California. Suneal Kolluri is a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California, Riverside. He received his PhD in Urban Education and Sociology from the University of Southern California.

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New in Paper

BORDERED WRITERS
Latinx Identities and Literacy Practices at Hispanic-Serving Institutions
Isabel Baca, Yndalecio Isaac Hinojosa, and Susan Wolff Murphy, editors

Examines innovative writing pedagogies and the experiences of Latinx student writers at Hispanic-Serving Institutions nationwide.

Bordered Writers explores how writing program administrators and faculty at Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSIs) are transforming the teaching of writing to be more inclusive and foster Latinx student success. Like its 2007 predecessor, Teaching Writing with Latino/a Students, this collection contributes to ongoing conversations in writing studies about multicultural pedagogy and curriculum, linguistic diversity, and supporting students of color, while focusing further attention on the specific experiences and strategies of students and faculty at HSIs. Although members of Latinx communities comprise the largest underrepresented minority group in the nation, the needs and strengths of Latinx writers in college classrooms are seldom addressed. Bordered Writers thus helps to fill a critical gap, giving voice to past and present Latinx scholars, rhetoricians, and students, both in academic essays and in personal testimonios, in four pivotal areas: developmental English and bridge programs, first-year writing, professional and technical writing, and writing centers and mentored writing. Across contributions, the collection strives to connect all bordered writers and educators, making higher education today not only stronger but also more representative of the nation’s population.

“This book is a concerted effort by a group of impassioned scholars who wish to contribute to a better understanding of the challenges Latinx students encounter as they embark on their college careers, especially in terms of the narrow, monolingual ideologies that continue to inform the teaching of writing in colleges across the country.” — Juan C. Guerra, University of Washington

JANUARY • 248 pp • 1 table, 6 figures
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CATALYZING THE FIELD
Second-Person Approaches to Contemplative Learning and Inquiry
Olen Gunnlaugson, Charles Scott, Heesoon Bai, and Edward W. Sarath, editors

A rich collection of essays about the inner, shared experiences of participants engaged in second-person approaches to contemplative practice.

Catalyzing the Field presents a diverse series of applied case studies about the second-person dimension of contemplative learning in higher education. As a companion volume to the editors’ previous book, The Intersubjective Turn, the contributors to this book explore various pedagogical scenarios in which intentional forms of practice create and guide consciousness. Their essays demonstrate that practice is not only intellectual, but somatic, phenomenological, emotional, and spiritual as well. Along with their first book, Contemplative Learning and Inquiry across Disciplines, the editors craft an essential body of work that affirms the fundamental importance of contemplative practice in institutions of higher learning.

“The present volume provides an excellent introduction to the topic and to the issues surrounding contemplative learning; chapters provide case studies that explore how this approach is used in many disciplines. The editors are highly qualified to write on these topics, and an excellent group of practitioners across a wide variety of disciplines in higher education have contributed chapters … The material presented in this book is cutting-edge and would be of interest to faculty and researchers in universities that are involved in this approach to pedagogy. Each chapter is insightfully written and well referenced.” — CHOICE

“Catalyzing the Field makes an important contribution to contemplative education. I especially appreciate its innovative approaches, practical insights, and potential applications.”
— Louis Komjathy, editor of Contemplative Literature: A Comparative Sourcebook on Meditation and Contemplative Prayer

JANUARY • 235 pp
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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.

Dale W. Tomich is Professor of Sociology at Binghamton University, State University of New York. He is the author of Slavery in the Circuit of Sugar, Second Edition: Martinique and the World-Economy, 1830–1848 and the editor of The Politics of the Second Slavery, both also published by SUNY Press.

A volume in the SUNY series, Fernand Braudel Center Studies in Historical Social Science
Richard E. Lee, editor

APRIL • 256 pp • 4 maps, 2 figures
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In the early twentieth century, the Italian American radical movement thrived in industrial cities throughout the United States, including New London, Connecticut. "Facing toward the Dawn" tells the story of the vibrant anarchist movement that existed in New London’s Fort Trumbull neighborhood for seventy years. Comprised of immigrants from the Marche region of Italy, especially the city of Fano, the Fort Trumbull anarchists fostered a solidarity subculture based on mutual aid and challenged the reigning forces of capitalism, the state, and organized religion. They began as a circle within the ideological camp of Errico Malatesta and evolved into one of the core groupings within the wing of the movement supporting Luigi Galleani.

"Facing toward the Dawn" is an important book, an act of recovered memory, that says much about regional life at the dawn of the twentieth century, when the future seemed more open than it does now." — New Politics

"Lenzi’s cultural and political history of the New London anarchists is a valuable addition to the history of US radicalism. Simultaneously local and international in its scope, "Facing toward the Dawn" broadens the reader’s understanding of early twentieth century immigrant life in the United States while adding some important context to the popular history of resistance to American capitalism.” — CounterPunch

"Facing toward the Dawn" is unlike anything in the literature of local history. It’s the biography of a place built and sustained on shared beliefs at an extreme end of the political spectrum.” — The Day

January • 296 pp • 18 b/w photos
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The First Zionist Congress, held in Basel, Switzerland, in August 1897, was arguably the most significant Jewish assembly since antiquity. Its delegates surveyed the situation of Jews at the end of the nineteenth century; analyzed cultural and economic issues facing them, defined the program of Zionism, created an organization for planning and decision-making, and coalesced in camaraderie and shared aspiration. Though Zionism experienced multiple conflicts and reversals, the Congress’s goal was ultimately realized in the establishment of Jewish sovereignty in Palestine—the State of Israel—in 1948. As Theodor Herzl, the Congress’s principal organizer, declared: “At Basel I founded the Jewish state.”

This volume presents, for the first time, a complete translation of the German proceedings into English. Michael J. Reimer’s accessible translation includes explanatory annotations and a glossary of key terms, events, and personalities. A detailed introduction situates the First Zionist Congress in historical context and provides a summary of each day’s events. The Congress’s debates supply a case study in the history of nationalism: they feature imagery and tropes used by nationalists all over Europe, while appealing to the distinctive heritage of Judaism. The proceedings are also important for what they say—and omit—about the Ottoman state that ruled Palestine as well as the Palestinian Arab people living there. This is a foundational primary source in modern Jewish history.

“This translation of the protocols of the First Zionist Congress will be of immense benefit to students and scholars of Jewish and Middle Eastern history, nationalism studies, and colonial and postcolonial studies. Reimer’s long introduction is thoughtful and provocative, the translation is faithful, and the notes and biographical dictionary are enormously helpful.” — Derek J. Penslar, Harvard University

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New in Paper

EMPIRES BETWEEN ISLAM AND CHRISTIANITY, 1500–1800
Sanjay Subrahmanyam

A wide-ranging consideration of early modern Muslim and Christian empires, covering the Iberian, Ottoman, and Mughal worlds, including questions of political economy, images and representations, and historiography.

Empires Between Islam and Christianity, 1500–1800 uses the innovative approach of “connected histories” to address a series of questions regarding the early modern world in the Indian Ocean, the Mediterranean, and the Atlantic. The period between 1500 and 1800 was one of intense inter-imperial competition involving the Iberians, the Ottomans, the Mughals, the British, and other actors. Rather than understand these imperial entities separately, Sanjay Subrahmanyam reads their archives and texts together to show unexpected connections and refractions. He further proposes, in this set of closely argued studies, that these empires often borrowed from each other, or built their projects with knowledge of other competing visions of empire. The emphasis on connections is also crucial for an understanding of how a variety of genres of imperial and global history writing developed in the early modern world. The book moves creatively between political, economic, intellectual, and cultural themes to suggest a fresh geographical conception for the epoch.

“Sanjay Subrahmanyam, the preeminent practitioner of ‘connected histories,’ offers yet another set of fascinating encounters of peoples, objects, ideas, and practices between the Ottoman, Mughal, and British empires. As always, he stays close to the archive, but is nonetheless able to spin a wonderfully imaginative web of pictures and stories. A delightful read.”
— Partha Chatterjee, Columbia University

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THE HOLOCAUST AND MASCULINITIES
Critical Inquiries into the Presence and Absence of Men
Björn Krondorfer and Ovidiu Creangă, editors

Critically assesses the experiences of men in the Holocaust.

In recent decades, scholarship has turned to the role of gender in the Holocaust, but rarely has it critically investigated the experiences of men as gendered beings. Beyond the clear observation that most perpetrators of murder were male, men were also victims, survivors, bystanders, beneficiaries, accomplices, and enablers; they negotiated roles as fathers, spouses, community leaders, prisoners, soldiers, professionals, authority figures, resistors, chroniclers, or ideologues. This volume examines men’s experiences during the Holocaust. Chapters first focus on the years of genocide: Jewish victims of National Socialism, Nazi soldiers, Catholic priests enlisted in the Wehrmacht, Jewish doctors in the ghettos, men from the Sonderkommando in Auschwitz, and Muselmänner in the camps. The book then moves to the postwar context: German Protestant theologians, Jewish refugees, non-Jewish Austrian men, and Jewish masculinities in the United States. The contributors articulate the male experience in the Holocaust as something obvious (the everywhere of masculinities) and yet invisible (the nowhere of masculinities), lending a new perspective on one of modernity’s most infamous chapters.

Björn Krondorfer is Director of the Martin–Springer Institute and Endowed Professor of Religious Studies at Northern Arizona University. He is the author of several books, including Reconciliation in Global Context: Why It Is Needed and How It Works, also published by SUNY Press. Ovidiu Creangă is Historian for the Claims Conference in New York and Adjunct Professor of Hebrew Bible at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington, DC. He is the editor of Men and Masculinity in the Hebrew Bible and Beyond.

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A SURVIVOR NAMED TRAUMA
Holocaust Memory in Lithuania
Myra Sklarew

Combines personal accounts with insights from psychology to understand the continuing impact of Holocaust trauma in Lithuania.

A Survivor Named Trauma examines the nature of trauma and memory as they relate to the Holocaust in Lithuania.

How do we behave under threat? How do we remember extreme danger? How do subsequent generations deal with their histories—whether as descendants of perpetrators or victims, of those who rescued others or were witnesses to genocide? Or those who were separated from their families in early childhood and do not know their origins? Myra Sklarew’s study draws on interviews with survivors, witnesses, rescuers, and collaborators, as well as descendants and family members, gathered over a twenty-five-year period in Lithuania.

Returning to the land of her ancestors, Sklarew found a country still deeply affected by the Nazi Holocaust and decades of Soviet domination. Interdisciplinary in nature, this book will appeal to readers interested in neuroscience and neuropsychology, Holocaust studies, Jewish history, and personal memoir.

“This is an extraordinary work. The result of several decades of labor, rooted in both scientific and humanistic learning and research, it is a transformative book that speaks equally to our current situation and to the past.” — Michael C. Steinlauf, author of Bondage to the Dead: Poland and the Memory of the Holocaust

Myra Sklarew is Professor Emerita of Literature at American University and the author of many books, including Over the Rooftops of Time: Jewish Stories, Essays, Poems, also published by SUNY Press. She is the recipient of the National Jewish Book Council Award in Poetry, the Di Castagnola Award, and the PEN Syndicated Fiction Award.

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FOUR THE DERECH
Leaving Orthodox Judaism
Ezra Cappell and Jessica Lang, editors

Combines powerful first-person accounts with incisive scholarly analysis to understand the phenomenon of ultra-Orthodox Jews who leave their insular communities and venture into the wider world.

In recent years, many formerly ultra-Orthodox Jews have documented leaving their communities in published stories, films, and memoirs. This movement is often identified as “off the derech” (OTD), or off the path, with the idea that the “path” is paved by Jewish law, rituals, and practices found within their birth communities. This volume tells the powerful stories of people abandoning their religious communities and embarking on uncertain journeys toward new lives and identities within mainstream society. Off the Derech is divided into two parts: stories and analysis. The first includes original selections from contemporary American and global authors writing about their OTD experiences. The second features chapters by scholars representing such diverse fields as literature, history, sociology, psychology, anthropology, religion, and gender studies. The interdisciplinary lenses provide a range of methodologies by which readers can better understand this significant phenomenon within contemporary Jewish society.

“In an important and eye-opening work … A true must read.” — Gary Shteyngart

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A volume in the SUNY series in Contemporary Jewish Literature and Culture
Ezra Cappell, editor

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A PERMANENT BEGINNING
R. Nachman of Braslav and Jewish Literary Modernity
Yitzhak Lewis

Situated a Hasidic master in the context of his time, demonstrating his formative influence on Jewish literary modernity.

The Hasidic leader R. Nachman of Braslav (1772–1810) has held a place in the Jewish popular imagination for more than two centuries. Some see him as the (self-proclaimed) Messiah, others as the forerunner of modern Jewish literature. Existing studies struggle between these dueling readings, largely ignoring questions of aesthetics and politics in his work. A Permanent Beginning lays out a new paradigm for understanding R. Nachman’s thought and writing, and, with them, the beginnings of Jewish literary modernity.

Yitzhak Lewis examines the connections between imperial modernization processes in Eastern Europe at the turn of the eighteenth century and the emergence of “modern literature” in the storytelling of R. Nachman. Reading his tales and teachings alongside the social, legal, and intellectual history of the time, the book’s guiding question is literary: How does R. Nachman represent this changing environment in his writing? Lewis paints a nuanced and fascinating portrait of a literary thinker and creative genius at the very moment his world was evolving unrecognizably. He argues compellingly that R. Nachman’s narrative response to his changing world was a major point of departure for Jewish literary modernity.

“This is a groundbreaking study. There can be no doubt that it will constitute a basic work for understanding the theology and stories of R. Nachman, modern Judaism, and modern literature in general.” — Jonatan Meir, author of Literary Hasidism: The Life and Works of Michael Levi Rodkinson

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New in Paper

POSSSESSED VOICES
Aural Remains from Modernist Hebrew Theater
Ruthie Abeliovich

Analyzes audio recordings of interwar Hebrew plays, providing a new model for the use of sound in theater studies.

Possessed Voices tells the intriguing story of a largely unknown collection of audio recordings, which preserve performances of modernist interwar Hebrew plays. Ruthie Abeliovich focuses on four recordings: a 1931 recording of The Eternal Jew (1919/1923), a 1965 recording of The Dybbuk (1922), a 1961 radio play of The Golem (1925), and a 1952 radio play of Yaakov and Rachel (1928). Abeliovich traces the spoken language of modernist Hebrew theater as grounded in multiple modalities of expressive practices, including spoken Hebrew, Jewish liturgical sensibilities supplemented by Yiddish intonation and other vernacular accents, and in relation to prevalent theatrical forms. The book shows how these recorded performances provided Jewish immigrants from Europe with a venue for lamenting the decline of their home communities and for connecting their memories to the present. Analyzing sonic material against the backdrop of its artistic, cultural, and ideological contexts, Abeliovich develops a critical framework for the study of sound as a discipline in its own right in theater scholarship.

“The author’s focus on historicizing and analyzing sound recordings and radio plays as a means to tackle the pervasive ephemerality problem in theater studies is a novel and valuable approach that represents a significant intervention in the field. These types of sources have had scant attention in theater studies to date, but Abeliovich makes a compelling argument that they belong at the center.” — Debra Caplan, author of Yiddish Empire: The Vilna Troupe, Jewish Theater, and the Art of Itinerancy

JANUARY • 229 pp • 20 b/w photos
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JEWISH VEGANISM AND VEGETARIANISM
Studies and New Directions
Jacob Ari Labendz and Shmuly Yanklowitz, editors

A multidisciplinary approach to the study of veganism, vegetarianism, and meat avoidance among Jews, both historical and contemporary.

In recent decades, as more Jews have adopted plant-based lifestyles, Jewish vegan and vegetarian movements have become increasingly prominent. This book explores the intellectual, religious, and historical roots of veganism and vegetarianism among Jews and presents compelling new directions in Jewish thought, ethics, and foodways. The contributors, including scholars, rabbis, and activists, explore how Judaism has inspired Jews to eschew animal products and how such choices, even when not directly inspired by Judaism, have enriched and helped define Jewishness. Individually, and as a collection, the chapters in this book provide an opportunity to meditate on what may make veganism and vegetarianism particularly Jewish, as well as the potential distinctiveness of Jewish veganism and vegetarianism. The authors also examine the connections between Jewish veganism and vegetarianism and other movements, while calling attention to divisions among Jewish vegans and vegetarians, to the specific challenges of fusing Jewishness and a plant-based lifestyle, and to the resistance Jewish vegans and vegetarians can face from parts of the Jewish community. The book’s various perspectives represent the cultural, theological, and ideological diversity among Jews invested in such conversations and introduce prominent debates within their movements.

“Jewish Veganism and Vegetarianism offers theological, pragmatic, ethical, environmental, and other ways to view non-meat eating as a viable, healthy, and holy Judaic strategy to consume the world. Anyone who eats or thinks about eating should take this volume seriously.” — Rabbi Jonathan K. Crane, author of Eating Ethically: Religion and Science for a Better Diet

JANUARY • 348 pp • 10 b/w photos, 7 tables, 2 figures
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THE SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION OF JEWS WHO BECOME ORTHODOX
Roberta G. Sands

A psychological study, based on extensive interview data, of Jewish adults who take on a devout lifestyle.

Spiritual transformation is the process of changing one’s beliefs, values, attitudes, and everyday behaviors related to a transcendent experience or higher power. Jewish adults who adopt Orthodoxy provide a clear example of spiritual transformation within a religious context. With little prior exposure to traditional practice, these baalei teshuvah (literally, “masters of return” in Hebrew) turn away from their former way of life, take on strict religious obligations, and intensify their spiritual commitment. This book examines the process of adopting Orthodox Judaism and the extensive life changes that are required. Based on forty-eight individual interviews as well as focus groups and interviews with community outreach leaders, it uses psychological developmental theory and the concept of socialization to understand this journey. Roberta G. Sands examines the study participants’ family backgrounds, initial explorations, decisions to make a commitment, spiritual struggles, and psychological and social integration. The process is at first exciting, as baalei teshuvah make new discoveries and learn new practices. Yet after commitment and immersion in an Orthodox community, they face challenges furthering their education, gaining cultural knowledge, and raising a family without parental role models. By showing how baalei teshuvah integrate their new understandings of Judaism into their identities, Sands provides fresh insight into a significant aspect of contemporary Orthodoxy.

“Sands’s judicious and comprehensive application of social science theories to the study of Jewish returnees provides a unique contribution to the social scientific study of religion.” — Roberta Rosenberg Farber, coeditor of Jews in America: A Contemporary Reader

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CEREMONY MEN
Making Ethnography and the Return of the Strehlow Collection
Jason M. Gibson

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

By analyzing one of the world’s greatest collections of Indigenous song, myth, and ceremony—the collections of linguist/anthropologist T. G. H. Strehlow—Ceremony Men demonstrates how inextricably intertwined ethnographic collections can become in complex historical and social relations. In revealing his process to return an anthropological collection to Aboriginal communities in remote central Australia, Jason M. Gibson highlights the importance of personal rapport and collaborations in ethnographic exchange, both past and present, and demonstrates the ongoing importance of sociality, relationship, and orality when Indigenous peoples encounter museum collections today. Combining forensic historical analysis with contemporary ethnographic research, this book challenges the notion that anthropological archives will necessarily become authoritative or dominant statements on a people’s cultural identity. Instead, Indigenous peoples will often interrogate and recontextualize this material with great dexterity as they work to reintegrate the documented into their present-day social lives.

By theorizing the nature of the documenter–documented relationships this book makes an important contribution to the simplistic postcolonial generalizations that dominate analyses of colonial interaction. A story of local agency is uncovered that enriches our understanding of the human engagements that took, and continue to take, place within varying colonial relations of Australia.

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New in Paper
COMING TOGETHER
Comparative Approaches to Population Aggregation and Early Urbanization
Attila Gyucha, editor

Archaeologists, anthropologists, and classicists discuss how urbanization first emerged in strikingly different sociopolitical contexts in North America, Europe, and the Near East.

The pursuit for universally applicable definitions of the terms “urban” and “city” has frequently distracted scholars from scrutinizing processes of how ancient nucleated settlements evolved and developed. Based on the premise that similar social dynamics to a great extent governed nucleation trajectories throughout human history, Coming Together focuses on both prehistoric aggregated and early urban settlements. Drawing from a variety of theoretical and methodological approaches, archaeologists, anthropologists, and classicists discuss how nucleation unfolded in strikingly different sociopolitical contexts in North America, Europe, and the Near East. The major themes of the volume are nucleation’s origins, pathways to sustainability, and the transformative role of these sites in sociopolitical and cultural change.

JANUARY • 390 pp • 7 x 10
4 b/w photos, 38 maps, 15 tables, 46 figures
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VARIETIES OF AMERICAN SUFISM
Islam, Sufi Orders, and Authority in a Time of Transition
Elliott Bazzano and Marcia Hermansen, editors

Participant-observation-based studies that explore a range of Sufi movements operating across the contemporary American religious landscape.

From Rumi poetry and Sufi dancing or whirling, to expressions of Africanicity and the forging of transnational bonds to remote locations in Senegal, Sri Lanka, and Turkey, Varieties of American Sufism immerses the reader in diverse expressions of contemporary Sufi religiosity in the United States. It spans more than a century of political, cultural, and embodied relationships with Islam and Muslims. American encounters with mystical Islam were initiated by a romantic quest for Oriental wisdom, flourished in the embrace of Eastern teachings during the countercultural era of New Age religion, were concretized due to late twentieth-century possibilities of travel and immigration to and from Muslim societies, and are now diffused through an explosion of cyber religion in an age of globalization. This collection of in-depth, participant-observation-based studies challenges expectations of uniformity and continuity while provoking stimulating reflection on a range of issues relevant to contemporary Islamic Studies, American religions, multireligious belonging, and new religious movements.

“The blend of approaches (historical, ethnographic, documentary, etc.) provides a spectrum of methodologies for the study of Sufism in America.” — Martin Nguyen, author of Modern Muslim Theology: Engaging God and the World with Faith and Imagination

Elliott Bazzano is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at Le Moyne College. Marcia Hermansen is Professor of Theology and Director of Islamic World Studies at Loyola University Chicago.

MAY • 240 pp • 4 tables
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LIVING LANDSCAPES
Meditations on the Five Elements in Hindu, Buddhist, and Jain Yogas
Christopher Key Chapple

Explores the role of meditation on the five elements in the practice of Yoga.

In Living Landscapes, Christopher Key Chapple looks at the world of ritual as enacted in three faiths of India. He begins with an exploration of the relationship between the body and the world as found in the cosmological cartography of Sāṃkhya philosophy, which highlights the interplay between consciousness (purusa) and activity (prakrti), a process that gives rise to earth, water, fire, air, and space. He then turns to the progressive explication of these five great elements in Buddhism, Jainism, Advaita, Tantra, and Hatha Yoga, and includes translations from the Vedas and the Purāṇas of Hinduism, the Buddhist and Jain Sūtras, and select animal fables from early Hinduism, Buddhism, and Jainism. Chapple also describes his own pilgrimages to the Great Stupa at Shambhala Mountain Center in Colorado, the five elemental temples (pañcamahābhūta mandir) in south India, and the Jaina cosmology complex in Hastinapur. An appendix with practical instructions that integrate Yoga postures with meditative reflections on the five elements is included.

“…a timely work in our recognition of the need for greater reflection, contemplation, awakening, and action for the benefit of all life.” — Ian Whicher, coeditor of Yoga: The Indian Tradition

Christopher Key Chapple is Doshi Professor of Indic and Comparative Theology at Loyola Marymount University. He is the author or editor of many books, including Yoga and the Luminous: Patanjali’s Spiritual Path to Freedom and Engaged Emancipation: Mind, Morals, and Make-Believe in the Mokṣopāya (Yogavaisistha) (coedited with Arindam Chakrabarti), both also published by SUNY Press.

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A POSTCOLONIAL LEADERSHIP
Asian Immigrant Christian Leadership and Its Challenges
Choi Hee An

Explores the possibilities and challenges of Asian immigrant Christian leadership in the United States.

In A Postcolonial Leadership, Choi Hee An explores the interwoven relationship between Asian immigrant leadership in general and Asian immigrant Christian leadership in the United States. Using several current leadership theories, she analyzes the current landscape of US leadership and explores how Asian immigrant leaders, including Christian leaders, exercise leadership and confront challenges within this context. Drawing upon postcolonial theory and its analysis of power, Choi examines the multilayered dynamics of the Asian immigrant community and Christian congregations in their postcolonial contexts, and offers a new liberative interpretation of colonized history and culture in order to propose postcolonial leadership as a new leadership model for Asian immigrant leaders.

“This book includes a wide variety of historical, contemporary, and cross-cultural understanding of leadership theories; in particular, it provides a unique understanding of the challenges and possibilities of Asian American leadership in immigrant communities and churches. Anyone interested in the topic will appreciate the depth and breadth that this work provides.” — Sangyil Sam Park, author of Korean Preaching, Han, and Narrative

Choi Hee An is Clinical Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Anna Howard Shaw Center at Boston University School of Theology. Her books include A Postcolonial Self: Korean Immigrant Theology and Church, also published by SUNY Press.

THINKING FAITH AFTER CHRISTIANITY
A Theological Reading of Jan Patočka’s Phenomenological Philosophy
Martin Koci

Examines theological motifs in the work of Jan Patočka, drawing out their implications for contemporary theology and philosophy of religion.

This book examines the work of Czech philosopher Jan Patočka from the largely neglected perspective of religion. Patočka is known primarily for his work in phenomenology and ancient Greek philosophy, and also as a civil rights activist and critic of modernity. In this book, Martin Koci shows Patočka also maintained a persistent and increasing interest in Christianity. Thinking Faith after Christianity examines the theological motifs in Patočka’s work and brings his thought into discussion with recent developments in phenomenology, making a case for Patočka as a forerunner to what has become known as the theological turn in continental philosophy. Koci systematically examines his thoughts on the relationship between theology and philosophy, and his perennial struggle with the idea of crisis. For Patočka, modernity, metaphysics, and Christianity were all in different kinds of crises, and Koci demonstrates how his work responded to those crises creatively, providing new insights on theology understood as the task of thinking and living transcendence in a problematic world. It perceives the un-thought element of Christianity—what Patočka identified as its greatest resource and potential—not as a weakness, but as a credible way to ponder Christian faith and the Christian mode of existence after the proclaimed death of God and the end of metaphysics.

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PERSONAL RELIGION
AND SPIRITUAL HEALING
The Panacea Society
in the Twentieth Century
Alastair Lockhart

A unique historical study of the personal
nature of religion, spirituality, and healing
in the twentieth century based on the
letters of ordinary people from around
the world.

The Panacea Society was a small religious community of women
that was established in England in the early twentieth century.
They followed the early nineteenth-century mystic Joanna
Southcott, as well other emerging spiritual movements of the
day, and developed a remarkable spiritual healing practice that
spread around the world. Based on the thousands of letters held
in the Society's healing archive, which were sent by ordinary
people from around the world, Alastair Lockhart offers a detailed
study of the religious ideas of religious seekers from the 1920s to
the 1970s. Focusing on Great Britain, Finland, Jamaica, and the
United States, Lockhart provides unique insight into the personal
nature of spirituality in recent times and how ancient and modern
spiritual strands were harnessed to the needs of late-modern
spiritual seekers. This book addresses debates about the complexity
and meaning of the rise or decline of religion in the twentieth
century and the processes involved in the formation of popular
nontraditional spiritualities. It informs our understanding of global
and transnational religions and recent forms of spiritual healing.

“This is a comprehensive history of the Society from its origins
to World War II—and includes a chapter on the healing—
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and Her Followers

JANUARY • 190 pp • 9 tables, 2 figures
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MALLEABLE MĀRA
Transformations of
a Buddhist Symbol of Evil
Michael D. Nichols

Analyzes the breadth of representations
of the mythic figure of Māra in
Buddhism to reveal how closely tied such
narratives are to the social and historical
cconcerns of Buddhist communities.

This is the first book to examine the
development of the figure of Māra, who appears across Buddhist
traditions as a personification of death and desire. Portrayed as
a combination of god and demon, Māra serves as a key antagonist
to the Buddha, his followers, and Buddhist teaching in general.
From ancient India to later Buddhist thought in East Asia to
more recent representations in Western culture and media,
Māra has been used to satirize Hindu divinities, taken the form
of wrathful Tibetan gods, communicated psychoanalytic tropes,
and appeared as a villain in episodes of Doctor Who. Michael D.
Nichols details and surveys the historical transformations of
the Māra figure and demonstrates how different Buddhist
communities at different times have used this symbol to react to
changing social and historical circumstances. Employing literary
and cultural theory, Nichols argues that the representation
of Māra closely parallels and reflects the social concerns and
anxieties of the particular Buddhist community producing it.

“Described by the author as literary and mythical in its approach,
as opposed to explicitly philosophical or linguistic, the book is
evenhanded, carefully researched, and rich in detail and nuance.
It is sure to be a key text in studies of Māra and the concept’s
importance for understanding Buddhist soteriology and its
evolving history … Highly recommended.” — CHOICE

“This book is an original and engaging exploration of the various
forms myths about Māra have taken across Buddhist history.”
— Maria Heim, author of Voice of the Buddha: Buddhaghosa on the
Immeasurable Words

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NAVIGATING DEEP RIVER
New Perspectives on Shūsaku Endō’s Final Novel
Mark W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton, editors

An interdisciplinary dialogue with Shūsaku Endō’s last novel offering new perspectives on Japanese culture, Christian doctrine, Hindu spiritualities, and Buddhist worldviews.

In *Navigating Deep River*, Mark W. Dennis and Darren J. N. Middleton have curated a wide-ranging discussion of Shūsaku Endō’s final novel, *Deep River*, in which four careworn Japanese tourists journey to India’s holy Ganges in search of spiritual as well as existential renewal. *Navigating Deep River* evaluates and probes Endō’s decades-long search to find the words to explain Transcendent Mystery, the difficult tension between faith and doubt, the purpose of spiritual journeys, and the challenges posed by the reality of religious pluralism in an increasingly diverse world. The contributors, including Van C. Gessel who translated *Deep River* into English in 1994, offer an engaged and patient exploration of this major text in world fiction, and this anthology promises to deepen academic appreciation for Endō, within and beyond the West.

“This volume contextualizes, delineates, and articulates the complex religious/theological/spiritual dimensions of *Deep River* and its rich intertextual, interpersonal, psychosocial, and literary aspects. There are few edited volumes in which so many experts focus on a single Japanese text in this sustained manner, and this stands as a model of how to do so deftly and productively.”
— David C. Stahl, author of *Social Trauma, Narrative Memory and Recovery in Japanese Literature and Film*

At Texas Christian University, **Mark W. Dennis** is Professor of East Asian Religions, and **Darren J. N. Middleton** is John F. Weatherly Professor of Religion. They are the coeditors of *Approaching Silence: New Perspectives on Shūsaku Endō’s Classic Novel*.

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URBAN MIGRANTS IN RURAL JAPAN
Between Agency and Anomie in a Post-growth Society
Susanne Klien

Offers an in-depth ethnography of paradigm shifts in the lifestyles and values of youth in post-growth Japan.

*Urban Migrants in Rural Japan* provides a fresh perspective on theoretical notions of rurality and emerging modes of working and living in post-growth Japan. By exploring narratives and trajectories of individuals who relocate from urban to rural areas and seek new modes of working and living, this multisited ethnography reveals the changing role of rurality, from postwar notions of a stagnant backwater to contemporary sites of experimentation. The individual cases presented in the book vividly illustrate changing lifestyles and perceptions of work. What emerges from *Urban Migrants in Rural Japan* is the emotionally fraught quest of many individuals for a personally fulfilling lifestyle and the conflicting neoliberal constraints many settlers face. In fact, flexibility often coincides with precarity and self-exploitation. Susanne Klien shows how mobility serves as a strategic mechanism for neophytes in rural Japan who hedge their bets; gain time; and seek assurance, inspiration, and courage to do (or further postpone doing) what they ultimately feel makes sense to them.

“This book is a valuable contribution to knowledge about diversifying rural Japan and evokes reflection about the future of post-growth Japan. Klien’s study benefits from assiduous and long-term field research and insightful analysis. She excels at locating the specifics of the study in theoretical observations and concepts, thereby setting the work into a larger consideration of Japan’s paradigm shifts in lifestyle and values.”
— Nancy Rosenberger, author of *Gambling with Virtue: Japanese Women and the Search for Self in a Changing Nation*

**Susanne Klien** is Associate Professor of Modern Japanese Studies at Hokkaido University, Japan.

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FROM SITUATED SELVES TO THE SELF
Conversion and Personhood among Roman Catholics in Tokyo
Hisako Omori

Argues for an important transformation in the construction of the self among Japanese converts to Roman Catholicism.

In many parts of the world, the Roman Catholic Church in the twenty-first century finds itself mired in scandal, and its future prospects appear fairly dim in the eyes of many social critics. In From Situated Selves to the Self, however, Hisako Omori finds a radically different situation, with jubilant Roman Catholics in an unexpected place: Tokyo, Japan. Based on twelve months of ethnographic fieldwork, the author provides a culturally sensitive account of the transformative processes associated with becoming Catholic in Tokyo. Her ethnographically rich narrative reveals the ways in which Christianity as a cultural force can effect changes in one’s personhood by juxtaposing two models of the self—one based on conventional Japanese social ideals and the other on Roman Catholic teachings. Omori takes readers to a living room (“ochanoma”) in a parish, a Catholic bar in a nightclub area, Catholic charismatic meetings, and busy intersections in Tokyo. In so doing, she traces subtle yet emerging changes in women’s agentive power that accompany the processes of deepening faith. From Situated Selves to the Self gives us a rare glimpse into Christianity as a cultural force in an East Asian context where Confucianism has historically been the dominant ethical framework.

“This book contributes to the scholarship on Japanese self and women, builds on works on Japanese religion, and offers a very nuanced and in-depth study of practitioners.” — Nancy Rosenberger, Oregon State University

Hisako Omori is Assistant Professor of International Liberal Arts at the Akita International University.

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“Dollase has written a brilliant history and analysis of the growth in female fiction genres and the boom in publications targeting this culture of young female readers.” — CHOICE

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Christopher Lovins

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Chetan Singh

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Himalayan Histories, by one of India’s most reputed historians of the Himalaya, is essential for a more complete understanding of Indian history. Because Indian historians have mainly studied riverine belts and life in the plains, sophisticated mountain histories are relatively rare. In this book, Chetan Singh identifies essential aspects of the material, mental, and spiritual world of western Himalayan peasant society.

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IN PURSUIT OF THE GREAT PEACE
Han Dynasty Classicism and the Making of Early Medieval Literati Culture
Zhao Lu

Examines the Great Peace (taiping), one of the first utopian visions in Chinese history, and its impact on literati lives in Han China.

“Zhao’s study presents a model of intellectual history. Smartly written, it excels in connecting the analysis of specific texts and concepts with broader trends in the social-political realm. His work helps demythologize Chinese thought and makes it legible to scholars around the world.” — Miranda Brown, University of Michigan

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POSTCOLONIAL LACK
Identity, Culture, Surplus
Gautam Basu Thakur

Examines representations of surplus enjoyment in postcolonial literature and film to focus on self-other relations rather than difference.

Postcolonial Lack reconvenes dialogue between Lacanian psychoanalysis and postcolonial theory in order to expand the range of cultural analyses of the former and make the latter theoretically relevant to the demands of contemporary narratives of othering, exclusion, and cultural appropriation. Seeking to resolve the mutual suspicion between the disciplines, Gautam Basu Thakur draws out the connections existing between Lacan’s teachings on subjectivity and otherness and writings of postcolonial and decolonial theorists such as Gayatri Spivak, Frantz Fanon, and Homi Bhabha. By developing new readings of the marginalized other as radical impasse and pushing the envelope on neoliberal identity politics, the book moves postcolonial studies away from the perennial topic of identity and difference and into examining the form and function of the other as excess—surplus and/or lack—in colonial and postcolonial literature, film, and social discourse. Looking at writings by Mahasweta Devi, Amitav Ghosh, Leila Aboulela, Narayan Gangopadhyay, Katherine Boo, and films by Gillo Pontecorvo, Clint Eastwood, Ryan Coogler (Black Panther), and Tony Gatlif, Basu Thakur highlights a new set of ethical and political considerations emerging as a direct result of this shift and stakes a fundamental rethinking of postcoloniality through what he calls the “politics of ontological discordance.”

Gautam Basu Thakur is Associate Professor of English at Boise State University. He is the author of Postcolonial Theory and Avatar and coeditor (with Jonathan Michael Dickstein) of Lacan and the Nonhuman.

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Why Do We Keep Making the Same Mistakes?

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