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MEANDER
Making Room for Rivers
Margaret Wooster

Draws on the author’s own experiences as a watershed planner, teacher, and activist to tell the story of the Great Lakes region’s experiment in restoring a complicated natural system of flowing water.

Meander tells the story of the Great Lakes region’s experiment in restoring a complicated natural system of flowing water. Drawing on her own experience as a watershed planner, teacher, and Great Lakes activist, Margaret Wooster describes the language, history, and failures of many of our water management policies. She then turns to Buffalo Creek to teach us how the Great Lakes work—from a “hill made of water” to a cut-off oxbow to a buried delta transitioning from two centuries of industrialization. Wooster explores how, on the Niagara Frontier especially, traditional ecological knowledge and Indigenous values were suppressed by colonial rules of settlement. The ecosystem value of physical integrity—or connectivity between upstream and down, surface flow to aquifer, river to land, was never fully unpacked. While our management policies often sever them, these connections are key to Buffalo Creek and Great Lakes recovery and resilience. Wooster leaves us with the idea that it is up to us, the people who live along these flows and in their watersheds, to learn as much as we can about these connections and to use our local authorities to “make room for rivers” and protect our planet’s circulatory system for future generations.

Margaret Wooster has worked as a watershed planner for local governments and environmental groups in Western New York, was a founding member of Buffalo Niagara Waterkeeper, and has taught Environmental Planning at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. She is the author of Living Waters: Reading the Rivers of the Lower Great Lakes, also published by SUNY Press. She lives in Buffalo, New York.

“Making room for rivers—and for a lot of other things we’ve tried to improve and accelerate and modernize—is a good rallying cry for our beleaguered planet; this book will cheer you, and spur you on!”
— Bill McKibben, author of Falter: Has the Human Game Begun to Play Itself Out?
CYCLING THE ERIE CANAL, FIFTH EDITION
A Guide to 360 Miles of Adventure and History
Along the Erie Canalway Trail
Parks & Trails New York

An indispensable resource for dedicated cyclists planning to bike across the state or the casual rider looking to take the family out for a couple of hours. Great for walkers, boaters, and auto travelers, too.

The Erie Canalway Trail is a cycling destination for riders of all abilities. Following one of the world’s most famous manmade waterways, it spans New York State between Albany and Buffalo. Whether enjoying a leisurely ride from one village to another, or spending a week completing the entire 360 miles, the Erie Canalway Trail offers endless adventures exploring the charming towns, living history, scenic beauty, and cultural attractions of New York State. The trail route follows both active and historic sections of the Erie Canal. For several decades now, state and local governments have been transforming the old towpath and abandoned rail corridor into a 360-mile multi-use pathway.

The guidebook is designed primarily for use by bicyclists, but it is also useful for those planning to enjoy the trail on foot, travelling the canal system by boat, or visiting the Canal corridor’s many sites by car. The fifth edition includes information on the statewide 750-mile Empire State Trail, which the Erie Canalway Trail is now part of; updated maps, trail routing, and surface conditions; and an updated, comprehensive listing of attractions, historic sites, visitor centers, public transportation options, easily accessible lodging, bike shops, parking, and other services. This guide is an indispensable resource for dedicated cyclists planning to bike across the state or the casual rider looking to take the family out for a couple of hours.

Parks & Trails New York is New York’s leading statewide advocate for parks and trails, dedicated since 1985 to improving health, economy, and quality of life through the use and enjoyment of green space.
UNRULY CATHOLIC FEMINISTS
Prose, Poetry, and the Future of the Faith
Jeana DelRosso, Leigh Eicke, and Ana Kothe, editors

*Third- and fourth-wave feminists write about their experiences with Catholicism and their visions for the future of women in the Church.*

A collection of creative pieces, *Unruly Catholic Feminists* explores how women are coming to terms with their feminism and Catholicism in the twenty-first century. Through short stories, poems, and personal essays, third- and fourth-wave feminists write about the issues, reforms, and potential for progress. Giving voice to many younger writers, the book includes a variety of geographic and ethnic points of view from which women write about their experiences with Catholicism and their visions for the future. While change in the church may be slow to come, even the promise of progress may provide hope for women struggling with the conflicts between their religion and their sense of their own spirituality. Rather than always only oppressing or containing women, Catholicism also drives or inspires many to challenge literary, social, political, or religious hierarchies. By examining how women attempt to reconcile their unruliness with their Catholic backgrounds or conversions and their future hopes and dreams, *Unruly Catholic Feminists* offers new perspectives on gender and religion today—and for the days yet to come.

“These ‘unruly’ Catholic feminists challenge the constraints and cruelties of contemporary clerical culture while reclaiming the riches of a shared heritage and, in doing so, beautifully and boldly embody the radical and essential tradition of Christian social justice.” — Sonja Livingston, author of *The Virgin of Prince Street: Expeditions into Devotion*

Jeana DelRosso is Sister Maura Eichner Endowed Professor of English and Professor of Women’s Studies at Notre Dame of Maryland University. Leigh Eicke is a writer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Ana Kothe is Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Puerto Rico at Mayagüez. Together, they are the coeditors of *Unruly Catholic Women Writers: Creative Responses to Catholicism* and *Unruly Catholic Nuns: Sisters’ Stories*, both also published by SUNY Press.
NEW IN PAPERBACK: GENERAL INTEREST

MICHAEL GOLD
The People’s Writer
Patrick Chura

An authoritative biography of the dean of American proletarian writers during the interwar years.

Jewish American Communist writer and cultural figure Michael Gold (1893–1967) was a key progressive author of his generation, yet today his work is too often forgotten. A novelist, essayist, playwright, poet, journalist, and editor, Gold was the leading advocate of leftist, proletarian literature in the United States between the two world wars. His acclaimed autobiographical novel Jews without Money (1930) is a vivid account of early twentieth-century immigrant life in the tenements of Manhattan’s Lower East Side. In this authoritative biography, Patrick Chura traces Gold’s story from his impoverished youth, through the period of his fame during the “red decade” of the 1930s, and into the McCarthy era, when he was blacklisted and forced to work menial jobs to support his family. In his time as a radical writer-activist, Gold courageously helped strikes, protested against war and fascism, worked for the Unemployed Councils, walked in hunger marches and May Day parades, got arrested in support of Sacco and Vanzetti, raised money for workers’ cooperatives and leftist journalism, and demonstrated against nuclear weapons and in support of fair housing, the Rosenbergs, and civil rights. This biography welcomes Gold back into cultural conversations about art, literature, politics, social change, and Jewish American life in the twentieth century.

“With its huge amount of new and not readily available biographical material, this book offers a quantum leap forward in our understanding of the life of this controversial Jewish American Communist author.” — Alan M. Wald, author of Exiles from a Future Time: The Forging of the Mid-Twentieth-Century Literary Left

Patrick Chura is Professor of English at the University of Akron. He is the author of Thoreau the Land Surveyor and Vital Contact: Downclassing Journeys in American Literature from Herman Melville to Richard Wright.
HOME AS FOUND
James Fenimore Cooper
Historical introduction, notes, and text by Stephen Carl Arch

A novel of manners set in the drawing rooms, ballrooms, and Wall Street offices in 1830s New York, dramatizing conflicts that we are still grappling with nearly two hundred years later.

Within months of publishing Homeward Bound, James Fenimore Cooper continued that story in a second, stand-alone novel, Home as Found. One of the most important of his long career, Home as Found is a novel of manners in which Cooper satirized Wall Street speculation, jingoism, the penny press, and high society, writing boisterously and with a sharp but critical eye about a nation in transition. He revealed “folly and peculiarities” of the young nation, but did so with a hope that the advancing forces of democracy would not get turned aside by greed and insular nationalism. In drawing rooms, ballrooms, and Wall Street offices, Cooper sees clearly into the heart of the democratic experiment, dramatizing conflicts that we are still grappling with nearly two hundred years later. Stephen Carl Arch provides a historical introduction discussing Cooper’s composition of the novel and its politicized reception in journals and newspapers, along with detailed explanatory notes. This authoritative edition draws upon the first edition, a partial author’s manuscript, and a substantial (but not complete) amanuensis copy of the author’s manuscript; and provides a full scholarly apparatus discussing the editorial choices. It has been approved by the Committee on Scholarly Editions of the Modern Language Association.

Stephen Carl Arch is Professor of English at Michigan State University. He is the editor of Homeward Bound Or, The Chase: A Tale of the Sea by James Fenimore Cooper and the author of several books, including After Franklin: The Emergence of Autobiography in Post-Revolutionary America, 1780–1830.

THE WATER-WITCH
Or, The Skimmer of the Seas
James Fenimore Cooper
Edited and with an introduction by Thomas Philbrick and Marianne Philbrick

An exciting tale of nautical adventure on the waters of colonial New York Harbor.

Chiefly set on the waters and islands of New York Harbor in the early years of the 1700s, James Fenimore Cooper’s novel The Water-Witch (1830) paints a vivid picture of life in the little colonial port. It was familiar territory for Cooper, who a century later had served as a junior officer on board an eighteen-gun sloop-of-war stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard. That experience acquainted him with the navigational intricacies and dangers with which his characters must deal as they carry out the central action of the novel, the repeated attempts by a British naval cruiser to capture the brigantine commanded by a notorious smuggler known as the Skimmer of the Seas. As in all of Cooper’s nautical novels, the scenes of ship-handling and naval combat in The Water-Witch are rendered with absolute authenticity, but here he envelops them in a cloud of mystery and magic that is dispersed only in the chaotic climax of the book. This scholarly edition includes an informative historical introduction and thorough explanatory notes. It also serves as an example of the processes by which an authoritative text is established.

Thomas Philbrick is Emeritus Professor of English at the University of Pittsburgh. Marianne Philbrick (1931–2015) participated in the editing of five volumes of the Writings of James Fenimore Cooper and was the author of Seasoning, a collection of her poetry.

The Writings of James Fenimore Cooper
Lance Schachterle, editor

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OUTDOORS AT IDLEWILD
The Building of a Home on the Banks of the Hudson
Nathaniel Parker Willis
With a New Introduction by Edward Renehan

Chronicles the creation of a picturesque home and landscape on the Hudson River by one of the nineteenth century’s leading authors.

During the 1850s and 60s, by far the most prominent author in all of New York State was the writer, editor, and publisher Nathaniel Parker Willis (1806–1867). Nearly as prominent as Willis himself was his Hudson Valley estate, Idlewild, where literary elites gathered and about which Willis himself wrote and published extensively. In 1846, Willis founded the Home Journal, which would go on to become Town and Country. In Outdoors at Idlewild, first published in 1855, Willis chronicled the creation of his estate at Cornwall-on-Hudson (near West Point), as well as life amid its countryside. The land afforded brilliant views of the river and the mountains to the East. Calvert Vaux, the famed architect of both landscapes and houses, designed the elaborate and ornate Gothic Revival home, which Willis named Idlewood (whereas he called the estate Idlewild), and into which the Willis family moved in July of 1853. Here, Willis wrote a series of papers for the Home Journal documenting life at the seventy-acre estate. These papers were gathered together in Outdoors at Idlewild, a celebration of Willis’s home and estate.

Nathaniel Parker Willis was a prominent nineteenth-century author, poet, and editor. Edward Renehan is the author of more than twenty books. He lives in Wickford, Rhode Island.

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IN THE CATSKILLS AND MY BOYHOOD
John Burroughs
With a New Introduction by Edward Renehan

Classic works by naturalist John Burroughs on his beloved Catskill region.

Henry James called John Burroughs (1837–1921) “a more humorous, more available, and more sociable Thoreau.” Walt Whitman in turn extolled Burroughs as “a child of the woods, fields, hills—native to them in a rare sense (in a sense almost a miracle).” Throughout his many books and essays, Burroughs was never more eloquent on nature themes than when writing about his native countryside: the woods, streams, and mountains of the Catskills in New York. In the Catskills collects the very best of Burroughs’s writings about his birthplace in a book that is sure to be treasured by all lovers of the region as well as lovers of the literature of nature. This new edition includes an introduction by Burroughs biographer Edward Renehan and an additional work not included in previous editions, entitled My Boyhood.

John Burroughs was a well-known naturalist and prolific writer on his native Catskills. Edward Renehan is the author of more than twenty books, including John Burroughs: An American Naturalist. He lives in Wickford, Rhode Island.

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HISTORY OF DELAWARE COUNTY AND BORDER WARS OF NEW YORK
Jay Gould
With an Introduction by Edward Renehan

A classic history of Delaware County and the border wars written by none other than prominent Gilded Age “Robber Baron” Jay Gould.

When Jay Gould died in 1892 he left behind an estate worth the equivalent of seventy-eight billion in today’s dollars. He also left behind a reputation as one of Wall Street’s most shrewd, astute, and (some said) manipulative operators. Long before his adventures in finance, the future “ robber baron” was a young man on the make in his native Catskills, working as a surveyor and mapmaker in his natal place of Delaware County, where he had grown up side by side with the future writer and naturalist John Burroughs. Originally published in 1856, when Gould was just twenty, Gould’s History of Delaware County and Border Wars of New York is based on primary sources and original testimony from second- and third-generation settlers, many of them Gould’s own friends and cousins. The book continues to be an important source on the first settlement of the region and is highly regarded by scholars. This edition features a new introduction by Edward Renehan, the biographer of both Gould and John Burroughs.

Jay Gould began his career as a surveyor in his native Delaware County before becoming a notorious and wealthy investor. Edward Renehan is the author of more than twenty books, including Dark Genius of Wall Street: The Misunderstood Life of Jay Gould, King of the Robber Barons.

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BLACKS IN NIAGARA FALLS
Leaders and Community Development, 1850–1985
Michael B. Boston

A detailed study of the history of African Americans in a small upstate New York city from the days of the Underground Railroad to the deindustrialization of the 1980s.

Blacks in Niagara Falls narrates and analyzes the history of Black Niagarans from the days of the Underground Railroad to the Age of Urban Renewal. Michael B. Boston details how Black Niagarans found themselves on the margins of society from the earliest days to how they came together as a community to proactively fight and struggle to obtain an equal share of society’s opportunities. Boston explores how Blacks came to Niagara Falls in increasing numbers usually in search of economic opportunities, later establishing essential institutions, such as churches and community centers, which manifested and reinforced their values, and interacted with the broader community, seeking an equitable share of other society opportunities. This singular examination of a small city significantly contributes to Urban History and African American Studies scholarly research, which generally focuses on large cities. Combining primary source data with extensive interviews gathered over an eighteen-year period in which the author immersed himself in the Niagara community, Blacks in Niagara Falls offers an insightful study of how one small city community grew over its unique history.


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LIONEL JOBERT AND THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR
An Atlantic Identity in the Making
Stephen D. Bosworth

Tells the exciting tale of a highly ambitious Frenchman who commanded a New York Regiment during the American Civil War.

Millions of soldiers and civilians passionately supported one side or the other in the American Civil War. For Colonel Lionel Jobert d’Epineuil of the Fifty-Third New York Volunteer Regiment, however, his own advancement mattered more than the outcome of the conflict. This biography analyzes the remarkable exploits of a man driven by ambition—and unhindered by scruples—to attain position and prestige in the Atlantic region during the second half of the nineteenth century.

Lionel Jobert (1829–1881) was born in France, but is described as having an Atlantic identity. A ship captain by trade, Jobert exploited unstable governmental conditions in Haiti and the United States to pursue his private interests. Drawing on previously unused sources, Stephen D. Bosworth allows us to view the Civil War from the perspective of a foreign participant whose life constitutes one colorful tile in the vast mosaic that makes up the history of the nineteenth-century Atlantic.

Stephen D. Bosworth is Professor of History at Austin Community College in Austin, Texas.

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GILBERT AND SULLIVAN
The Players and the Plays
Kurt Gänzl

Highlights the original cast members—both the well-known and the (until now) wholly unknown—who introduced the duo’s comic operas in Britain and America.

In this, the first book to focus on the original cast members of the classic Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas, world-renowned musical theater expert Kurt Gänzl provides a concise history of the writing and production of each opera, vividly colored by the often little-known life stories of these early performers. Meticulously researched and lavishly illustrated with rare photographs, Gilbert and Sullivan: The Players and the Plays delves into the professional and personal lives of the British and American actors and singers who created the celebrated “famous fourteen” Gilbert and Sullivan operas.

Kurt Gänzl, an award-winning authority on musical theater, is a former opera singer, theatrical agent, casting director, and theater and opera critic. He is the author of numerous books, including Encyclopedia of the Musical Theatre, The British Musical Theatre, Victorian Vocalists, and Gänzl’s Book of the Broadway Musical.

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PLAYING GAMES IN NINETEENTH-CENTURY BRITAIN AND AMERICA
Ann R. Hawkins, Erin N. Bistline, and Maura Ives, editors

Illuminates the ways games—from baseball cards to board games, charades to boxing, and croquet to strategies of war—were integral to nineteenth-century life and culture in the United States and Britain.

A vital part of daily life in the nineteenth century, games and play were so familiar and so ubiquitous that their presence over time became almost invisible. Technological advances during the century allowed for easier manufacturing and distribution of board games and books about games, and the changing economic conditions created a larger market for them as well as more time in which to play them. These changing conditions not only made games more profitable, but they also increased the influence of games on many facets of culture. Playing Games in Nineteenth-Century Britain and America focuses on the material and visual culture of both American and British games, examining how cultures of play intersect with evolving gender norms, economic structures, scientific discourses, social movements, and nationalist sentiments.

Ann R. Hawkins is Assistant Provost for Graduate Education and Research in the Office of the Provost at the State University of New York System Administration. Erin N. Bistline is Lecturer in the Department of English at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Maura Ives is Professor and Head of the Department of English at Texas A&M University.

A volume in the SUNY series, Studies in the Long Nineteenth Century
Pamela K. Gilbert, editor

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In *Empire News*, Priti Joshi examines the neglected archive of English-language newspapers from India to unpack the maintenance and tensions of empire. Focusing on the period between 1845 and 1860, she analyzes circulation—of newspapers and news, of peoples and ideas—and newspapers’ coverage and management of crises. The book explores three moments of colonial crisis. The sensational trial of East India Company vs. Jyoti Prasad in Agra in 1851 as the Kohinoor diamond is exhibited in London’s Hyde Park is a case lost but for colonial newspapers. In their accounts, the trial raises the specter of Warren Hastings and the costs of empire. The Uprising of 1857 was a geopolitical crisis, but for the Indian news media it was a story simultaneously of circulation and blockage, of contraction and expansion, of colonial media confronting its limits and innovating. Finally, Joshi traces circuits of exchange between Britain and India and across media platforms, including Dickens’s *Household Words*, where the empire’s mofussil (margin) appears in an unrecognized guise during and after the Uprising. By attending to these fascinating accounts in the Anglo-Indian press, Joshi illuminates the circulation and reproduction of colonial narratives and informs our understanding of the functioning of empire.

Priti Joshi is Professor of English at the University of Puget Sound.

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

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Tsar Nicholas II’s last chief of security, Globachev was an eyewitness to the seething turmoil in the capital of the Russian Empire. Beginning in 1915 he tried to avert the unrest that grew into a revolution replete with mayhem and violence by cautioning his senior government officials about the growing crisis through meetings and written reports. The incompetence and corruption of his superiors caused Globachev’s warnings of an impending disaster to be often disregarded, misunderstood, and sometimes rejected flat out. The warnings of Globachev’s security and intelligence agency going unheeded helped lead imperial Russia to its cataclysmic destruction—perhaps a metaphor for our times. Following the revolution, Globachev was detained by the new government, but released and forced to flee with his family after the Bolsheviks gained power. Globachev and his family survived the revolution, the subsequent civil war and exile in Turkey. The final chapter of their dramatic adventure was their immigration to the United States, where they became citizens. Now, through their complete biographies, we get to know them as individuals who lived through the most tempestuous and dangerous of times.

Vladimir G. Marinich is Professor Emeritus of History at Howard Community College in Columbia, Maryland. He is the translator of *The Truth of the Russian Revolution: The Memoirs of the Tsar’s Chief of Security and His Wife*, by Konstantin Ivanovich Globachev and Sofia Nikolaevna Globacheva, also published by SUNY Press.

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THE ATLANTIC AND AFRICA
The Second Slavery and Beyond
Dale W. Tomich and Paul E. Lovejoy, editors
Traces the inner connections between the second slavery in the Americas, slavery in Africa, the abolition of the Atlantic slave trade, and the “Great Transformation” of the nineteenth century world economy.

The Atlantic and Africa breaks new ground by exploring the connections between two bodies of scholarship that have developed separately from one another. On the one hand, the “second slavery” perspective that has reinterpreted the relation of Atlantic slavery and capitalism by emphasizing the extraordinary expansion of new frontiers of slave commodity production and their role in the economic, social, and political transformations of the nineteenth-century world-economy. On the other hand, Africanist scholarship that has established the importance of slavery and slave trading in Africa to the political, economic and social organization of African societies during the nineteenth century. Taken together, these two movements enable us to delineate the processes forming the capitalist world-economy, establish its specific geographical and historical structure, and reintegrates Africa into the transformations in the world economy. This volume explores this paradigm at diverse levels ranging from state formation and the reorganization of world markets to the creation of new social roles and identities.

Dale W. Tomich is Professor of Sociology and History at Binghamton University, State University of New York. Paul E. Lovejoy is Distinguished Research Professor of History at York University, Canada.

A volume in the SUNY series, Fernand Braudel Center Studies in Historical Social Science
Richard E. Lee, editor
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RACISM AND RESISTANCE
Essays on Derrick Bell’s Racial Realism
Timothy J. Golden, editor
Essays providing a multi-disciplinary look at Derrick Bell’s thesis of racial realism.

African American legal theorist Derrick Bell argued that American anti-Black racism is permanent but that we are nevertheless morally obligated to resist it. Bell—an extraordinary legal scholar, activist, and public intellectual whose academic and political work included his employment as a young attorney with the NAACP and his pivotal role in the founding of Critical Race Theory in the 1970s, work he pursued until he died in 2011—termed this thesis “racial realism.” Racism and Resistance is a collection of essays that present a multidisciplinary study of Bell’s thesis. Scholars in philosophy, law, theology, and rhetoric employ various methods to present original interpretations of Bell’s racial realism, including critical reflections on racial realism’s relationship to theories of adjudication in jurisprudence; its use of fiction in relation to law, literature, and politics; its under-examined relationship to theology; its application in interpersonal relationships; and its place in the overall evolution of Bell’s thought. Racism and Resistance thus presents novel interpretations of Bell’s racial realism and enhances the literature on Critical Race Theory accordingly.

Timothy J. Golden is Professor of Philosophy at Walla Walla University.

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MICHAEL JACKSON AND THE QUANDARY OF A BLACK IDENTITY
Sherrow O. Pinder

A close examination of the complexity inherent in Michael Jackson's ambiguous racial identity.

In Michael Jackson and the Quandary of a Black Identity, Sherrow O. Pinder explores the ways in which the late singer's racial identification process problematizes conceptualizations of race and the presentation of blackness that reduces blacks to a bodily mark. Pinder is particularly interested in how Michael Jackson simultaneously performs his racial identity and posits it against strict binary racial definitions, neither black nor white. While Jackson's self-fashioning deconstructs and challenges the corporeal notions of “natural bodies” and fixed identities, negative readings of the King of Pop fuel epithets such as “weird” or “freak,” subjecting him to a form of antagonism that denies the black body its self-determination. Thus, for Jackson, racial identification becomes a deeply ambivalent process, which leads to the fragmentation of his identity into plural identities. Pinder shows how Jackson as a racialized subject is discursively confined to a “third space,” a liminal space of ambivalence.

“This book offers a profound analysis of the psychological damage imposed on African Americans by the United States, which operates as a black-phobic society. With its clear and sharp formulations, the problem becomes evident and solvable. Reading it, I wanted to go back and teach again—finally, I would have had a text that I could identify with on all levels.” — Thelma M. Pinto, former Co-Director of the Africana Studies Program, Hobart and William Smith Colleges

Sherrow O. Pinder is Professor of Political Science and Multicultural and Gender Studies at California State University, Chico.

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STAKES IS HIGH
Trials, Lessons, and Triumphs in Young Black Men’s Educational Journeys
Derrick R. Brooms

A rich, authentic account of eight young Black men’s experiences on their paths to and through college.

Through detailed accounting of a select group of Black young men’s experiences, with interviews that span over seven years, Derrick R. Brooms provides accounts of these young men’s pathways from secondary school through college and the trials, lessons, and triumphs they experience along the way. As opposed to the same old stories about young Black men, Brooms offers new narratives that speak to Black boys’ and young men’s agency, aspirations, hope, and possibilities—even as they feel contested and constrained because they are Black and male, have to navigate challenging social conditions and life experiences, and as they anchor their educational desires within their families and communities. Critical to their journeys are the range of stakes that they face in public discourse and societal projections, in their home neighborhoods and schooling community, in educational environments, and in their health and well-being. Brooms expertly displays and argues that understanding the lives of Black boys and young men and their educational journeys must account for the sociocultural contexts of their lives.

Derrick R. Brooms is Professor of Sociology with affiliations in Africana Studies and Higher Education at the University of Cincinnati. He is the author of Being Black, Being Male on Campus: Understanding and Confronting Black Male Collegiate Experiences, also published by SUNY Press.

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

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THE OTHER AMERICAN DILEMMA
Schools, Mexicans, and the Nature of Jim Crow, 1912–1953
Rubén Donato and Jarrod Hanson

Examines how Mexican Americans experienced “unofficial” Jim Crow inside and outside the American education system, and how they used the courts, Mexican Consul, and other resources to challenge that discrimination.

In The Other American Dilemma, Rubén Donato and Jarrod Hanson examine the experiences of Mexican immigrants, Mexican Americans, and Hispanos/as in their schools and communities between 1912 and 1953. Drawing from the Mexican Archives located in Mexico City and by venturing outside of the Southwest, their examinations of specific communities in Arkansas, California, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana, and Texas shed new light on Mexicans’ social and educational experiences. Donato and Hanson maintain that Mexicans—whether recent immigrants, American citizens, or Hispanos/as with deep roots in the United States—were not seen as true Americans and were subject to unofficial school segregation and Jim Crow. The book highlights similarities and differences between how the Mexican-origin population was treated versus African Americans. Because of their mestizo heritage, the Mexican-origin population was seen as racially mixed and kept on the margins of community and school life by people in power.

Rubén Donato is Professor of Educational Foundations, Policy and Practice at the University of Colorado Boulder. Jarrod Hanson is a Senior Instructor in the School of Education and Human Development at the University of Colorado Denver.

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SISTERLOCKING DISCOARSE
Race, Gender, and the Twenty-First-Century Academy
Valerie Lee

Follows a Black woman’s forty-year career in academia, sharing how race and gender can disrupt and enhance the professional and the personal, from leadership and policies to family life.

In Sisterlocking Discoarse, hair is a medium for reflecting on how academic leadership looks, performs, and changes when embodied by a Black woman. In these ten essays, Valerie Lee traverses disciplines and genres, weaving together memoir, literary analysis, legal cases, folklore, letters, travelogues, family photographs, and cartoons to share her story of navigating academia. Lee’s path is not singular or linear, but rather communal and circular as she revisits her earliest years in her grandmother’s home, advances through the professoriate and senior administration, and addresses her hopes and fears for her own children. Drawing inspiration from the African American storytelling traditions she has spent decades studying and teaching, Lee approaches issues of race, gender, social justice, academic labor, and leadership with a voice that is clear, intimate, and humorous. As she writes in the introduction, “Sisterlocking Discoarse is about braiding and breathing and believing that a Black woman’s journey through the academy is important.” Lee’s journey will appeal to students, faculty, and administrators across fields and institutions who are committed to making higher education more inclusive, while speaking to the experiences of professional women of color more broadly.

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**BLACK CAMPUS LIFE**
The Worlds Black Students Make at a Historically White Institution
*Antar A. Tichavakunda*

Ethnography of Black engineering majors navigating campus life at a historically White university.

An in-depth ethnography of Black engineering students at a historically White institution, *Black Campus Life* examines the intersection of two crises, up close: the limited number of college graduates in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields, and the state of race relations in higher education. Antar Tichavakunda takes readers across campus, from study groups to parties and beyond as these students work hard, have fun, skip class, fundraise, and, at times, find themselves in tense racialized encounters. By consistently centering their perspectives and demonstrating how different campus communities, or social worlds, shape their experiences, Tichavakunda challenges assumptions about not only Black STEM majors but also Black students and the “racial climate” on college campuses more generally. Most fundamentally, *Black Campus Life* argues that Black collegians are more than the racism they endure. By studying and appreciating the everyday richness and complexity of their experiences, we all—faculty, administrators, parents, policymakers, and the broader public—might learn how to better support them.

*Antar A. Tichavakunda* is Assistant Professor of Higher Education at the University of Cincinnati.

**HIGHER EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY**
The Role of the University in Civil Society
*William G. Tierney*

Uses a cross-national comparison of Los Angeles, New Delhi, and Hong Kong to develop strategies universities should employ to strengthen democracy and resist fascism.

Democracy and higher education are inextricably linked: universities not only have the ability to be key arbiters of how democracy is advanced, but they also need to reflect democratic values in their practices, objectives, and goals. Framed by the COVID-19 pandemic, and the ongoing crisis of structural racism, *Higher Education for Democracy* explores academe’s role in advancing democracy by using a cross-national comparison of Los Angeles, New Delhi, and Hong Kong to develop strategies that universities can employ to strengthen democracy and resist fascism. William G. Tierney argues that if academe is to be a progenitor in the advancement of democracy, then we need to consider five areas of change that have been significant across national contexts amid both globalization and neoliberalism: inequality, privatization, the public good, identity, and academic freedom. Taking a comparative approach and drawing on scholarly literature, archival research, and interviews, *Higher Education for Democracy* aims to understand these changes and their implications and to position higher education in defense of democracy in a globalized economy framed by fascism.

*William G. Tierney* is University Professor Emeritus and Founding Director of the Pullias Center for Higher Education at the University of Southern California. His many books include *Get Real: 49 Challenges Confronting Higher Education; Relational Sociology and Research on Schools, Colleges, and Universities* (coedited with Suneal Kolluri); and *The Problem of College Readiness* (coedited with Julia C. Duncheon), all published by SUNY Press.

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THE NATION OR THE UMMAH
Islamism and Turkish Foreign Policy
Birol Başkan and Ömer Taşpınar

Explains why Turkey embraced the Arab Spring despite the risk both domestically and internationally.

Turkey’s enthusiastic embrace of the Arab Spring set in motion a dynamic that fundamentally altered its relations with the United States, Russia, Qatar, Egypt, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, and Iran, and transformed Turkey from a soft power to a hard power in the tangled geopolitics of the Middle East. Birol Başkan and Ömer Taşpınar argue that the ruling Justice and Development Party’s (AKP) Islamist background played a significant role in the country’s decision to embrace the uprisings and the subsequent foreign policy direction the country has pursued. They demonstrate that religious ideology is endogenous to—shaping and in turn being shaped by—Turkey’s various engagements in the Middle East. The Nation or the Ummah emphasizes that while Islamist religious ideology does not provide specific policy prescriptions, it does shape the way the ruling elite sees and interprets the context and the structural boundaries they operate within.

Birol Başkan is non-resident scholar at the Middle East Institute. He is the author of several books, including The Politics of Islam: The Muslim Brothers and the State in the Arab Gulf; Turkey and Qatar in the Tangled Geopolitics of the Middle East; and From Religious Empires to Secular States: State Secularization in Turkey, Iran, and Russia. Ömer Taşpınar is Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College and Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution. He is the author of several books, including What the West is Getting Wrong about the Middle East: Why Islam is Not the Problem.

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DEMOCRACY AT THE BALLPARK
Sport, Spectatorship, and Politics
Thomas David Bunting

Examines how the national pastime of baseball has the capacity to shape politics and American democracy.

What is the relationship between sports and politics? Often, politics are thought to be serious, whereas sports are diversionary and apolitical. Using baseball as a case study, Democracy at the Ballpark challenges this understanding, examining politics as they emerge at the ballpark around spectatorship, community, equality, virtue, and technology. Thomas David Bunting argues that because spectators invest time and meaning in baseball, the game has power as a metaphor for understanding and shaping politics. The stories people see in baseball mirror how they see the country, politics, and themselves. As a result, democracy resides not only in exclusive halls tread by elites but also in a stadium full of average people together under an open sky. Democracy at the Ballpark bridges political theory and sport, providing a new way of thinking about baseball. It also demonstrates the democratic potential of spectatorship and rethinks the role of everyday institutions like sport in shaping our political lives, offering an expanded view of democracy.

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LEO STRAUSS ON DEMOCRACY, TECHNOLOGY, AND LIBERAL EDUCATION

*Timothy W. Burns*

The first book-length study of Leo Strauss’ understanding of the relation between modern democracy, technology, and liberal education.

Liberal democracy is today under unprecedented attack from both the left and the right. Offering a fresh and penetrating examination of how Leo Strauss understood the emergence of liberal democracy and what is necessary to sustain and elevate it, *Leo Strauss on Democracy, Technology, and Liberal Education* explores Strauss’ view of the intimate (and troubling) relation between the philosophic promotion of liberal democracy and the turn to the modern scientific-technological project of the “conquest of nature.” Timothy W. Burns explicates the political reasoning behind Strauss’ recommendation of reminders of genuine political greatness within democracy over and against the failure of nihilistic youth to recognize it. Elucidating what Strauss envisaged by a liberally-educated sub-political or cultural-level aristocracy—one that could elevate and sustain liberal democracy—and the roles that both philosophy and divine-law traditions should have in that education, Burns also lays out Strauss’ frequent (though often tacit) engagement with the thought of Heidegger on these issues.

*Timothy W. Burns* is Professor and Graduate Program Director of Political Science at Baylor University. His books include *Philosophy, History, and Tyranny: Reexamining the Debate between Leo Strauss and Alexandre Kojève* (coedited with Bryan-Paul Frost), also published by SUNY Press.

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ANTIGONE IN THE AMERICAS

Democracy, Sexuality, and Death in the Settler Colonial Present

*Andrés Fabián Henao Castro*

Argues for a decolonial reinterpretation of Sophocles’ classical tragedy, Antigone, that can help us rethink the anticolonial politics of militant mourning in the Americas.

Sophocles’s classical tragedy Antigone is continually reinvented, particularly in the Americas. Theater practitioners and political theorists alike revisit the story to hold states accountable for their democratic exclusions, as Antigone did in disobeying the edict of her uncle, Creon, for refusing to bury her brother, Polynices. *Antigone in the Americas* not only analyzes the theoretical reception of Antigone, when resituated in the Americas, but further introduces decolonial rumination as a new interpretive methodology through which to approach classical texts. Traveling between modern present and ancient past, Andrés Fabián Henao Castro focuses on *metics* (resident aliens) and slaves, rather than citizens, making the feminist politics of burial long associated with Antigone relevant for theorizing militant forms of mourning in the global south. Grounded in settler colonial critique, black and woman of color feminisms, and queer and trans of color critique, *Antigone in the Americas* offers a more radical interpretation of Antigone, one relevant to subjects situated under multiple and interlocking systems of oppression.

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FDR’S BUDGETEER AND MANAGER-IN-CHIEF
Harold D. Smith, 1939–1945
Mordecai Lee

First study of Harold D. Smith, FDR’s budget director from 1939 to 1945.

In this book, Mordecai Lee provides a long-overdue examination of a key member of FDR’s administration. Harold D. Smith was FDR’s budget director from 1939 through to Roosevelt’s death in 1945. In that capacity, he was also the de facto manager-in-chief of the federal government. During his tenure, he reformed and expanded the Bureau of the Budget (now Office of Management and Budget) into an elite cadre of apolitical experts dedicated to serving the institutionalized presidency. He pursued management reforms, reorganization, policymaking, economic planning, public relations, and a pinch of politics. In addition, Smith was a leader in professionalizing the emerging field of public administration, cofounding the American Society for Public Administration in 1939 and serving as its second president. A major figure in his time, he appeared on the cover of Time magazine in 1943, and FDR considered him irreplaceable. In response to Smith’s offer to resign in 1944, Roosevelt lightheartedly replied, “I would no more accept your resignation than fly by jumping off a roof. You are essentially persona grata and doing a grand job. If you talk any more about resigning, I will act. A Marine Guard from Quantico will be stationed at your side during every minute of every twenty-four hours.”


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CRISIS NARRATIVES, INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE, AND THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE JAPANESE STATE
Sebastian Maslow and Christian Wirth, editors

Looking at Japan, traces crisis narratives across three decades and ten policy fields, with the aim of disentangling discursively manufactured crises from actual policy failures.

Mired in national crises since the early 1990s, Japan has had to respond to a rapid population decline; the Asian and global financial crises; the 2011 triple disaster of earthquake, tsunami, and the Fukushima nuclear meltdown; the COVID-19 pandemic; China’s economic rise; threats from North Korea; and massive public debt. In Crisis Narratives, Institutional Change, and the Transformation of the Japanese State, established specialists in a variety of areas use a coherent set of methodologies, aligning their sociological, public policy, and political science and international relations perspectives, to account for discrepancies between official rhetoric and policy practice and actual perceptions of decline and crisis in contemporary Japan. Each chapter focuses on a distinct policy field to gauge the effectiveness and the implications of political responses through an analysis of how crises are narrated and used to justify policy interventions. Transcending boundaries between issue areas and domestic and international politics, these essays paint a dynamic picture of the contested but changing nature of social, economic, and, ultimately political institutions as they constitute the transforming Japanese state.

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FROM PARIAH TO PRIORITY
How LGBTI Rights Became a Pillar of American and Swedish Foreign Policy
Elise Carlson Rainer

Incorporates a unique diplomatic, insider perspective to explain the unexpected incorporation of LGBTI rights into American and Swedish foreign policies. From original data, case study analysis, and interviews with high-level officials within the State Department and across US foreign policy institutions, former diplomat Elise Carlson Rainer explores how normative values influence foreign affairs and provides insights from leaders responsible for shaping emerging LGBTI global policies. The research findings highlight the advocacy process of reforming American and Swedish foreign policy priorities to include LGBTI rights, with particular attention on Sweden as the first country to implement a feminist foreign policy and commence formal LGBTI diplomacy. Through this lens, Rainer contextualizes the diplomatic precedent of revamping foreign assistance to Uganda when lawmakers proposed a death penalty law for homosexuality. Scrutinizing effective tactics for advocacy to influence foreign policy.

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Cynthia Burack and Jyl J. Josephson, editors

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MATERIAL INSURGENCY
Towards a Distributed Environmental Politics
Andrew M. Rose

Examines emerging new materialist and posthuman conceptions of subjectivity and agency, and explores their increasing significance for contemporary climate change environmentalism. Working at the intersection of material ecocriticism, posthuman theory, and environmental political theory, Rose critically focuses on the ways social movement organizing might effectively operate within the context of distributed agency. This concept undoes the privileging of rational human actors to suggest agency is better understood as a complex mixture of human and nonhuman forces. Rose explores various representations of distributed agency, from the pipeline politics of the Keystone XL campaign to the speculative literary fiction of Leslie Marmon Silko and Kim Stanley Robinson. Each of these cultural and literary texts provides a window into the possible constitution of a (distributed) environmental politics that does not yet exist and operates as a resource for envisioning environmental actors we cannot necessarily study empirically, because they are still only a prospect, or potential, of our imagination.

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A NEW AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT
The Decline of Collective Bargaining and the Rise of Direct Action
William E. Scheuerman

Describes how new kinds of direct-action labor movements are emerging to reshape American labor activism in the twenty-first century.

The American labor movement isn’t dead. It’s just moving from the bargaining table to the streets. In A New American Labor Movement, William Scheuerman analyzes how the decline of unions and the emergence of these new direct-action movements are reshaping the American labor movement. Tens of thousands of exploited workers—from farm laborers and gig drivers to freelance artists and restaurant workers—have taken to the streets in a collective attempt to attain a living wage and decent working conditions, with or without the help of unions. This new worker militancy, expressed through mass demonstrations, strikes, sit-ins, political action, and similar activities, has already achieved much success and offers models for workers to exercise their power in the twenty-first century. Finally, Scheuerman notes, many of the strategies of the new direct-action groups share features with the sectoral bargaining model that dominates the European labor movement, suggesting that sectoral bargaining may become the foundation of a new American labor movement.

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BATTLING THE PRINCE
A Woman Fights for Democracy
Claire Snyder-Hall

This political memoir exposes the weaknesses of democratic culture in the United States and suggests ways to strengthen it in the face of rising authoritarianism.

What happens when a democratic theory professor gets involved with the Democratic Party? In this political memoir, Claire Snyder-Hall shares lessons learned from eight years in party politics. She tells the story of organizing a grassroots campaign for state senate in a district dominated by good ole boys, of a political milieu in which a letter to the editor results in a smear campaign and broken friendships, and of battling a party establishment more concerned about shoring up its own power than engaging everyday people or fighting for their needs. Using an intersectional understanding of identity, Snyder-Hall unpacks the ways in which gender, class, and sexuality affect political campaigns, and offers advice for progressives. She also draws on insights from Machiavelli, Rousseau, Marx, and Gramsci to argue that a democratic republic requires a politically engaged populace, a democratic culture, and economic justice, and this can only be achieved when people defend democratic values in the face of rising authoritarianism, stand up to bullies, transform their political consciousness, and create a party willing to fight for the 99%.

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THE TYRANNY OF COMMON SENSE
Mexico’s Post-Neoliberal Conversion
Irmgard Emmelhainz

Elucidates how neoliberalism rules all areas of life and operates as a form of common sense, taking Mexico as a case study.

As one of the first countries to implement a neoliberal state apparatus, Mexico serves as a prime example of the effects of neoliberal structural economic reform on our sensibility. Irmgard Emmelhainz argues that, in addition to functioning as a form of politico-economic organization, neoliberalism creates particular ways of seeing and inhabiting the world. It reconfigures common sense, justifying destruction and dispossession in the name of development, and promising to solve economic precarity with self-help and permanent education. Pragmatism reigns, yet in always aiming to maximize individual benefit and profit, such common sense fuels a culture of violence and erodes the distinction between life and death. Moreover, since 2018, with the election of a new Mexican president, neoliberalism has undergone what Emmelhainz calls “post-neoliberal conversion,” intensifying extractivism and ushering in a novel form of moral, political, and intellectual hegemony rooted in class tensions and populism. Integrating theory with history and lived reality with art, film, and literary criticism, The Tyranny of Common Sense will appeal to academics and readers interested in the effects of neoliberalism and, now, post-neoliberalism in Mexico from a broader, global perspective.

Irmgard Emmelhainz is the author of Jean-Luc Godard’s Political Filmmaking.

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MEXICO UNMANNED
The Cultural Politics of Masculinity in Mexican Cinema
Samanta Ordóñez

Demonstrates how transhistorical myths of masculinity are both perpetuated and challenged in recent Mexican cinema.

Iconic images of machismo in Mexico’s classic cinema affirm the national film industry’s historical alignment with the patriarchal ideology intrinsic to the post-revolutionary state’s political culture. Filmmakers gradually turned away from the cultural nationalism of mexicanidad, but has the underlying gender paradigm been similarly abandoned? Films made in the past two decades clearly reflect transformations instituted by a neoliberal regime of cultural politics, yet significant elements of macho mythology continue to be rearticulated. Mexico Unmanned examines these structural continuities in recent commercial and auteur films directed by Alfonso Cuarón, Carlos Cuarón, Carlos Reygadas, Amat Escalante, and Julio Hernández Cordón, among others. Informed by cinema’s role in Mexico’s modern/colonial gender system, Samanta Ordóñez draws out recurrent patterns of signification that reproduce racialized categories of masculinity and bolster a larger network of social hierarchies. In so doing, Ordóñez dialogues with current intersectional gender theory, fresh scholarship on violence in the neoliberal state, and the latest research on Mexican cinema.

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**Perpetual Movement**

*Alfred Hitchcock’s Rope*

*Neil Badmington*

Offers both a production history and a close analysis, with a chapter for each of the film’s eleven shots.

The first book-length study in English of Alfred Hitchcock’s *Rope* (1948), *Perpetual Movement* offers both a production history that draws extensively upon little-known archival materials, including set drawings and drafts of the screenplay, and a close examination of the film in which Neil Badmington analyzes each of *Rope*’s eleven shots. Writing in an accessible and engaging style, Badmington explores the film’s treatment of space, sound, editing, sexuality, source material, design, intertextuality, narrative, and music. He looks at Hitchcock’s struggle with censorship while planning, shooting, and distributing the film. *Perpetual Movement* also addresses *Rope*’s reception and legacy, explaining why the film’s unusual qualities provide such lasting appeal for viewers.

*Neil Badmington* is Professor of English Literature at Cardiff University. He is the author of *Hitchcock’s Magic*, *The Afterlives of Roland Barthes*, and *Alien Chic*.

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Murray Pomerance, editor

*The Cinematographer’s Voice*

*Insights into the World of Visual Storytelling*

*Lindsay Coleman and Roberto Schaefer, editors*

A unique exploration of contemporary filmmaking from cinema’s ultimate insiders.

*The Cinematographer’s Voice* is a unique exploration of contemporary filmmaking and cinematography. The distillation of more than one hundred interviews with cinematographers from around the world, and the product of a decade’s worth of scholarship, the book is not only a collection of interviews with some of the world’s leading cinematographers, but also a panoramic sweep of what image-making means in the era of digital cinema. Frequently, cinematography may seem intimidating as a discipline, the preserve solely of practitioners who have learned, through years of exposure to photographic technology, both the required jargon and background knowledge to comfortably engage with an often-technical field. In our present era of film studies, this is no longer the case. The interviews collected here are informative not only on matters of technique, but also on the ways in which practitioners formulate their methodologies, work with directors, and engage with the many logistical hurdles of visual storytelling. The result is an oral history of the past forty years of filmmaking and the cinematography it has produced.

*Lindsay Coleman* is a Senior Instructor for Manhattan Review. His books include *Contemporary Film Music: Investigating Cinema Narratives and Composition* (coedited with Joakim Tillman). *Roberto Schaefer* is a member of the American Society of Cinematographers and Autori Italiani Cinematografia.

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Luchino Visconti and the Alchemy of Adaptation
Brendan Hennessey

Examine the place of book-to-film adaptations by one of Italy’s most famous postwar film directors.

Since the beginning, much of Italian cinema has been sustained by transforming literature into moving images. This tradition of literary adaptation continues today, challenging artistic form and practice by pressing the boundaries that traditionally separate film from its sister arts. In the twentieth century, director Luchino Visconti is a keystone figure in Italy’s evolving art of adaptation. From the tumultuous years of Fascism and postwar Neorealism, through the blockbuster decade of the 1960s, into the arthouse masterpieces of the 1970s, Visconti’s adaptations marked a distinct pathway of the Italian cinematic imagination. *Luchino Visconti and the Alchemy of Adaptation* examines these films together with their literary antecedents. Moving past strict book-to-film comparisons, it ponders how literary texts encounter and interact with a history of cultural and cinematic forms, genres, and traditions. Matching the major critical concerns of the postwar period (realism, political filmmaking, cinematic modernism) with more recent notions of adaptation and intermediality, this book reviews how one of Italy’s greatest directors mined literary ore for cinematic inspiration.

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Unholy Trinity
State, Church, and Film in Mexico
Rebecca Janzen

Examines representations of religion in Mexican film from the Golden Age to the early twenty-first century.

Rebecca Janzen brings a unique applied understanding of religion to bear on analysis of Mexican cinema from the Golden Age of the 1930s onward. *Unholy Trinity* first examines canonical films like Emilio Fernández’s *María Candelaria* and *Río Escondido* that mythologize Mexico’s past, suggesting that religious imagery and symbols are used to negotiate the place of religion in a modernizing society. It next studies films of the 1970s, which use motifs of corruption and illicit sexuality to critique both church and state. Finally, an examination of films from the 1990s and 2000s, including Guita Schyfter’s *Novia que te vea*, a film that portrays Mexico City’s Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jewish communities in the twentieth century, and Carlos Carrera’s controversial 2002 film *El crimen del padre Amaro*, arguing that religious imagery—related to the Catholic Church, people’s interpretations of Catholicism, and representations of Jewish communities in Mexico—allow the films to critically engage with Mexican politics, identity, and social issues.

Rebecca Janzen is Assistant Professor of Spanish and Comparative Literature at the University of South Carolina. She is the author of *The National Body in Mexican Literature: Collective Challenges to Biopolitical Control and Liminal Sovereignty: Mennonites and Mormons in Mexican Culture*, also published by SUNY Press.

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A VOYAGE WITH HITCHCOCK
Murray Pomerance


Following from An Eye for Hitchcock and A Dream for Hitchcock, this third volume of reflections upon Alfred Hitchcock’s work gives extensive meditations on six films: Psycho, The 39 Steps, The Birds, Dial M for Murder, Rich and Strange, and Suspicion. Murray Pomerance’s sources come from a wide territory of interest, including production study, philosophy, cultural history, and more. The book is written as an homage to, and in many ways address to, not only the story content of these films but, more importantly, their overall filmic texture, which involves compositions, visual nuances, sounds, rhythms, and Hitchcock’s unique treatments of human experience. The voyage theme plays a key—and moving—role in all the films discussed here.

Murray Pomerance is an independent scholar living in Toronto. He has published dozens of volumes on cinema, including five books on Alfred Hitchcock: A Dream for Hitchcock, also published by SUNY Press; An Eye for Hitchcock; Alfred Hitchcock’s America; Marnie; and The Man Who Knew Too Much.

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ALTON’S PARADOX
Foreign Film Workers and the Emergence of Industrial Cinema in Latin America
Nicolas Poppe

Uses extensive archival research to explore the manifold contributions of foreign film workers to emerging film industries in Latin America from the 1930s to early 1940s.

Alton’s Paradox builds upon extensive archival and primary research, but uses a single text as its point of departure—a 1934 article by the Hungarian American cinematographer John Alton in the Hollywood-published International Photographer. Writing from Argentina, Alton paradoxically argues of cine nacional, “The possibilities are enormous, but not until foreign technicians will take the matter in their hands and with foreign organization will there be local industry.” Nicolas Poppe argues that Alton succinctly articulates a line of thought commonly held across Latin American during the early sound period but little explored by scholars: that foreign labor was pivotal to the rise of national film industries. In tracking this paradox from Hollywood to Mexico to Argentina and beyond, Poppe reconsiders a series of notions inextricably tied to traditional film historiography, including authorship, (dis)continuation, intermediality, labor, National Cinema, and transnationalism. Wide-angled views of national film industries complement close-up analyses of the work of José Mojica, Alex Phillips, Juan Orol, Ángel Mentasti, and Tito Davison.

Nicolas Poppe is Associate Professor of Luso-Hispanic Studies at Middlebury College and the coeditor (with Rielle Navitski) of Cosmopolitan Film Cultures in Latin America, 1896–1960.

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THE HOLIDAY IN HIS EYE
Stanley Cavell’s Vision of Film and Philosophy
William Rothman

Presents an original, insightful, and compelling vision of the trajectory of Cavell’s oeuvre, one that takes his kinship with Emerson as inextricably bound up with his ever-deepening thinking about movies.

From The World Viewed to Cities of Words, writing about movies was strand over strand with Stanley Cavell’s philosophical work. Cavell was one of the first philosophers in the United States to make film a significant focus of his thought, and William Rothman has long been one of his most astute readers. The Holiday in His Eye collects Rothman’s writings about Cavell—many of them previously unpublished—to offer a lucid, serious introduction to and overview of Cavell’s work, the influence of which has been somewhat limited by both the intrinsic difficulty of his ideas and his challenging prose style. In these engaging and accessible yet philosophically serious and rigorously argued essays, Rothman presents an original, insightful, and compelling vision of the trajectory of Cavell’s oeuvre, one that takes Cavell’s kinship with Emerson as inextricably bound up with his ever-deepening thinking about movies.

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RACE AND THE SUBURBS IN AMERICAN FILM
Merrill Schleier, editor

Explores how suburban space and the body are racialized in American film.

This book is the first anthology to explore the connection between race and the suburbs in American cinema from the end of World War II to the present. It builds upon the explosion of interest in the suburbs in film, television, and fiction in the last fifteen years, concentrating exclusively on the relationship of race to the built environment. Suburb films began as a cycle in response to both America’s changing urban geography and the re-segregation of its domestic spaces in the postwar era, which excluded African Americans, Asian Americans, and Latinx from the suburbs while buttressing whiteness. By defying traditional categories and chronologies in cinema studies, the contributors explore the myriad ways suburban spaces and racialized bodies in film mediate each other. Race and the Suburbs in American Film is a stimulating resource for considering the manner in which race is foundational to architecture and urban geography, which is reflected, promoted, and challenged in cinematic representations.

Merrill Schleier is Professor Emeritus of Art and Architectural History and Film Studies at the University of the Pacific. They are the author of Skyscraper Cinema: Architecture and Gender in American Film.

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ENCONTRATING THE IMPOSSIBLE
The Fantastic in Hollywood Fantasy Cinema
Alexander Sergeant

The first academic explanation for how spectators use their imaginations as part of the experience and appreciation of popular fantasy filmmaking.

Hollywood fantasy cinema is responsible for some of the most lucrative franchises produced over the past two decades, yet it remains difficult to find popular or critical consensus on what the experience of watching fantasy cinema actually entails. What makes something a fantasy film, and what unique pleasures does the genre offer? In *Encountering the Impossible*, Alexander Sergeant solves the riddle of the fantasy film by theorizing the underlying experience of imagination alluded to in scholarly discussions of the genre. Drawing principally on the psychoanalysis of Melanie Klein and D.W. Winnicott, Sergeant considers the way in which fantasy cinema rejects Hollywood’s typically naturalistic mode of address to generate an alternative experience that Sergeant refers to as the fantastic, a way of approaching cinema that embraces the illusory nature of the medium as part of the pleasure of the experience. Analyzing such canonical Hollywood fantasy films as *The Wizard of Oz*, *It’s a Wonderful Life*, *Mary Poppins*, *Conan the Barbarian*, and *The Lord of the Rings* movies, Sergeant theorizes how fantasy cinema provides a unique film experience throughout its ubiquitous presence in the history of Hollywood film production.

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SEEING SYMPHONICALLY
Avant-Garde Film, Urban Planning, and the Utopian Image of New York
Erica Stein

Examines the ways in which a group of aesthetically innovative independent films contested and imagined alternatives to urban planning in midcentury New York.

Can the cinema imagine a different way of developing, using, and living in the city? Is it possible to do so using images of the extant city? Seeing Symphonically shows how a group of independent experimental, documentary, and feature films made in and about late modern New York City did just this. Between 1939 and 1964, as the city was being utterly remade by a combination of urban renewal projects, suburbanization, and high-rise public housing, the New York avant-garde reinvented the city symphony, a modernist form that depicted a day in the life of an urban environment through complex montage, optical effects, and street portraiture. Erica Stein documents how these New York City symphonies subverted and critiqued urban redevelopment through their aesthetics, particularly their rhythms, and, through those same rhythms, envisioned a world in which urban inhabitants have the absolute right to remake the city according to their needs, outside the demands of capital.

“Seeing Symphonically is one of those books that needed to be written. It is somewhat surprising that a book on the representation of New York in avant-garde and independent film hasn’t already been published. The book is therefore an important and long-awaited contribution to both film studies and urban studies.” — Steven Jacobs, coeditor of The City Symphony Phenomenon

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Curtains of Light
Theatrical Space in Film
George Toles

Provides a new way of thinking about film’s relation to theatre.

George Toles’s Curtains of Light explores the ways in which various kinds of theatrical space in film engage with the film reality adjacent to them, and alter our understanding of the cinematic real. Film art is a dialogue between the world created for a film narrative and theatre spaces that confront it across the shadowline. This book provides a new way of thinking about film’s relation to theatre, and challenges old conceptions of how cinema needs to escape the theatrical, or rise above it. Toles offers elegantly written and jargon-free readings of a rich variety of films, spanning the distance from D.W. Griffith’s True Heart Susie up to David Lynch’s Mulholland Dr. and Ang Lee’s Lust, Caution. The methodology is predominantly aesthetic, but informed by Toles’s decades of experience as a professional theatre director. Among the many topics covered are audition scenes, stage deaths on film, the close up and theatrical aloneness in film, eloquent objects, and characters who alternate between directing and playacting for each other, with tragic consequences. Curtains of Light would be an extremely useful introductory text for university students studying the relationship of cinema to theatre.

George Toles is Distinguished Professor of Literature and Film at the University of Manitoba and the author of A House Made of Light: Essays on the Art of Film and Paul Thomas Anderson. He has also authored or coauthored the screenplays of numerous Guy Maddin films, including My Winnipeg, Careful, Archangel, and The Saddest Music in the World.

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Continental Theory Buffalo
Transatlantic Crossroads of a Critical Insurrection
David R. Castillo, Jean-Jacques Thomas, and Ewa Plonowska Ziarek

An overview of the various approaches to the study of mystical experiences and mysticism.

Continental Theory Buffalo is the inaugural volume of the Humanities to the Rescue book series, a public humanities project dedicated to discussing the role of the arts and humanities today. This book is a collaborative act of humanistic renewal that builds on the transcontinental legacy of May 1968 to offer insightful readings of the cultural (d)evolution of the last fifty years. The volume contributors revisit, reclaim and reassess the “revolutionary” legacy of May 1968 in light of the urgency of the present and the future. Their essays are effective illustrations of the potential of such interpretive traditions as philosophy, literature and cultural criticism to run interference with (and offer alternatives to) the instrumentalist logic and predatory structures that are reducing the world to a collection of quantifiable and tradeable resources. The book will be of interest to cultural historians and theorists, media studies scholars, political scientists, and students of French and Francophone literature and culture on both sides of the Atlantic.

David R. Castillo is Professor of Spanish and Humanities Institute Director at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Jean-Jacques Thomas is Distinguished Professor and Melodia E. Jones Endowed Chair at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York. Ewa Plonowska Ziarek is Julian Park Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Buffalo, State University of New York; a Senior Research Fellow at the College of Fellows, Philosophy, at Western Sydney University; and a Visiting Faculty in the Institute for Doctoral Studies in the Visual Arts at the University of Maine.

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A POSTCOLONIAL RELATIONSHIP
Challenges of Asian Immigrants as the Third Other
Choi Hee An

Offers an Asian immigrant perspective on US racial relations and explores the unique situations and challenges facing Asian immigrants in the United States.

A Postcolonial Relationship critically examines the problems of current US racial relations from an Asian immigrant perspective and provides a new understanding of the complications that Asian immigrant groups experience as the “third other.” Choi Hee An dismantles black/white and native/alien binary concepts from an Asian immigrant perspective and explores the deeper understandings of postcolonial relationships that Asian immigrants face. By deconstructing black/white, native/alien, and host/guest binary divides, this book addresses the current structures of sociohistorical binary paradigms, investigates the unique challenges of Asian immigrant positions, analyzes the reality of their third otherness, and explores the possibilities of transforming binary relationships into postcolonial relationships based on ethical and theological religious traditions and practices in Asian immigrant contexts.

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THE SPACE OF THE TRANSNATIONAL
Feminisms and Ummah in African and Southeast Asian Writing
Shirin E. Edwin

Challenges and reimagines transnational feminism by analyzing the concept of ummah, or community, in Muslim women’s writing.

This book examines Muslim women’s creative strategies of deploying religious concepts such as ummah or community to solve such problems as domestic and communal violence, polygamous abuse, sterility, and the violence of heteronormativity. By closely reading and examining examples of ummah-building strategies in interfaith dialogues, exchanges, and encounters between Muslim and non-Muslim women in a selection of African and Southeast Asian fictions and essays, this book highlights women’s assertive activisms to redefine transnationalism, understood as relationships across national boundaries, as transgeography. Ummah-building strategies shift the space of or respatialize transnational relationships to connections with other communities, groups, and affiliations within the same nation-space. Such a respatialization also enables a more equitable and inclusive remediation of the citizenship of gendered and religious citizens (women and minorities) to the nation-state and consequently the transnational sphere of relationships.

Shirin Edwin is a scholar of African literatures, Women’s Studies, and Islamic Studies. She has served as a tenured Associate Professor of Comparative Literature at NYU Shanghai and as a tenured Associate Professor of French at Sam Houston State University.

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ART ACTIVISM FOR AN ANTICOLONIAL FUTURE
Carlos Garrido Castellano

Analyzes socially engaged art practices worldwide, linking them to decolonial struggle and critique.

Analyzing the confluence between coloniality and activist art, *Art Activism for an Anticolonial Future* argues that there is much to gain from approaching contemporary politically committed art practices from the angle of anticolonial, postcolonial, and decolonial struggles. These struggles inspired a vast yet underexplored set of ideas about art and cultural practices and did so decades before the acceptance of radical artistic practices by mainstream art institutions. Carlos Garrido Castellano argues that art activism has been confined to a limited spatial and temporal framework—that of Western culture and the modernist avant-garde. Assumptions about the individual creator and the belated arrival of derivative avant-garde aesthetics to the periphery have generated a narrow view of “political art” at the expense of our capacity to perceive a truly global alternative praxis. Garrido Castellano then illuminates such a praxis, focusing attention on socially engaged art from the Global South, challenging the supposed universality of Western artistic norms, and demonstrating the role of art in promoting and configuring a collective critical consciousness in postcolonial public spheres.

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AVANT-GARDES IN CRISIS
Art and Politics in the Long 1970s
Jean-Thomas Tremblay and Andrew Strombeck, editors

Charts underexamined genealogies of minoritarian aesthetic responses to the multiple crises of the long 1970s.

*Avant-Gardes in Crisis* claims that the avant-gardes of the late twentieth and early twenty-first centuries are in crisis, in that artmaking both responds to political, economic, and social crises and reveals a crisis of confidence regarding resistance’s very possibility. Specifically, this collection casts contemporary avant-gardes as a reaction to a crisis in the reproduction of life that accelerated in the 1970s—a crisis that encompasses living-wage rarity, deadly epidemics, and other aspects of an uneven management of vitality indexed by race, citizenship, gender, sexual orientation, class, and disability. The contributors collectively argue that a minoritarian concept of the avant-garde, one attuned to uneven patterns of resource depletion and infrastructural failure (broadly conceived), clarifies the interplay between art and politics as it has played out, for instance, in discussions of art’s autonomy or institutionality. Writ large, this book seeks to restore the historical and political context for the debates on the avant-garde that have raged since the 1970s.

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THE GODFATHER AND SICILY
Power, Honor, Family, and Evil
Raymond Angelo Belliotti

Offers a distinctive interpretation of The Godfather as a novel and film sequence.

In this interdisciplinary work, Raymond Angelo Belliotti presents an interpretation of The Godfather as, among other things, a commentary on the transformation of personal identity within the Sicilian and Italian immigrant experience. The book explores both the novel and the film sequence in terms of an existential conflict between two sets of values that offer competing visions of the world: on the one hand, a nineteenth-century Sicilian perspective grounded in honor and the accumulation of power within a culturally specific family order; and on the other, a twentieth-century American perspective that celebrates individualism and commercial success. Analyzing concepts such as honor, power, will to power, respect, atonement, repentance, forgiveness, and a meaningful life, Belliotti applies these analyses to the cultural understandings transported to America by nineteenth-century Italian immigrants, casting fresh light on Old World allegiances to l’ordine della famiglia (the family order), la via vecchia (the old way), and the patriarchal ideal of uomo di pazienza (the man of patience), as well as the Sicilian code of honor. The two sets of values—Old World Sicilian and twentieth-century American—coalesce uneasily in the same cultural setting, and their conflict is irresolvable.

Raymond Angelo Belliotti is SUNY Distinguished Teaching Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at State University College at Fredonia. His many books include Power: Oppression, Subservience, and Resistance and Machiavelli’s Secret: The Soul of the Statesman, both also published by SUNY Press.

SENSEITIVE NEGOTIATIONS
Indigenous Diplomacy and British Romantic Poetry
Nikki Hessell

Examines how Indigenous figures used British Romantic poetry in their interactions with settler governments and publics.

Throughout the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, Indigenous peoples in North America and the Pacific engaged with the latest and most fashionable British Romantic poetry as part of transcontinental and transoceanic cross-cultural negotiations about sovereignty, treaty rights, and land claims. In Sensitive Negotiations, Nikki Hessell uses examples from North America, Africa, and the Pacific to show how these Indigenous figures quoted lines from famous poets like Lord Byron and Felicia Hemans to build sympathy and community with their audience. Hessell makes new connections by setting aside European-derived genre barriers to bring literary studies to bear on the study of diplomacy and scholarship from diplomatic history and Indigenous studies to bear on literary criticism. By connecting British Romantic poetry with Indigenous diplomatic texts, artefacts, and rituals, Hessell reimagines poetry as diplomatic and diplomacy as poetic.

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US Immigrant Women’s Life Writing, Nationality, and Social Justice

*Ina C. Seethaler*

Examines how contemporary US migrant women’s life writing adapts autobiographical genres to call for social change benefiting minoritized communities.

A cross-cultural, comparative study of contemporary life writing by women who migrated to the United States from Mexico, Ghana, South Korea, and Iran, *Lives beyond Borders* broadens and deepens critical work on immigrant life writing. Ina C. Seethaler investigates how these autobiographical texts—through genre mixing, motifs of doubling, and other techniques—challenge stereotypes, social hierarchies, and the supposed fixity of identity and lends literary support to grassroots social justice efforts. Seethaler’s approach to literary analysis is both interdisciplinary and accessible. While *Lives beyond Borders* draws on feminist theory, critical race theory, and disability and migration studies, it also uses stories to engage and interest readers in issues related to migration and social change. In so doing, the book reevaluates the purpose, form, and audience of immigrant life writing.

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**FRACTURE FEMINISM**

The Politics of Impossible Time in British Romanticism

*David Sigler*

Shows how feminist writing in British Romanticism developed alternatives to linear time.

Feminist writers in British Romanticism often developed alternatives to linear time. Viewing time as a system of social control, writers like Mary Wollstonecraft, Anna Barbauld, and Mary Shelley wrote about current events as if they possessed knowledge from the future. *Fracture Feminism* explores this tradition with a perspective informed by Lacanian psychoanalysis and Derridean deconstruction, showing how time can be imagined to contain a hidden fracture—and how that fracture, when claimed as a point of view, could be the basis for an emancipatory politics. Arguing that the period’s most radical experiments in undoing time stemmed from the era’s discourses of gender and women’s rights, *Fracture Feminism* asks: to what extent could women “belong” to their historical moment, given their political and social marginalization? How would voices from the future interrupt the ordinary procedures of political debate? What if utopia were understood as a time rather than a place, and its time were already inside the present?

*David Sigler* is Associate Professor of English at the University of Calgary. He is the author of *Sexual Enjoyment in British Romanticism: Gender and Psychoanalysis, 1753–1835*, and coeditor (with Daniela Garofalo) of *Lacan and Romanticism*, also published by SUNY Press.

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FLESH OF MY FLESH
Sexual Violence in Modern Hebrew Literature
Ilana Szobel

Examines representations of sexual violence in modern Hebrew literature, focusing on the ways in which sexual aggression relates to Zionism, gender, ethnicity, and disability.

Flesh of My Flesh looks at one of the most silenced and repressed aspects of Israeli culture by examining the trope of sexual violence in modern Hebrew literature. Ilana Szobel explores how sexual violence participates in, encourages, or resists concurrent ideologies in Jewish and Israeli culture, and situates the rhetoric of sexual aggression within the contexts of gender, ethnicity, disability, and national identity. Focusing on writings of incest survivors, Sepharadi authors, wounded soldiers, and Hebrew authors such as Shoshana Shababo, Gershon Shofman, Hayim Nahman Bialik, Yoram Kaniuk, Amalia Kahana-Carmon, and Tsvia Litevsky, Szobel unveils the various roles of sexual violence in destabilizing hegemonic notions or reinforcing norms and modes of conduct. Thus, while the book looks at poetic and social possibilities of action in relation to sexual violence, it also exposes the Gordian knot of sexualized gender-based violence and the interests of patriarchy, heteronormativity, nationalism, racism, and ableism.

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Muzaffar Alam

Examines the relationship between Mughal political culture and the two dominant strains of Islam’s Sufi traditions in South Asia: one centered around orthodoxy, the other focusing on a more accommodating and mystical spirituality.

Based on a critical study of a large number of contemporary Persian texts, court chronicles, epistolary collections, and biographies of sufi mystics, The Mughals and the Sufis examines the complexities in the relationship between Mughal political culture and the two dominant strains of Islam’s Sufi traditions in South Asia: one centered around orthodoxy, the other focusing on a more accommodating and mystical spirituality. Muzaffar Alam analyses the interplay of these elements, their negotiation and struggle for resolution via conflict and coordination, and their longer-term outcomes as the empire followed its own political and cultural trajectory as it shifted from the more liberal outlook of Emperor Akbar “The Great” (r. 1556–1605) to the more rigid attitudes of his great-grandson, Aurangzeb ‘Alamgir (r. 1658–1701). Alam brings to light many new and underutilized sources relevant to the religious and cultural history of the Mughals and reinterprets well-known sources from a new perspective to provide one of the most detailed and nuanced portraits of Indian Islam under the Mughal Empire available today.

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CHRISTIANITY AND POLITICS IN TRIBAL INDIA
Baptist Missionaries and Naga Nationalism
G. Kanato Chophy

Chronicles the astonishing and counterintuitive spread of Christianity among a group of previously isolated tribes in a remote and hilly part of Northeastern India.

Through an ethnohistorical study of the Nagas—a congeries of tribes inhabiting the Indo-Myanmar frontier—this book explores an unusually interesting region of India that is all too often seen as peripheral. G. Kanato Chophy provides a distinct vantage point for understanding the Nagas in relation to colonialism, missionary encounters, identity politics, and cultural change, all seamlessly woven around American Baptist mission history in this region. The book also analyses India’s cacophonous postindependence democracy in order to delineate multifaith issues, multiculturalism, and ethnicity-based political movements.

Within the West, episodic memories of the “Great Awakening,” a significant landmark in the history of Protestantism, have faded into archival records. But among the Nagas of the Indo-Myanmar highlands, Baptist Christianity persists as the dominant religion, influencing the daily lives of nearly three million people. Focusing variously on evangelical faith, missionary zeal, ethnic identities, political struggle, and complex culture wars, Christianity and Politics in Tribal India is an original and major study of how Protestant missions changed the history and destiny of a tribal community in one of the unlikeliest regions of South Asia.

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Tables and Treatises in the Shiji and Hanshu
Mark Csikszentmihalyi and Michael Nylan, editors

The first concerted attempt to analyze how the histories Shiji and Hanshu described the technical arts as they were applied in vital areas of the administration of pre-Han and Han China.

While cultural literacy in early China was grounded in learning the Classics, basic competence in official life was generally predicated on acquiring several forms of technical knowledge. Recent archaeological finds have brought renewed attention to the use of technical manuals and mantic techniques within a huge range of discrete contexts, pushing historians to move beyond the generalities offered by past scholarship. To explore these uses, Technical Arts in the Han Histories delves deeply into the rarely studied “Treatises” and “Tables” compiled for the first two standard histories, the Shiji (Historical Records) and Hanshu (History of Han), important supplements to the better-known biographical chapters, and models for the inclusion of technical subjects in the twenty-three later “Standard Histories” of imperial China. Indeed, for a great many aspects of life in early imperial society, they constitute our best primary sources for understanding complex realities and perceptions.

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PERSONS EMERGING
Three Neo-Confucian Perspectives on Transcending Self-Boundaries
Galia Patt-Shamir

Offers three neo-Confucian understandings of broadening the Way as broadening oneself, through an ongoing process of removing self-boundaries.

Persons Emerging explores the renewed idea of the Confucian person in the eleventh-century philosophies of Zhou Dunyi, Shao Yong, and Zhang Zai. Galia Patt-Shamir discusses their responses to the Confucian challenge that the Way, as perfection, can be broadened by the person who travels it. Suggesting that the three neo-Confucian philosophers undertake the classical Confucian task of “broadening the way,” each proposes to deal with it from a different angle: Zhou Dunyi offers a metaphysical emerging out of the infinitude-finitude boundary, Shao Yong emerges out of the epistemological boundary between in and out, and Zhang Zai offers a pragmatic emerging out of the boundary between life and death.

Through the lens of these three Song-period China philosophers, the idea of “transcending self-boundaries” places neo-Confucian philosophies within the global philosophical context. Patt-Shamir questions the Confucian notions of person, Way, and how they relate to human flourishing to highlight how the emergence of personhood demands transcending metaphysical, epistemological, and moral self-boundaries.

Galia Patt-Shamir is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at Tel-Aviv University, Israel.

AMNESIA
A History of Democratic Idealism in Modern Thailand
Arjun Subrahmanyan

Describes the profound social impact of the overthrow of the Thai absolute monarchy in 1932, and explains the importance of democracy in a country long known for authoritarian politics.

Thailand’s monarchy and military have dominated the narrative of the country’s modern history, and their leadership is often accepted as evidence of a cultural preference for authoritarianism. Despite a long history of military coups that have upended the course of the country’s democracy, however, Thailand’s democratic history is a vital though largely ignored aspect of modern Thai society. Based on extensive archival research, Amnesia delves into the social and political beginnings of Thai democracy and explains how a bloodless revolution against the monarchy in 1932 introduced a constitutional democracy and ignited enduring hopes for a fairer society and a more representative government. The “People’s Party,” a small group of commoners who staged the revolution in the name of democracy, found an enthusiastic audience for their bold populist rhetoric among wide swathes of society. In Amnesia, Arjun Subrahmanyan illustrates how the idealism of the first decade of Thai democracy, now largely forgotten, still shapes Thai society.

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FRIENDSHIP AND HOSPITALITY
The Jesuit-Confucian Encounter in Late Ming China
Dongfeng Xu

Offers a comparative and deconstructive reading of the cross-cultural encounter between the Jesuits and their Confucian hosts in late Ming China.

The Jesuit mission to China more than four hundred years ago has been the subject of sustained scholarly investigation for centuries. Focusing on the concepts of friendship and hospitality as they were both theorized and practiced by the Jesuit missionaries and their Confucian hosts, this book offers a new, comparative, and deconstructive reading of the interaction between these two vastly different cultures. Dongfeng Xu analyzes how the Jesuits presented their concept of friendship to achieve their evangelical goals and how the Confucians reacted in turn by either displaying or denying hospitality. Challenging the hierarchical view in traditional discourse on friendship and hospitality by revealing the irreducible otherness as the condition of possibility of the two concepts, Xu argues that one legacy of the Jesuit-Confucian encounter has been the shared recognition that cultural differences are what both motivated and conditioned cross-cultural exchanges and understandings.

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MOVING FOR MARRIAGE
Inequalities, Intimacy, and Women’s Lives in Rural North India
Shruti Chaudhry

Comparative, ethnographic study of women who migrate for marriage in rural north India.

Based on ethnographic fieldwork in a village in the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, Moving for Marriage compares the lived experiences of women in “regional” marriages (that conform to caste and community norms within a relatively short distance) with women in “cross-regional” marriages (that traverse caste, linguistic, and state boundaries and entail long-distance migration within India). By demonstrating how geographic distance and regional origins make a difference in these women’s experiences, Shruti Chaudhry challenges stereotypes and moral panics about cross-regional brides who are brought from far away. Indeed, Moving for Marriage highlights the ways in which the post-marital experiences of both categories of wives in this study—their work and social relationships, their sexual lives and childbearing decisions, and their ability to access support in everyday contexts and in the event of marital distress—are shaped by factors such as caste, class/poverty, religion, and stage in the life-course. In focusing on this Global South context, Chaudhry makes novel arguments about the development of intimacy within marriages that are inherently unequal and even violent, thereby offering an alternative to Euro-American understandings of intimacy and women’s agency.

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Irish vegan studies are poised for increasing relevance as climate change threatens the legitimacy and longevity of animal agriculture and widespread health problems related to animal product consumption disrupt long held nutritional ideologies. Already a top producer of greenhouse gas emissions in the European Union, Ireland has committed to expanding animal agriculture despite impending crisis. The nexus of climate change, public health, and animal welfare present a challenge to the hegemony of the Irish state and neoliberal European governance. Efforts to resist animal rights and environmentalism highlight the struggle to sustain economic structures of inequality in a society caught between a colonialist past and a globalized future. *Animals in Irish Society* explores the vegan Irish epistemology, one that can be traced along its history of animism, agrarianism, ascendency, adaptation, and activism. From its zoomorphic pagan roots to its legacy of vegetarianism, Ireland has been more receptive to the interests of other animals than is currently acknowledged. More than a land of “meat” and potatoes, Ireland is a relevant, if overlooked, contributor to Western vegan thought.

**Corey Lee Wrenn** is Lecturer in Sociology at the University of Kent. She is the author of several books, including *A Rational Approach to Animal Rights: Extensions in Abolitionist Theory and Piecemeal Protest: Animal Rights in the Age of Nonprofits.*

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The first exploration of vegan Irish epistemology, one that can be traced along its history of animism, agrarianism, ascendency, adaptation, and activism.

THE ARCHAEOLGY OF INEQUALITY
Tracing the Archaeological Record
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*Brings together archaeologists, art historians, sociologists, and classicists to explore the origins and development of unequal relationships in ancient societies.*

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**Orlando Cerasuolo** is Adjunct Professor of Etruscan and Pre-Roman Archaeology at the Eastern University of Naples.

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MAYALOGUE
An Interactionist Theory of Indigenous Cultures
Victor Montejo

Offers a strong critique of traditional anthropological studies from an Indigenous and postcolonial perspective.

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Victor Montejo is Professor Emeritus of Native American Studies at the University of California, Davis. His previous books include Popol Vuh: A Sacred Book of the Maya; Maya Intellectual Renaissance: Identity, Representation, and Leadership; and Voices from Exile: Violence and Survival in Modern Maya History.

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VIRGIN CAPITAL
Race, Gender, and Financialization in the US Virgin Islands
Tami Navarro

Ethnography situating the contemporary financial services industry in the US Virgin Islands within broader histories of racial capitalism and gender inequality.

Virgin Capital examines the cultural impact and historical significance of the Economic Development Commission (EDC) in the United States Virgin Islands. A tax holiday program, the EDC encourages financial services companies to relocate to these American-owned islands in exchange for an exemption from 90% of income taxes, and to stimulate the economy by hiring local workers and donating to local charitable causes. As a result of this program, the largest and poorest of these islands—St. Croix—has played host to primarily US financial firms and their white managers, leading to reinvigorated anxieties around the costs of racial capitalism and a feared return to the racial and gender order that ruled the islands during slavery. Drawing on fieldwork conducted during the boom years leading up to the 2008–2009 financial crisis, Virgin Capital provides ethnographic insight into the continuing relations of coloniality at work in the quintessentially “modern” industry of financial services and neoliberal “development” regimes, with their grounding in hierarchies of race, gender, class, and geopolitical positioning.

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ONE OVER MANY
The Unitary Pluralism of Plato’s World
Necip Fikri Alican

Corrective intervention in Plato’s metaphysics replacing the standard view of Plato as a metaphysical dualist with a novel and revolutionary paradigm of unitary pluralism in a single reality built on ontological diversity.

One over Many is a groundbreaking interpretation of Plato’s philosophical outlook, solving longstanding problems in the scholarly literature. Its originality and its strength consist in replacing the metaphysical dualism of the traditional interpretation with the paradigm of unitary pluralism: one world with a gradation of reality, including three different types of Forms, as well as the entire spectrum of sensible phenomena, with intermediate ontological constructs in between. The model thus combines a monism of worlds with a pluralism of things, positing a unitary reality of infinite possibilities through ontological stratification. This tightly integrated collection of essays, conceived and developed by the author in pursuit of corrective intervention in Plato’s metaphysics, combines his previously published work with newly drafted material for the present volume. The book replaces the standard view of Plato as a metaphysical dualist with a novel interpretation providing greater explanatory power through the paradigm of unitary pluralism in a single reality built on ontological diversity.

Necip Fikri Alican is a philosopher specializing in ethics and metaphysics, both especially from a historical perspective.

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CONTEMPORARY ITALIAN WOMEN PHILOSOPHERS
Stretching the Art of Thinking
Silvia Benso and Elvira Roncalli, editors

A unique portrayal of the theoretical positions of eleven Italian women thinkers who share the practice of philosophy and extend philosophical work and interests beyond the realm of the discipline strictly defined.

Gathering the contributions of eleven contemporary Italian women thinkers who share a philosophical practice, Contemporary Italian Women Philosophers embraces a general interrelationality, fluidity, and overlapping of concepts for a border-crossing that affects what it means to be subjects that are embodied and participants in the life of their communities, thereby shaping a sense of belonging. Common threads are revealed through the exploration of radically diverse themes (the body, subjectivity, power, freedom, equality, liberation, the emotions, symbolism and metaphors, maternity, reproduction, responsibility, the political, the economic) and approaches (autobiographical styles, personal narratives, rootedness in the everyday, advancement of relationality, empathic responsibility, passions, and commitment to the flourishing of the polis). In their differences, these previously unpublished essays give the reader a glimpse of the fecund and articulated philosophical work of women in the Italian context—a context which has not been and still is not always benign toward women’s distinctive originality and creativity.

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TOWARD AN AFRICAN FUTURE—OF THE LIMIT OF WORLD

Nahum Dimitri Chandler

Examines the thought of W. E. B. Du Bois, with attention to its potential for reorienting present-day critical theory and political philosophy.

Widely known for his probing analysis of W. E. B. Du Bois’s early work, in this book Nahum Dimitri Chandler references writing from across the whole of Du Bois’s long career, while bringing sharp focus on two later texts issued in the immediate aftermath of World War II—Color and Democracy: Colonies and Peace and The World and Africa: An Inquiry into the Part which Africa has Played in World History. In these texts, “the problem of the color line,” which Du Bois had already characterized as the problem not only of the twentieth century, but of the modern epoch as a whole, is further figured as a global problem, as a horizon linking the contemporary conjuncture of the history of modern systems of enslavement with the ongoing impact of modern colonialism and imperialism on the world’s possible futures. On this line of thought, Chandler proposes that the name of “Africa” is a theoretical metaphor that enables a hyperbolic renarrativization of modern historicity. Du Bois thus emerges as an exemplary thinker of history and hope for the world beyond the limit of the present.

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Pioneering essays that demonstrate the significance of the seasons for philosophy, environmental thought, anthropology, cultural studies, aesthetics, poetics, and literary criticism.

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THE HUMANISTIC BACKGROUND OF SCIENCE
Philipp Frank
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The once-lost introduction to the philosophy of science by Philipp Frank (1884–1966), a leading member of the Vienna circle of philosophers and biographer of Albert Einstein.

Philipp Frank (1884–1966) was an influential philosopher of science, public intellectual, and Harvard educator whose last book, The Humanistic Background of Science, is finally available. Never published in his lifetime, this original manuscript has been edited and introduced to highlight Frank’s remarkable but little-known insights about the nature of modern science—insights that rival those of Karl Popper and Frank’s colleagues Thomas Kuhn and James Bryant Conant. As a leading exponent of logical empiricism and a member of the famous Vienna Circle, Frank intended his book to provide an accessible, engaging introduction to the philosophy of science and its cultural significance. The book is steadfastly true to science; to aspirations of peace, unity, and human flourishing after World War II; and to the pragmatic philosophies of Charles S. Peirce, William James, and John Dewey that Frank embraced in his new American home. Amidst the many recent surveys and retrospective analyses of midcentury philosophy of science, The Humanistic Background of Science offers an original, first-hand view of Frank’s post-European life and of intellectual dramas then unfolding in Chicago, New York City, and Boston.

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THE CULTURAL POWER OF PERSONAL OBJECTS
Traditional Accounts and New Perspectives
Jared Kemling, editor

Historical and theoretical discussions that describe and reflect on personal objects from a variety of perspectives.

The Cultural Power of Personal Objects seeks to understand the value and efficacy of objects, places, and times that take on cultural power and reverence to such a degree that they are treated (whether metaphorically or actually) as “persons,” or as objects with “personality”—they are living objects. Featuring both historical and theoretical sections, the volume details examples of this practice, including the wampum of certain Native American tribes, the tsukumogami of Japan, the sacred keris knives of Java, the personality of seagoing ships, the ritual objects of Hinduism and Ancient Egypt, and more. The theoretical contributions aim to provide context for the existence and experience of personal objects, drawing from a variety of disciplines. Offering a variety of new philosophical perspectives on the theme, while grounding the discussion in a historical context, The Cultural Power of Personal Objects broadens and reinvigorates our understanding of cultural meaning and experience.

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**PRAGMATIST ETHICS**

**A Problem-Based Approach to What Matters**
*James Jakób Liszka*

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**D. G. LEAHY AND THE THINKING NOW OCCURRING**

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A critical introduction to the American philosopher D. G. Leahy (1937–2014), whose oeuvre sets forth a fundamental thinking in which change itself is revealed to be the very essence of reality and mind.

This book offers a critical introduction to the work of American philosopher D. G. Leahy (1937–2014). Leahy’s fundamental thinking can be characterized as an *absolute creativity* in which all creating is “live”—a happening occurring now that manifests a supersaturated polyontological actuality that is essentially created by the logic that characterizes it. Leahy leaves behind the categorial presuppositions of modern thought, eclipsing both Cartesian and Hegelian subjectivities and introducing instead an essentially new form of thinking founded in a nondual logic of creation. The new thinking delineates the absolute unicity of existence as a creative interactivity beyond all traditional dichotomies (such as one vs. many, unity vs. plurality, identity vs. change): a fully “digitized” actuality that is nothing but newness, which inherently implies *nothing but change*. Through this new form of thinking, change itself is revealed to be the very essence of reality and mind. Any reader looking for a quantum leap beyond the thrall of modern and postmodern fixations is invited to hear and apprehend this new thinking that refuses to be conditioned by paradigms, categories, species, genera, walls, bridges, boundaries, or abstractions: an essentially free thinking that embodies creative novelty itself.

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THINKING ECOLOGICALLY, THINKING RESPONSIBLY

The Legacies of Lorraine Code

Nancy Arden McHugh and Andrea Doucet, editors

Engages and extends the feminist philosopher Lorraine Code’s groundbreaking work on epistemology and ethics.

Thinking Ecologically, Thinking Responsibly brings together a transdisciplinary cohort of feminist, critical race, Indigenous, and decolonial scholars who build upon and seek to widen and deepen the legacy and potential of feminist philosopher Lorraine Code’s work. Since the publication of her 1987 book *Epistemic Responsibility*, Code has been at the forefront of linking epistemologies, ontologies, ethics, and epistemic injustice to guide critical frameworks for responsible, situated knowing and practices. This volume both enacts and expands Code’s theories, epistemologies, and practices. It points to how concepts such as epistemic responsibility and approaches like ecological thinking are not only theoretical frameworks for knowing the world well; they are also practices and approaches that more and more feminists and critical thinkers are embodying in their work in order to think, write, and live critically and responsibly.

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Andrea J. Pitts

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SEEING WITH FREE EYES
The Poetic Justice of Euripides
Marlene K. Sokolon

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Responding to Plato’s challenge to defend the political thought of poetic sources, Marlene K. Sokolon explores Euripides’s understanding of justice in nine of his surviving tragedies. Drawing on Greek mythological stories, Euripides examines several competing ideas of justice, from the ancient ethic of helping friends and harming enemies to justice as merit and relativist views of might makes right. Reflecting Dionysus, the paradoxical god of Greek theater, Euripides reveals the human experience of understanding justice to be limited, multifaceted, and contradictory. His approach underscores the value of understanding justice not only as a rational idea or theory, but also as an integral part of the continuous and unfinished dialogue of political community. As the first book devoted to Euripidean justice, Seeing with Free Eyes adds to the growing interest in how citizens in democracies use storytelling genres to think about important political questions, such as “What is justice?”

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THE AMOROUS IMAGINATION
Individuating the Other-as-Beloved
D. Andrew Yost

Building on Jean-Luc Marion’s phenomenology of love, this book takes up the “question of the Other” and argues that through the interpretive activities of the amorous imagination lovers come to experience one another as the Beloved.

In The Amorous Imagination, D. Andrew Yost builds upon Jean-Luc Marion’s phenomenology of love to argue that through the interpretive activities of the imagination the Beloved appears to the lover as this Other, not the Other. Weaving together insights from Romantic thought and contemporary French philosophy, Yost describes the distinctive role the imagination plays in individuating another person so that they appear radically unique, special, and unsubstitutable. This radial uniqueness—or haecceitas—emerges out of the lovers’ engagement in an “endless hermeneutic,” an ongoing process of creative and responsive meaning-making that grounds the lovers’ lives in each other and opens them up to new possibilities. All of this, Yost argues, is made possible by the amorous imagination. Drawing from the deep well of love poetry, mythology, philosophy, and literature The Amorous Imagination comes to the provocative conclusion that without the productive power of the imagination love itself could not emerge.

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THE ANONYMITY OF A COMMENTATOR
Zakariyyā al-Anṣārī and the Rhetoric of Muslim Commentaries
Matthew B. Ingalls

A close study of one of the most prolific commentary writers in Islamic history.

The Anonymity of a Commentator examines the life and writings of the Egyptian Sufi-scholar Zakariyyā al-Anṣārī (d. 926/1520), the longest-serving chief Shāfiʿī justice to the Mamlūk sultanate during its final years. It analyzes al-Anṣārī’s commentaries in the disciplines of Sufism and Islamic law as a case study to illustrate how and why Muslims produced commentaries in the later Islamic Middle Period and how the form and rhetoric of commentary writing furnished scholars like al-Anṣārī with a medium in which to express their creativity and adapt the received tradition to the needs of their time. Whereas twentieth-century scholars tended to view Muslim commentary texts as symbols of intellectual stagnation in and of themselves, contemporary scholars recognize that these texts are often the repositories of profound ideas, although they approach them with little guidance from their academic predecessors. The Anonymity of a Commentator aims to provide this guidance, through a close study of one of the most prolific commentary writers in Islamic history.

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AN INTRODUCTION TO THE STUDY OF MYSTICISM
Richard H. Jones

An overview of the various approaches to the study of mystical experiences and mysticism.

The purpose of this book is to fill a gap in contemporary mystical studies: an overview of the basic ways to approach mystical experiences and mysticism. It discusses the problem of definitions of “mystical experiences” and “mysticism” and advances characterizations of “mystical experiences” in terms of certain altered states of consciousness and “mysticism” in terms of encompassing ways of life centered on such experiences and states. Types of mystical experiences, enlightened states, paths, and doctrines are discussed, as is the relation of mystical experiences and mysticism to religions and cultures. The approaches of constructivism, contextualism, essentialism, and perennialism are presented. Themes in the history of the world’s major mystical traditions are set forth. Approaches to mystical phenomena in sociology, psychology, gender studies, and neuroscience are introduced. Basic philosophical issues related to whether mystical experiences are veridical and mystical claims valid, mystics’ problems of language, art, and morality are laid out. Older and newer comparative approaches in religious studies and in Christian theology are discussed, along with postmodernist objections. The intended audience is undergraduates and the general public interested in the general issues related to mysticism.

Richard H. Jones is the author of several books, including Philosophy of Mysticism: Raids on the Ineffable and Mystery 101: Introduction to the Big Questions and the Limits of Human Knowledge, both published by SUNY Press.

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Can nature be considered a religious object? Religious naturalists answer yes, as they seek to carve out a middle path between supernaturalism and atheistic secularism. In this book, Mikael Leidenhag critically examines the religious proposals, philosophical commitments, and ecological ambitions of key religious naturalists, including Willem B. Drees, Charley D. Hardwick, Donald Crosby, Ursula Goodenough, Stuart Kauffman, Gordon Kaufman, Karl Peters, and Loyal Rue. Leidenhag argues that contemporary religious naturalism faces several problems, both with regard to its understanding of naturalism and the ways in which it seeks to uphold a religious conception of reality. He evaluates possible routes for moving forward, considering naturalistic and theistic proposals. He also analyzes the philosophical thesis of panpsychism, the idea that mind is a pervasive feature of the universe and reaches down to the fundamental levels of reality. The author concludes that panpsychism offers the most promising framework against which to understand the metaphysics and eco-ethical ambitions of religious naturalism.

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Explores how concepts of sex in heaven can inform Christian sexual ethics that challenge traditional norms and open new possibilities.

Under the Bed of Heaven is a work of Christian ethics that examines how eschatology might reshape concepts of sexual morality. With the rise of institutional Christianity in the Roman Empire, Christian attitudes about sexual desire and activity were soon controlled by doctrines of virginity and celibacy, or, monogamous marriage for the sake of procreation. These moral theologies aligned with a certain track of Christian eschatology, which imagined the future resurrection of the body, but without any corresponding sexual desires. As a result, traditional Christianity developed a preference for celibacy on earth to match the loss of sexual desire and activity in heaven, making marriage and monogamy temporal goods only.

In recent years, a few scholars of religion have challenged whether this vision of a sexless heaven is valid. However, they have not fully developed a vision of sex in heaven that might function to critique and reform Christian sexual ethics on earth. Richard W. McCarty explores scripture, church teachings, and different models of eschatology to offer a bold new conception of Christian sexual ethics that is inclusive of LGBTQ and heterosexual people, both in and outside of monogamous configurations.

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CREATIVE INQUIRY
From Ideation to Implementation
Mary Stewart

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