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## Narrative Podcasting in an Age of Obsession

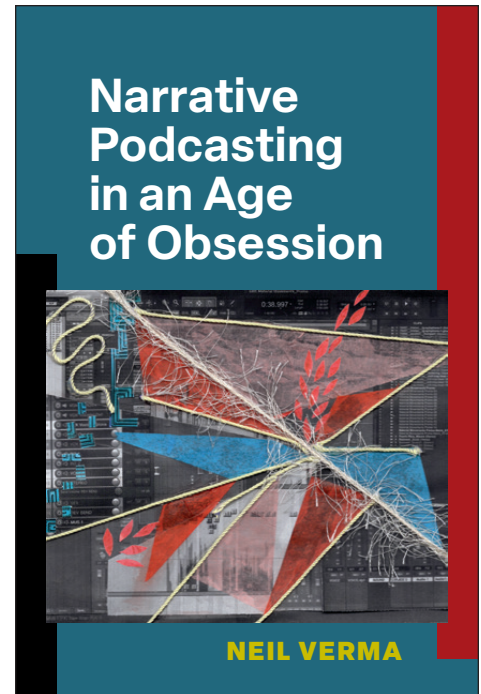
Neil Verma

**Evaluating the rise of podcasting and the storytelling trends that emerged**

It has been a decade since *Serial* brought the narrative podcast to the center of popular culture. In that time, there has been an enormous boom in the production of podcasts that tell stories, particularly in the fields of true crime, storytelling, history, and narrative fiction. Now that the initial glow around the medium has begun to fade, it is time to reevaluate the medium's technological, political, economic, and cultural rise, in particular what types of storytelling accompanied that rise.

*Narrative Podcasting in an Age of Obsession* is the first book to look back on this prodigious body of material and attempt to make sense of it from a structural, historical, and analytic point of view. Focusing on more than 350 podcasts and other audio works released between *Serial* and the COVID pandemic, the book explores why so many of these podcasts seem “obsessed with obsession,” why they focus not only on informing listeners but also dramatizing the labor that goes into it, and why fiction podcasts work so hard to prove they are a brand new form, even as they revive features of radio from decades gone by. This work also examines the industry's reckoning with its own implication in systemic racism, misogyny, and other forms of discrimination. Employing innovative new critical techniques for close listening—including pitch tracking software and spectrograms—*Narrative Podcasting in an Age of Obsession* makes a major contribution to podcast studies and media studies more broadly.

**Neil Verma** is Assistant Professor of Sound Studies in the Department of Radio/Television/Film at Northwestern University. His books include *Theater of the Mind: Imagination, Aesthetics and American Radio Drama* (2012) and, as coeditor, *Indian Sound Cultures, Indian Sound Citizenship* (2020) and *Anatomy of Sound: Norman Corwin and Media Authorship* (2016).



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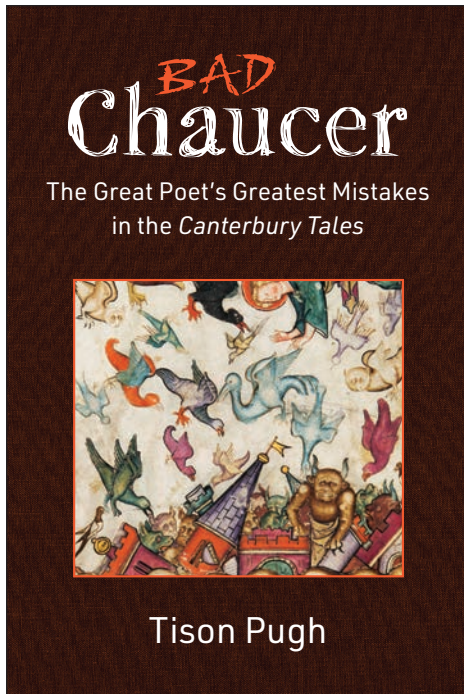
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## Bad Chaucer

*The Great Poet's Greatest Mistakes in the Canterbury Tales*

Tison Pugh

**Explores how Geoffrey Chaucer's blunders in the classic *Canterbury Tales* make it far from a perfect masterpiece**

Acclaimed for centuries as the “Father of English Literature,” Geoffrey Chaucer enjoys widespread and effusive praise for his classic *Canterbury Tales*—and rightfully so. Still, even the greatest of authors cannot claim perfection, and so *Bad Chaucer* analyzes his various missteps, missed opportunities, and other blunders in this peerless masterpiece. From a vexing catalog of trees in the *Knight's Tale* to the flirtations with blasphemy in the *Parson's Tale*, this volume progresses through the *Canterbury Tales* story by story, tale by tale, pondering the most egregious failing of each in turn. Viewed collectively, Chaucer's troubles stem from clashing genres that disrupt interpretive clarity, themeless themes that undermine any message a tale might convey, mischaracterized characters who act without clear motivation, purposeful and otherwise pleasurable badness that show Chaucer's appreciation for the humor of bad literature, and outmoded perspectives that threaten to alienate modern readers. Badness is not always to be lamented but often celebrated, even cherished, for badness infuses artistic creations with the vitality that springs from varied responses, spirited engagements, and the inherent volatility of enjoying literature. On the whole, *Bad Chaucer*: swerves literary criticism in a new direction by examining the provocative question, for too long overlooked, of what this great author got wrong.

**Tison Pugh** is Pegasus Professor of English at the University of Central Florida. He is the author or editor of over two dozen books, including *On the Queerness of Early English Drama: Sex in the Subjunctive* and *Chaucer's (Anti-) Eroticisms and the Queer Middle Ages*.

*“Pugh's willingness to kick Chaucer off his pedestal is a refreshing departure from staid scholarship on the poet, but it's clear that Pugh's criticisms stem from a deep love for his subject, warts and all. The result is an unusually lively take on the medieval classic.”*

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## Seeds of Mobilization

*The Authoritarian Roots of South Korea's Democracy*

Joan E. Cho

**Examines the roles of industrialization and tertiary education in Korea's nonlinear path to democracy**

South Korea is sometimes held as a dream case of modernization theory, a testament to how economic development leads to democracy. *Seeds of Mobilization* takes a closer look at the history of South Korea to show that Korea's advance to democracy was not linear. Instead, while Korea's national economy grew dramatically under the regimes of Park Chung Hee (1961–79) and Chun Doo Hwan (1980–88), the political system first became increasingly authoritarian. Because modernization was founded on industrial complexes and tertiary education, these structures initially helped bolster the authoritarian regimes. In the long run, however, these structures later facilitated the anti-regime protests by various social movement groups—most importantly, workers and students—that ultimately brought democracy to the country.

By using original subnational protest event datasets, government publications, oral interviews, and publications from labor and student movement organizations, Joan E. Cho takes a long view of democratization that incorporates the decades before and after South Korea's democratic transition. She demonstrates that Korea's democratization resulted from a combination of factors from below and from above, and that authoritarian development itself was a hidden root cause of democratic development in South Korea. *Seeds of Mobilization* shows how socioeconomic development did not create a steady pressure toward democracy but acted as a “double-edged sword” that initially stabilized autocratic regimes before destabilizing them over time.

**Joan E. Cho** is Assistant Professor of East Asian Studies, and Assistant Professor by courtesy of Government, at Wesleyan University.

## SEEDS OF MOBILIZATION

THE AUTHORITARIAN ROOTS  
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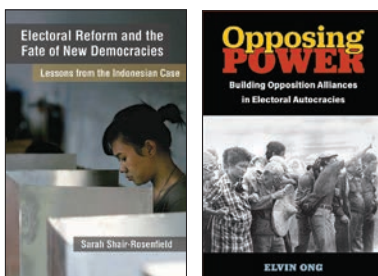
JOAN E. CHO



*“In this richly researched and elegantly written book, Joan Cho uses the case of South Korea to make an original and nuanced argument about how the geospatial patterns of industrial and educational policies bolstered authoritarian durability initially but also unintentionally laid the organizational foundations off which social forces mobilized to democratize Korea.”*

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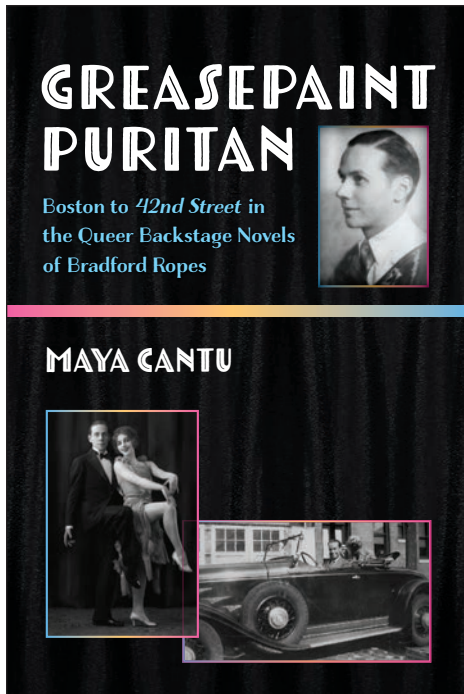
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*“A significant contribution to our further understanding and appreciation of American theater and entertainment in the mid-20th century. Bradford Ropes deserves a bright spotlight, and Maya Cantu has provided it.”*

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## Greasepaint Puritan

*Boston to 42nd Street in the Queer Backstage Novels of Bradford Ropes*

Maya Cantu

**Recovers the life and art of Bradford Ropes, author of *42nd Street* and chronicler of gay lives in early show business**

*Greasepaint Puritan* details the life and work of Bradford Ropes, author of the bawdy 1932 novel *42nd Street*, on which the classic film and its stage adaptation are based. Each of Ropes’s long-forgotten novels was inspired by his own experiences as a performer, and focused on the lives of gay men in show business, offering rare glimpses into backstage Broadway. But why did Ropes’s body of work, and consequently his biographical footsteps, disappear into such obscurity?

*Greasepaint Puritan* aims to find out and reclaim his story. Descended from Mayflower Pilgrims, Ropes rebelled against the “Proper Bostonian” life, in a career that touched upon the Jazz Age, American vaudeville, and theater censorship. We follow Ropes’s successful career as both a performer and the author of the trilogy of backstage novels: *42nd Street*, *Stage Mother*, and *Go Into Your Dance*. Populated by scheming stage mothers, precocious stage children, grandiose bit players, and tart-tongued chorines, these novels centered on the lives and relationships of gay men on Broadway during the Jazz Age and Prohibition era. Rigorously researched, *Greasepaint Puritan* chronicles Ropes’s career as a successful screenwriter in 1930s and ’40s Hollywood, where he continued to be a part of a dynamic gay subculture within the movie industry before returning to obscurity in the 1950s. His legacy lives on in the Hollywood and Broadway incarnations of *42nd Street*—but *Greasepaint Puritan* restores the “forgotten melody” of the man who first envisioned its colorful characters.

**Maya Cantu** is a dramaturg, interdisciplinary scholar, and historian who teaches on the Drama Faculty of Bennington College. She is also the author of *American Cinderellas on the Broadway Musical Stage: Imagining the Working Girl from “Irene” to “Gypsy”*.

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## Kinethic California

### *Dancing Funk and Disco Era Kinships*

Naomi Macalalad Bragin

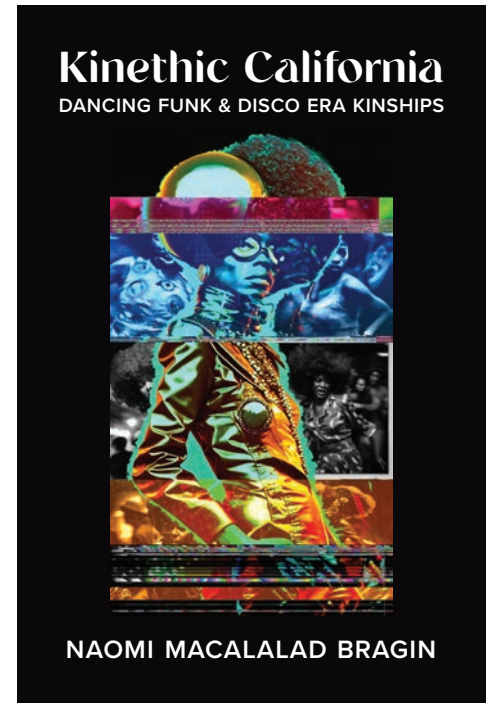
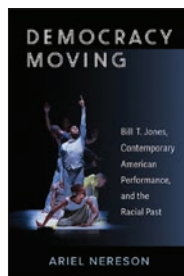
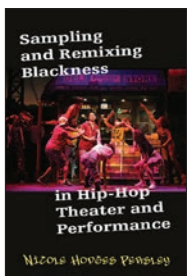
**Explores the collective making of black social and vernacular dance in the 1970s, precursor to today's global hip hop culture**

*Kinethic California: Dancing Funk and Disco Era Kinships* documents the emergence of new forms of black social and vernacular dance in 1970s California, forms embedded in local cultural histories but connected to the contemporary global culture of hip hop/streetdance. The book weaves interviews and ethnographies of first generation (1960s–70s) dancers of strutting, boogaloo, robotting, popping, locking, waacking, and punking styles, as it advances a theory of dance as kinetic kinship formation, through a focus on techniques and practices of the dancers themselves. The term given to these collective movement practices is *kinethic*, to bring attention to motion at the core of Black aesthetics that generate dances as forms of kinship beyond blood relation. Kinethics reorient dancers toward kinetic kinship in ways that give continuity to black dance lineages under persistent conditions of disappearance and loss. As dancers engage kinethics, they reinvent gestural vocabularies that describe worlds they imagine into knowing-being.

The stories in *Kinethic California* attend to the aesthetics of everyday movement, seen through the lens of young artists who from childhood listened to their family's soul and funk records, observed the bent-leg strolls and rhythmic handshakes of people moving through their neighborhoods, and watched each other move at house parties, school gyms, and around-the-way social clubs. Their aesthetic sociality and geographic movement provided materials for collective study and creative play. Naomi Macalalad Bragin attends to such multidirectional conversations between dancer, community, and tradition, by way of which California dance lineages emerge and take flight.

**Naomi Macalalad Bragin** is Associate Professor at the University of Washington Bothell.

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*“Urgent and provocative, this book brings streetdance into conversation with Black feminist theory and Black Queer theory in important ways. The book’s structure and its pauses for poetic explorations are compelling, and confirm that Bragin dances well with words, translation, and those who have shared their stories with her.”*

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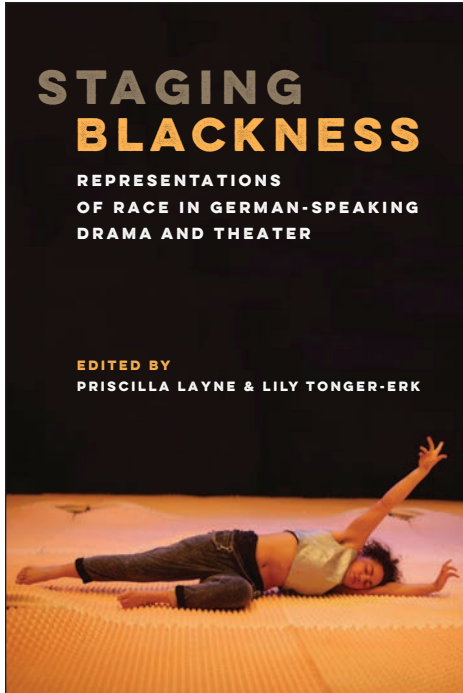
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*“This volume offers an important and groundbreaking contribution to the study of German theater and racial representations. It follows on significant developments in the globalization of the Black Lives Matter movement but also intense debates on the nature of theatrical representation in Germany.”*

—Randall Halle,  
University of Pittsburgh

## Staging Blackness

*Representations of Race in German-Speaking  
Drama and Theater*

Priscilla Layne and Lily Tonger-Erk, Editors

**Examining how Blackness has been historically staged in German theater and how it should be represented today**

*Staging Blackness* provides a multifaceted look at how Blackness has been staged in Germany from the eighteenth century, the birth of German national theater, until the present. In recent years, the German stage has been at the forefront of discussions about race, from cases of blackface to fights for better representation within the professional community. These debates frequently invoke larger discussions about the politics of race in German theater and their origins, and beyond.

Written by scholars and theater professionals with a wide variety of historical and theoretical expertise, the chapters seek to explore the connections between the German discourse on national theater and emerging ideas about race, analyze how dramaturges deal with older representations of Blackness in current productions, and discuss the contributions Black German playwrights and dramaturges have made to this discourse. Historians question how these plays were staged in their time, while cultural studies scholars contemplate how to interpret the function of race in these plays and how they can continue to be staged today.

**Priscilla Layne** is Professor of German and Adjunct Associate Professor of African and Afro-American Studies at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

**Lily Tonger-Erk** is Associate Professor at the German Studies Department of the University of Tübingen, Germany.

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Brenda Miller, Editor

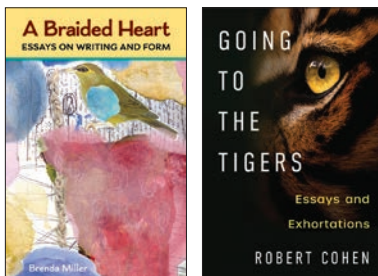
**Essays inspiring readers to take an innovative approach to writing**

*The Next Draft: Inspiring Craft Talks from the Rainier Writing Workshop* brings together a selection of the “morning talks” delivered by the renowned authors who teach at the prestigious Rainier Writing Workshop MFA program. These morning talks are a highlight of the residencies at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Washington, featuring inspiring, innovative approaches to writing and literature across genres. For this collection, Brenda Miller has selected essays that feature diverse and illustrious writers such as Geoffrey Davis, Marjorie Sandor, Barrie Jean Borich, Jenny Johnson, Oliver de la Paz, Lia Purpura, Kent Myers, Rebecca McClanahan, and others. Ranging from reading and writing in the Jewish tradition of midrash to the role of the writer as cultural critic in the 21st century, *The Next Draft* brings to life the kind of intellectual and creative excitement that underlies the intensive MFA experience at Pacific Lutheran University. Not only do these talks show innovative approaches to writing and literature across genres, they inspire the reader to think about how to read differently and thus bring their own work to a new level.

**Brenda Miller’s** most recent book is *A Braided Heart: Essays on Writing and Form*. She is the author of five more essay collections, including *An Earlier Life*, which received the Washington State Book Award for Memoir, and she is the recipient of six Pushcart Prizes. She is a Professor of Creative Writing at Western Washington University and Associate Faculty at the Rainier Writing Workshop.



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**“Stephanie Dinkins: On Love and Data is a beautiful reflection on technology, and in particular AI, through the lens of Dinkins’s unique artistic practice. In this pivotal moment of technological advancement, the publication offers alternatives to the proliferation of bias-based systems—inspiring ways to imagine a justice-oriented digital future.”**

—Justine Ludwig, Executive Director, Creative Time

## Stephanie Dinkins

*On Love & Data*

Srimoyee Mitra

### Art’s power to challenge inequities and build inclusive dialogues

Stephanie Dinkins is renowned for her critical investigations into artificial intelligence and machine learning systems as they intersect race, gender, and our future histories. By using her training in documentary practices as a photo-based artist, she creates inclusive platforms for dialogue and action toward building technological ecosystems and datasets that are equitable, accessible, and transparent. Her immersive installations, community-based workshops, and public talks seek audience participation and engagement in a way that pushes the boundaries of new media and socially engaged art practices in the 21st century.

*Stephanie Dinkins: On Love & Data* brings together nationally renowned curators and theorists who draw from methodologies of art criticism, social practice, new media theory, and critical studies to offer an in-depth analysis of key installations in Dinkins’s survey exhibition. The book also includes an important essay by Stephanie Dinkins on her concept of Afro-now-ism in which she expands on her theoretical framework and positionality as a Black new media artist in the 21st century. Dinkins’s artistic research transcends the boundaries of visual art to challenge and expose the bias and inequities of caste, race, and gender, which are encoded within digital systems on which governance, healthcare, and security infrastructures in the United States are based.

**Srimoyee Mitra** is the Director of the Stamps Gallery at the University of Michigan. She is an award-winning curator, writer, and arts administrator whose work is invested in building empathy and mutual respect. Her previous publications include *Border Cultures* (Black Dog Publishing, 2015).

#### ART AND CULTURE | NEW MEDIA

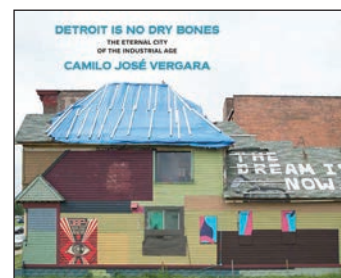
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## Crippling Girlhood

Anastasia Todd

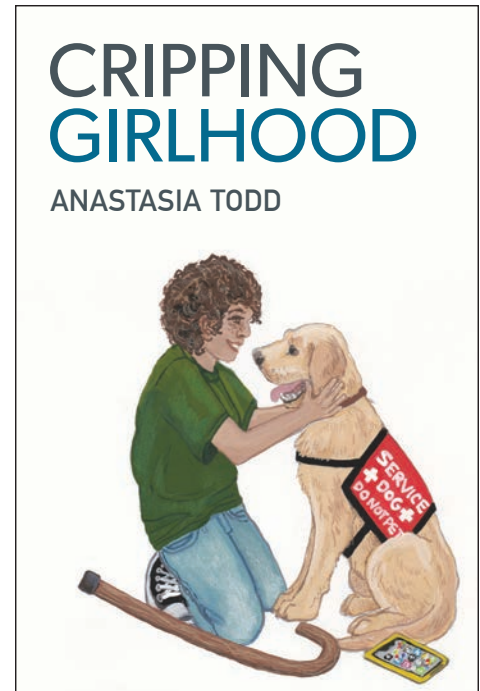
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### Disabled girls' complex roles in contemporary media culture

*Crippling Girlhood* offers a new theorization of disabled girlhood, tracing how and why representations of disabled girls emerge with frequency in twenty-first century U.S. media culture. It uncovers how the exceptional figure of the disabled girl most often appears as a resource to work through post-Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) anxieties about the family, healthcare, labor, citizenship, and the precarity of the bodymind. In paying critical attention to disabled girlhood, the book uses feminist disability studies to rupture the unwitting assumption in girls' studies that girlhood is necessarily non-disabled.

By closely examining the ways that disabled girls represent themselves, Anastasia Todd goes beyond a critique of the figure of the privileged disabled girl subject in the national imagination to explore how disabled girls circulate their own capacious re-envisioning of what it means to be a disabled girl. In analyzing a range of cultural sites, including YouTube, TikTok, documentaries, and GoFundMe campaigns, Todd shows how disabled girls actively upend what we think we know about them and their experience, recasting the meanings ascribed to their bodyminds in their own terms. By analyzing disabled girls' self-representational practices and cultural productions, Todd shows how disabled girls deftly theorize their experiences of ableism, sexism, racism, and ageism, and cultivate communities online, creating archives of disability knowledge and politicizing other disabled people in the process.

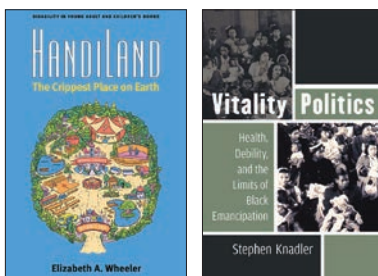
**Anastasia Todd** is Assistant Professor of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of Kentucky.



*“Anastasia Todd delicately handles discourses surrounding living breathing disabled girls (and women) without ever passing judgment on any particular girl or the ways she might be implicated in the reproduction of harmful narratives about disability. It’s a love letter to crip girls, flawlessly and accessibly written. For feminist disability studies scholars, this book will read like having a conversation with a group of colleague-friends.”*

—Amanda Apgar,  
Loyola Marymount University

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# Ghosts and the Overplus

Reading Poetry in  
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*“A spirited, nonconformist book. Christina Pugh has been covering the waterfront of poetry in English for years as poet, critic, teacher, and editor, and her essays rise from those rambles. She reads Dickinson and Bishop against the fashionable grain, plucks at the notion of ‘mainstream poetry,’ and brings us up close to Jonson, Milton, Stevens, Milosz, Gwendolyn Brooks, Ed Roberson, and others in prose both sensuous and precise. A rich adventure of poetic discovery.”*

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*Reading Poetry in the Twenty-First Century*

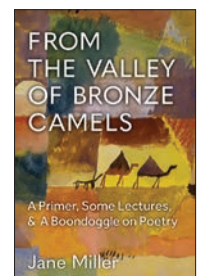
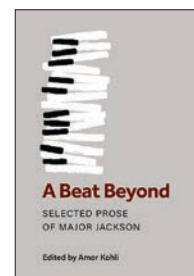
Christina Pugh

**Celebrating the voices, current and past, that surface in lyric poetry**

*Ghosts and the Overplus* is a celebration of lyric poetry in the twenty-first century and how lyric poetry incorporates the voices of our age as well as the poetic “ghosts” from the past. Acclaimed poet and award-winning teacher Christina Pugh is fascinated by how poems continually look backward into literary history. Her essays find new resonance in poets ranging from Emily Dickinson to Gwendolyn Brooks to the poetry of the present. Some of these essays also consider the way that poetry interacts with the visual arts, dance, and the decision to live life as a nonconformist. This wide-ranging collection showcases the critical discussions around poetry that happened in America over the first two decades of our current millennium. Essay topics include poetic forms continually in migration, such as the sonnet; poetic borrowings across visual art and dance; and the idiosyncrasies of poets who lived their lives against the grain of literary celebrity and trend. What unites all of these essays is a drive to dig more deeply into the poetic word and act: to go beyond surface reading in order to reside longer with poems. In essays both discursive and personal, Pugh shows that poetry asks us to think differently—in a way that gathers feeling into the realm of thought, thereby opening the mysteries that reside in us and in the world around us.

**Christina Pugh** has published five books of poems including *Stardust Media* (2020), winner of the Juniper Prize for Poetry from the University of Massachusetts Press. She has received fellowships and awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Poetry Society of America, the Bogliasco Foundation, and the Illinois Arts Council. A recent Visiting Artist at the American Academy in Rome, she is a professor in the Program for Writers at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

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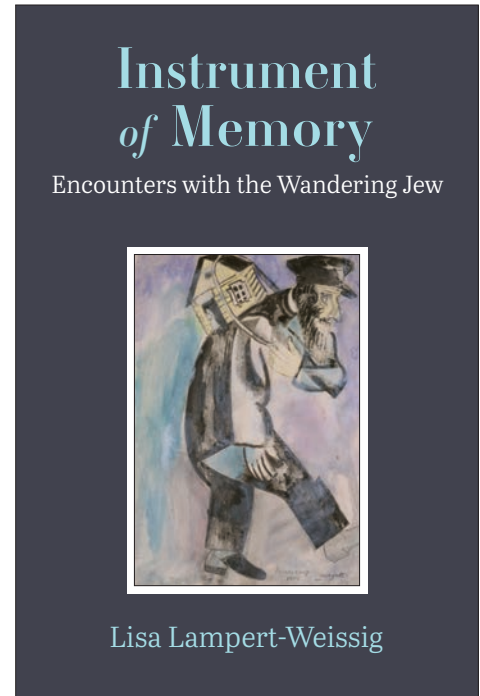
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How can immortality be a curse? According to the Wandering Jew legend, as Jesus made his way to Calvary, a man refused him rest, cruelly taunting him to hurry to meet his fate. In response, Jesus cursed the man to wander until the Second Coming. Since the medieval period, the legend has inspired hundreds of adaptations by artists and writers. *Instrument of Memory: Encounters with the Wandering Jew*, the first English-language study of the legend in over fifty years, is also the first to examine the influence of the legend's medieval and early modern sources over the centuries into the present day. Using the lens of memory studies, the work shows how the Christian tradition of the legend centered the memory of the Passion at the heart of the Wandering Jew's curse. *Instrument of Memory* also shows how Jewish artists and writers have reimagined the legend through Jewish memory traditions. Through this focus on memory, Jewish adapters of the legend create complex renderings of the Wandering Jew that recognize not only the entanglement of Jewish and Christian memory, but also the impact of that entanglement on Jewish subjects. This book presents a complex, sympathetic, and more fully realized version of the legend while challenging the limits of the presentism of memory studies.

**Lisa Lampert-Weissig** is Professor of English Literature and Comparative Medieval Studies and Jerome and Miriam Katzin Chair of Jewish Civilization at the University of California, San Diego.



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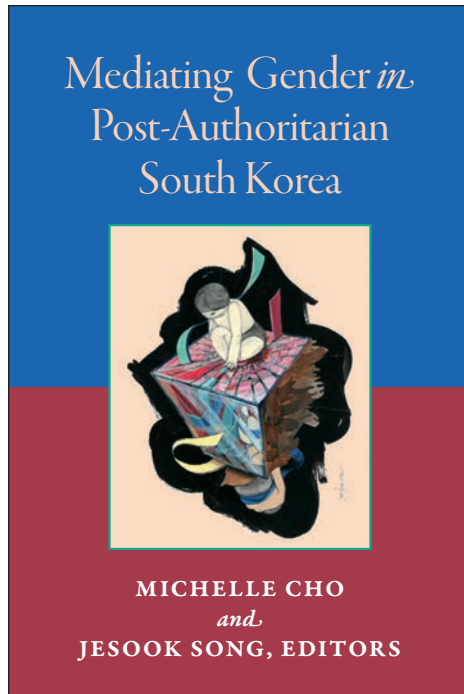
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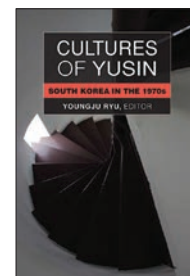
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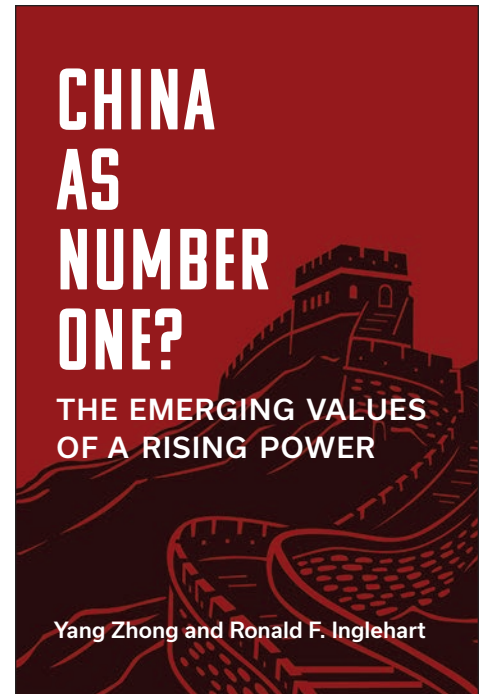
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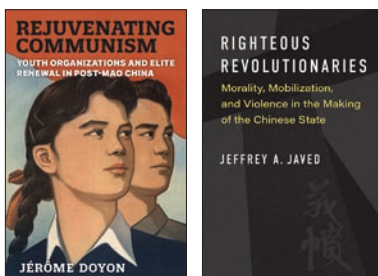


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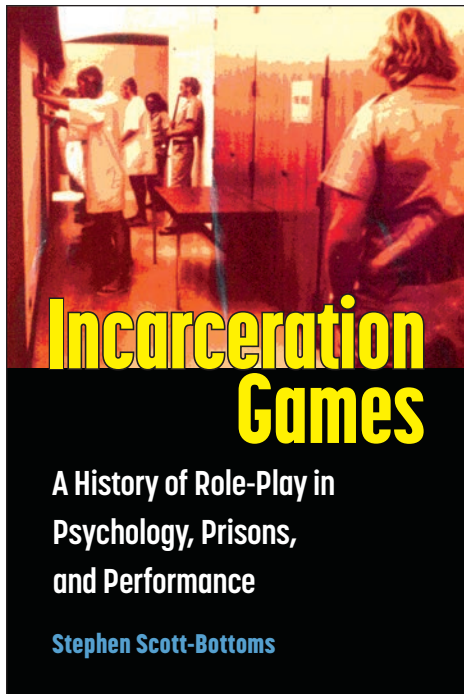
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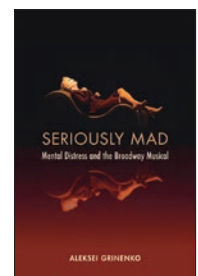
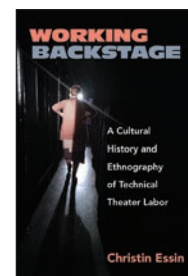
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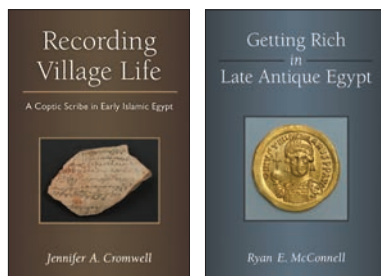
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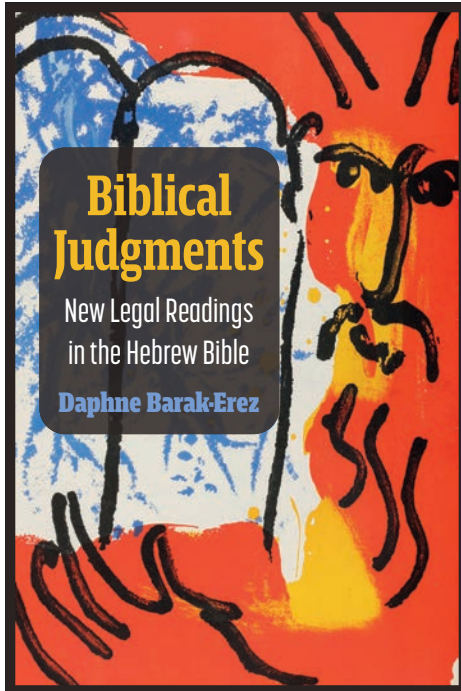
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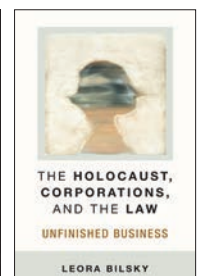
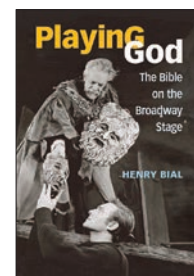
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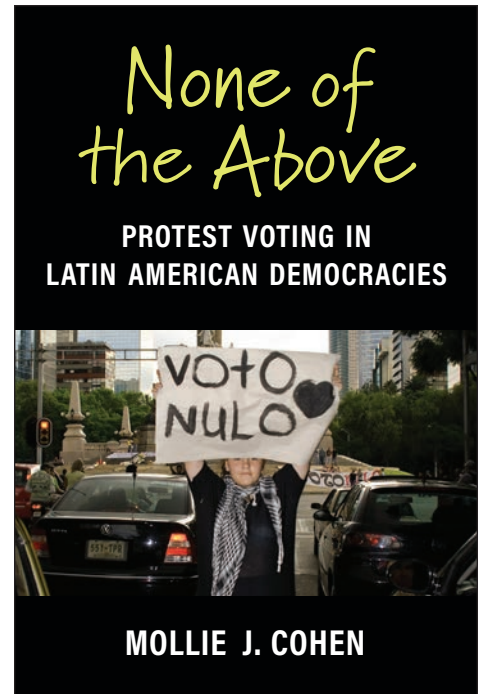
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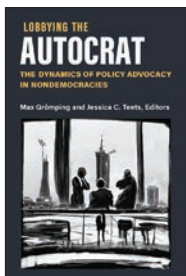


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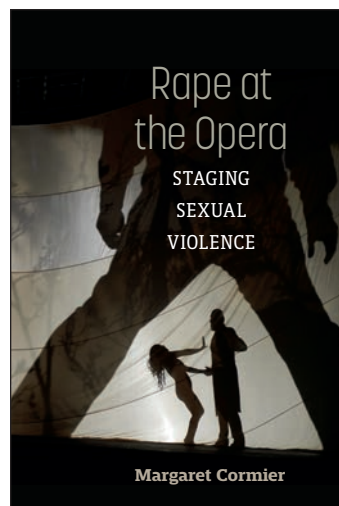
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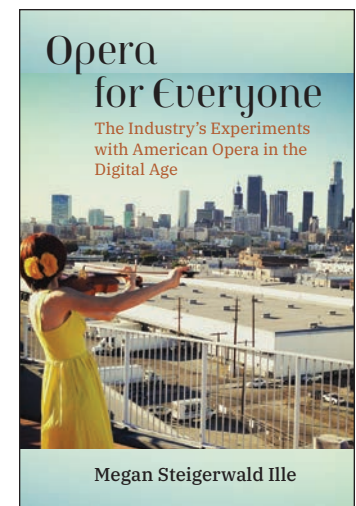
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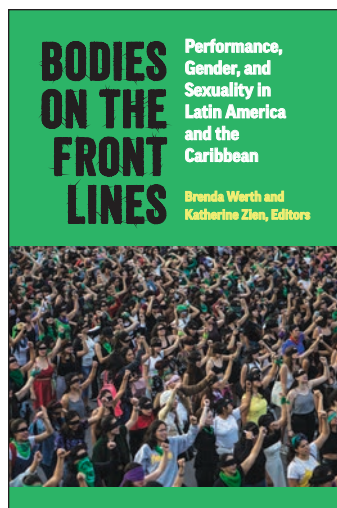
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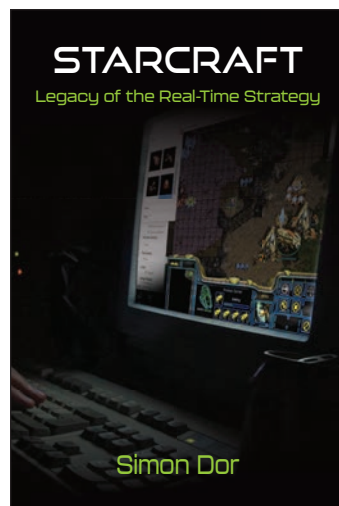
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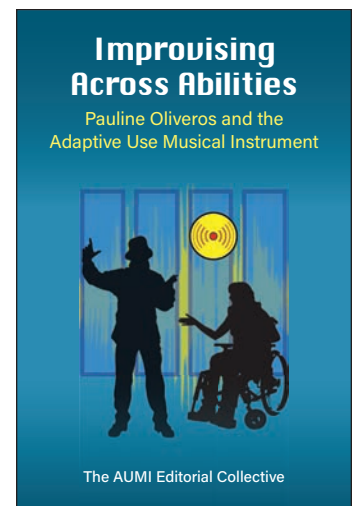
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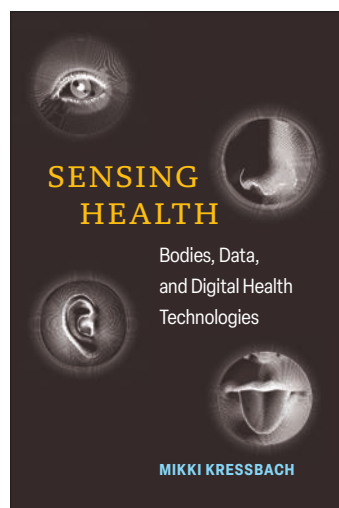
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## After Disruption

*A Future for Cultural Memory*

Trevor Owens

**How we plan for and develop a more just, sustainable, and healthy future for memory infrastructure**

In *After Disruption*, Trevor Owens warns that our institutions of cultural memory—libraries, archives, museums, humanities departments, research institutes, and more—have been “disrupted,” and largely not for the better. He calls for memory workers and memory institutions to take back control of envisioning the future of memory from management consultants and tech sector evangelists. The first half of the book draws on critical scholarship on the history of technology and business to document and expose the sources of tech startup ideologies and their pernicious results, revealing that we need powerful and compelling counter frameworks and values to replace these ideologies. The second half of the book makes the case for the centrality of maintenance, care, and repair as interrelated frameworks to build a better future in which libraries, archives, and museums can thrive as sites of belonging and connection through collections.

**Trevor Owens** is a Public Historian in Residence at American University, a Lecturer for the University of Maryland’s College of Information, and the Director of Digital Services at The Library of Congress.

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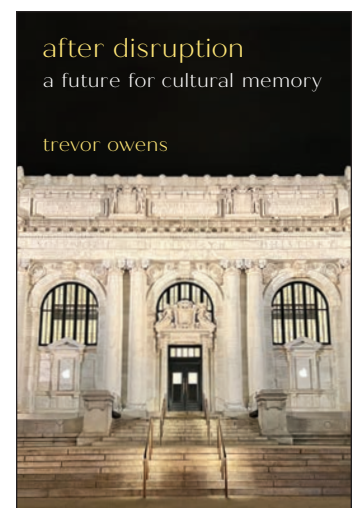
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## Performing the Greek Crisis

*Navigating National Identity in the Age of Austerity*

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*Performing the Greek Crisis* explores the impact of the Greek financial crisis (2009–19) on the performing arts sector in Greece, and especially on contemporary concert dance. When Greece became the first European Union member to be threatened with default, the resulting budget cuts pushed dance to develop in unprecedented directions. The book examines the repercussions that the crisis had on artists' daily lives and experience, weaving the personal with the political to humanize a phenomenon that to date had been examined chiefly through economic and statistical lenses. Informed by her own experience of growing up in Greece and including interviews and rich descriptions of performances, Natalie Zervou offers a glimpse into a pivotal moment in Greek history.

**Natalie Zervou** is Assistant Professor of Dance at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

## Singing the Land

*Hebrew Music and Early Zionism in America*

Eli Sperling

**How song shaped American Zionism**

*Singing the Land* examines the proliferation and use of popular Hebrew Zionist music amongst American Jewry during the first half of the twentieth century. This music, which helped to instill diasporic Zionism in American Jewish communities, represents an early and underexplored means of fostering mainstream American Jewish engagement with the Jewish state and Hebrew national culture as they evolved after Israel declared its independence in 1948. This evolutionary process brought Zionism from being an often-polemical notion in American Judaism at the turn of the twentieth century to a mainstream component of American Jewish life by 1948. Hebrew music ultimately emerged as an important means through which many American Jews physically participated in or “performed” aspects of Zionism and Hebrew national culture from afar.

Exploring the history, events, contexts, and tensions that comprised what may be termed the “Zionization” of American Jewry during the first half of the twentieth century, Eli Sperling analyzes primary sources within the historical contexts of Zionist national development and American Jewish life.

**Eli Sperling** is an Israel Institute Teaching Fellow in the Department of International Affairs at the University of Georgia.

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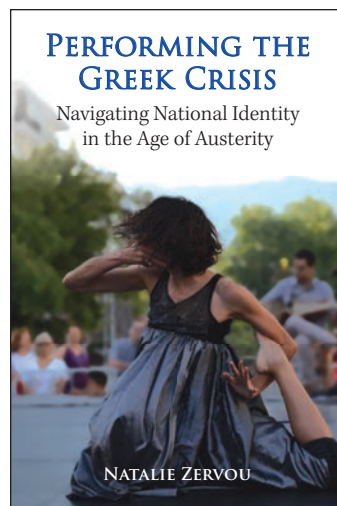
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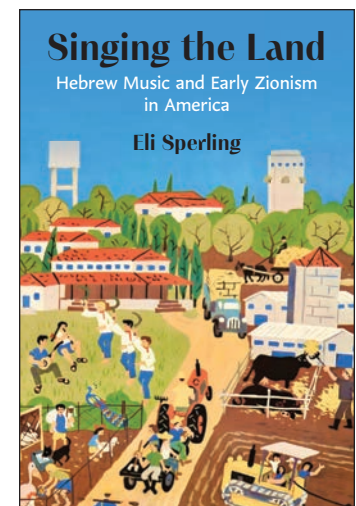
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## Revolutionary Stagecraft

*Theater, Technology, and Politics in Modern China*

Tarryn Li-Min Chun

**Reveals the deep entanglement of technological modernization, political agendas, and the performing arts in modern China**

*Revolutionary Stagecraft* draws on a rich corpus of literary, historical, and technical materials to reveal a deep entanglement among technological modernization, political agendas, and the performing arts in modern China. This unique approach to Chinese theater history combines a close look at plays themselves, performance practices, technical theater details, and behind-the-scenes debates over “how to” make theater amid the political upheavals of China’s 20th century. The book begins at a pivotal moment in the 1920s—when Chinese theater artists began to import, use, and write about modern stage equipment—and ends in the early days of China’s current scientific and technological boom, in the 1980s. By examining iconic plays and performances from the perspective of the stage technologies involved, Tarryn Li-Min Chun provides a fresh perspective on their composition and staging. The chapters include stories on the challenges of creating imitation neon, rigging up a makeshift revolving stage, and representing a nuclear bomb detonating onstage.

**Tarryn Li-Min Chun** is Assistant Professor in the Department of Film, Television, and Theatre at the University of Notre Dame.

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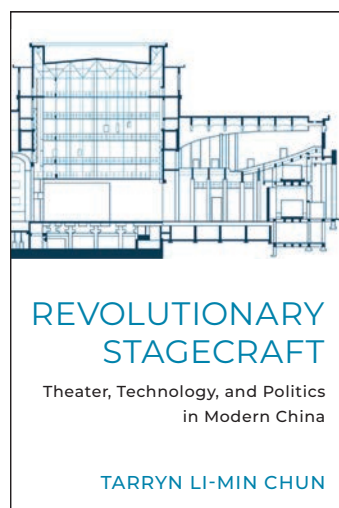
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## Disorienting Politics

*Chimerican Media and Transpacific Entanglements*

Fan Yang

**Understanding Chimerican entanglements through 21st-century media**

*Disorienting Politics* mines 21st-century media artifacts—including films like *The Martian* and TV/streaming media shows such as *Firefly* and *House of Cards*—to make visible the economic, cultural, political, and ecological entanglements of China and the United States. Describing these transpacific entanglements as “Chimerica”—coined by economic historians to reference the symbiosis of China and America—Yang examines how Chimerican media, originating in the US but traversing national boundaries in their production, circulation, and consumption, co-create the imagined figure of rising China.

This interdisciplinary book demonstrates the ways in which race is embedded in geopolitics even when the subject of discussion is the Chinese state rather than the people.. Bridging media and cultural studies, Asian and Asian American studies, geography, and globalization studies, *Disorienting Politics* calls for a relational politics that acknowledges the multifarious interconnectivity between people, places, media, and environment.

**Fan Yang** is Associate Professor in the Department of Media and Communication Studies at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC).

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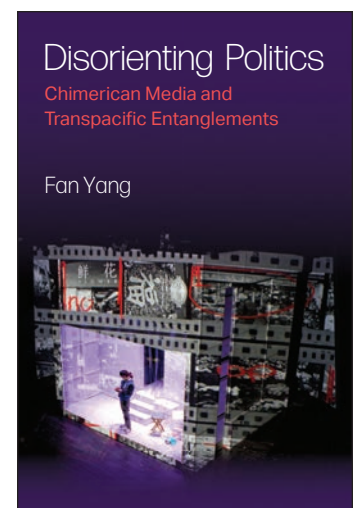
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## Seeking a Future for the Past

*Space, Power, and Heritage in a Chinese City*  
Philipp Demgenski

**An ethnography that illuminates the political economy of urbanization in contemporary China**

This book examines the complexities and changing sociopolitical dynamics of urban renewal in contemporary China. Drawing on ten years of ethnographic fieldwork in the northeastern Chinese city of Qingdao, Demgenski tells the story of the slow, fragmented, and contentious transformation of Dabaodao—an area in the city’s former colonial center—from a place of common homes occupied by the urban poor into a showcase of architectural heritage and site for tourism and consumption. The ethnography provides a nuanced account of the diverse experiences and views of a range of groups involved in shaping, and being shaped, by the urban renewal process—local residents, migrant workers, preservationists, planners, and government officials—foregrounding the voices and experiences of marginal groups, such as migrants in the city. Unpacking structural reasons for urban developmental impasses, it paints a nuanced local picture of urban governance and political practice in contemporary urban China.

**Philipp Demgenski** is Junior Professor in Anthropology in the Department of Sociology at Zhejiang University.

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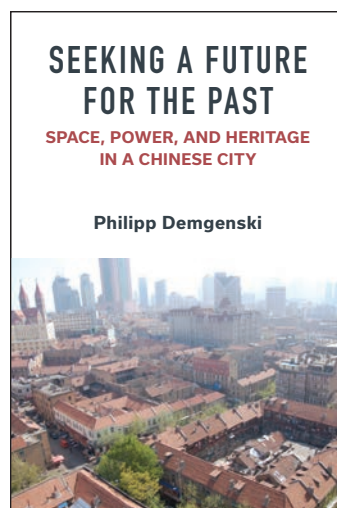
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## Transnational Philippines

*Cultural Encounters in Philippine Literature in Spanish*  
Axel Gasquet and Rocío Ortuño Casanova, Editors

**A study of Philippine literary production that attempts to break the nation’s isolation from broader Spanish literature**

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*Transnational Philippines* approaches literature that has been forgotten or neglected in studies on other literatures in Spanish due, in part, to the fact that today Spanish is no longer spoken in the Philippines or in Asia. However, isolation has not always been the case, and by omitting Philippine literature in Spanish from the picture of world literatures and Spanish-language literatures, the landscape of these disciplines is incomplete. *Transnational Philippines* studies how this literary production stemmed from its relationship with other cultures, literature, and arts. It attempts to break this literature’s isolation and show how it is part of the broad literary system of literature written in Spanish. This book also questions the constraints of traditional literary genres in order to make room for Philippine texts and other colonial and postcolonial texts, so that those texts can be taken into consideration in literary studies.

**Axel Gasquet** is Professor of Spanish American literature and Civilization at the University Clermont Auvernia (France) and chief researcher of CNRS. **Rocío Ortuño Casanova** is Assistant Professor at the UNED (Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia) and is affiliated to the University of Antwerp.

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## The Imaginative Vision of Abdilatif Abdalla's *Voice of Agony*

*Poems Translated by Ken Walibora Waliaula*

Abdilatif Abdalla,  
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**First English literary translation of Abdilatif Abadalla's influential *Voice of Agony***

The extraordinary Swahili poetry collection *Sauti ya Dhiki* (*Voice of Agony*), is a collection of prison poems composed by Abdilatif Abdalla between 1969 and 1972. He originally wrote the poems while incarcerated by the government of Jomo Kenyatta for sedition as a result of his political activism and smuggled them out of prison on scraps of paper. *Imaginative Vision* is the first complete literary translation into English—translated by the late Kenyan novelist and scholar Ken Walibora Waliaula and edited by Annmarie Drury—of one of the most esteemed and influential collections of Swahili poetry of the twentieth century.

Under the editorship of scholar, translator, and poet Annmarie Drury, contributors bring insights from their diverse backgrounds to present contextualizing material that illuminates the poems at the heart of this book.

**Abdilatif Abdalla** is a celebrated Kenyan poet and political activist. **Annmarie Drury** is Associate Professor of English, Queens College, City University of New York.

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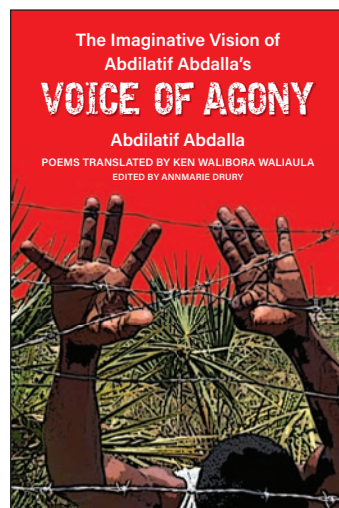
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## Protest Arts, Gender, and Social Change

*Fiction, Popular Songs, and the Media in Hausa Society across Borders*

Ousseina D. Alidou

**The role of literature and popular songs in the cultural politics of Hausa society**

This book examines how a new generation of novelists, popular songwriters, and musical performers in contemporary Hausa society are using their creative works to effect social change. Alidou highlights the ways in which song performances produce an intertextual dialogue between their lyrics and visual dramatic narratives to raise awareness against social ills, including gender-based violence and social inequalities exposed by biomedical health pandemics such as HIV and COVID-19. In these creative Hausa narratives, the oppressed and marginalized have agency in articulating their own experiences.

While there is an abundance of social science studies giving voice to the dominant actors of hegemonic violence in Hausa society, there is a dearth of works that center the voices of the afflicted, unprivileged, and marginalized class, among whom are women and youth. One aim of this book is to examine the ways popular songs and fiction fill up the humanistic urgency to capture the dignity of the life of those dehumanized by local, national, and international hegemonic religious and secular forces.

**Ousseina D. Alidou** is Distinguished Professor of Linguistics and African Studies at Rutgers University.

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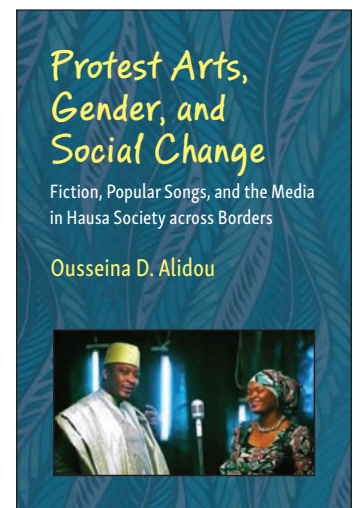
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## Constructing Communities in Vergil's *Aeneid*

*Cultural Memory, Identity, and Ideology*

Tedd A. Wimperis

**A new take on the *Aeneid*, drawing previously unexplored connections between Vergil's fictional world and its political context**

This book presents a new examination of memory, ethnic identity, and politics within the fictional world of this Roman epic, drawing previously unexplored connections between Vergil's characters, settings, and narrative and the political context of the early Roman Empire. This book investigates how the *Aeneid*'s fictive ethnic communities—the Trojans, Carthaginians, Latins, and Arcadians who populate its poetic world—are shown to have identities, myths, and cultural memories of their own. And much like their real-life Roman counterparts, they engage in the politics of the past in such contexts as royal iconography, diplomacy, public displays, and incitements to war.

Where previous studies of identity and memory in the *Aeneid* have focused on the poem's constructions of Roman identity, Wimperis turns the spotlight onto the characters themselves to show how the world inside the poem is replicating, as if in miniature, real forms of contemporary political and cultural discourse, reflecting an historical milieu where appeals to Roman identity were vigorously asserted in political rhetoric. The book applies this evidence to a broad literary analysis of the *Aeneid*, as well as a reevaluation of its engagement with Roman imperial ideology in the Age of Augustus.

**Tedd A. Wimperis** is Assistant Professor of Classical Languages at Elon University.

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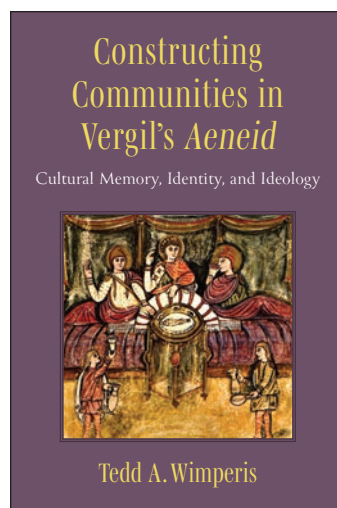
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## The Reputation of the Roman Merchant

Jane Sancinito

**Defying a reputation for deceit and greed, Roman merchants strategized to present their good traits and successes**

Roman merchants, artisans, and service providers faced substantial prejudice. Contemporary authors labeled them greedy, while the Roman on the street accused merchants of lying and cheating. Legally and socially, merchants were kept at arm's length from respectable society. Yet merchants were common figures in daily life, populating densely packed cities and traveling around the Mediterranean. *The Reputation of the Roman Merchant* focuses on the strategies retailers, craftsmen, and many other workers used to succeed, examining how they developed good reputations despite the stigma associated with their work. In a novel approach, blending social and economic history, This book considers how reputation worked as an informal institution, establishing and reinforcing traditional Roman norms while lowering the cost of doing business for individual workers. From histories and novels to inscriptions and art, this volume identifies common reputation strategies, explores how points of pride and personal accomplishments were shared with others, and explains responses to merchant activities on the small-scale. The book concludes that merchants invested heavily in their reputations as a way to set themselves apart from common, negative stereotypes without admitting that there was anything shameful about the work they did.

**Jane Sancinito** is Assistant Professor of History, University of Massachusetts-Lowell.

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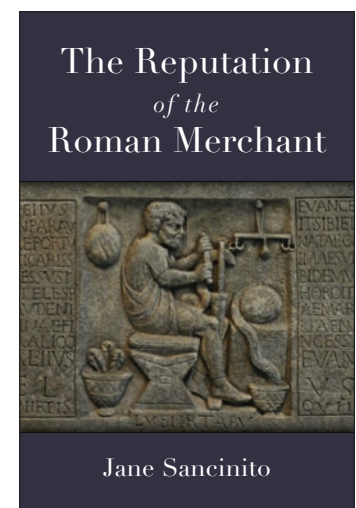
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## Climate Games

*Experiments on How People Prevent Disaster*

Talbot M. Andrews, Andrew W. Delton,  
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**Experiments reveal people can work together to prevent climate change**

Can humanity work together to mitigate the effects of climate change? *Climate Games* argues we can. This book brings together a decade and a half of experimentation, conducted by researchers around the world, which shows that people can and will work together to prevent disasters like climate change. These experiments, called *economic games*, put money on the line to create laboratory disasters. Participants must work together by spending a bit of money now to prevent themselves from losing even more money in the future. Will people sacrifice their own money to prevent disaster? Can people make wise decisions? And can people decide wisely on behalf of others? The answer is a resounding yes. This book describes disaster experiments that test how real people respond to climate change's unique constellation of challenges and deliver a positive message: People will prevent disaster.

**Talbot M. Andrews** is Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut. **Andrew W. Delton** is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and the College of Business at Stony Brook University. **Reuben Kline** is Associate Professor of Political Science at Stony Brook University.

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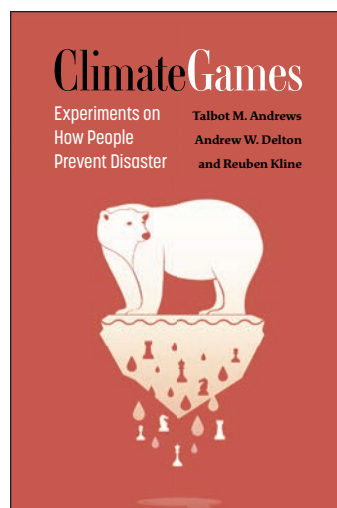
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## Greenland in Arctic Security

*(De)securitization Dynamics under Climatic Thaw and Geopolitical Freeze*

Marc Jacobsen, Ole Wæver  
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**How a nation at the center of the Arctic region fits into security studies**

Greenland has increasingly captivated imaginations around the globe. Yet, while it is central to the Arctic region, its role has been poorly understood. *Greenland in Arctic Security* delivers a comprehensive overview of how security dynamics unfold in and in relation to Greenland. Each chapter analyzes specific discourses and dynamics pertaining to hard or soft security questions. Spanning from great power interests in geostrategic infrastructure to domestic debates on promoting and protecting Greenland identity when engaging with the outside world. In addition, the book offers perspectives on other security questions that have been catalyzed by the effects of climate change.

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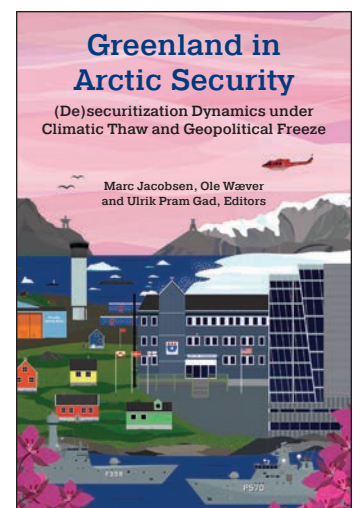
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## Generational Politics in the United States

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**How generational change impacts the future of American politics**

*Generational Politics in the United States* is the first comprehensive book that examines the concept of generations from a political science perspective. It defines what a generation is and how to sort out the differences between life cycle, cohort, and aging effect. The book brings together an array of political science scholars who examine the role of generations in American politics and how it relates to other variables such as age, race, gender, and socioeconomic status. It discusses how politics in the United States are impacted by changes in generations, including how the passing of the Baby Boom generation and rise of the Millennials and Gen Z will change American politics. By examining the differences in political attitudes, engagement, and impact of recent generations, *Generational Politics in the United States* suggests how generational change will impact American politics in the future.

**Sally Friedman** is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University at Albany. **David Schultz** is Hamline University Distinguished Professor of Political Science, Legal Studies, and Environmental Studies and Professor of Law at the University of Minnesota.

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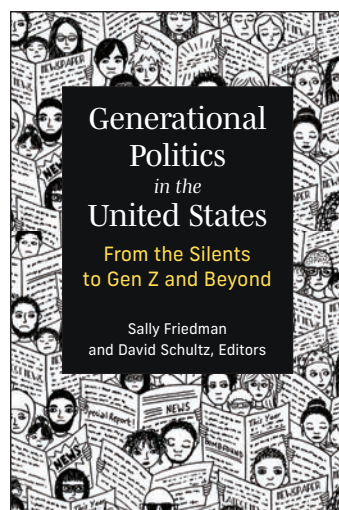
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## State Institutions, Civic Associations, and Identity Demands

*Regional Movements in Greater Southeast Asia*

Amy H. Liu and Joel Sawat Selway, Editors

**An in-depth look at why autonomy movements fail or succeed**

While the media tends to pay the most attention to violent secessionist movements or peaceful independence movements, it is just as important to understand why there are regions where political movements for autonomy fail to develop. In neglecting regions without political movements or full-blown independence demands, theories may be partial at best and incorrect at worst.

*State Institutions, Civic Associations, and Identity Demands* examines over a dozen regions, comparing and contrasting successful cases to abandoned, unsuccessful, or dormant cases. While each chapter is written by a country expert, the contributions rely on a range of methods, from comparative historical analysis, to ethnography, field interviews, and data from public opinion surveys. Together, they contribute important new knowledge on little-known cases that nevertheless illuminate the history of regions and ethnic groups in Southeast Asia.

**Amy H. Liu** is Professor of Government at the University of Texas at Austin. **Joel Sawat Selway** is Associate Professor of Political Science at Brigham Young University.

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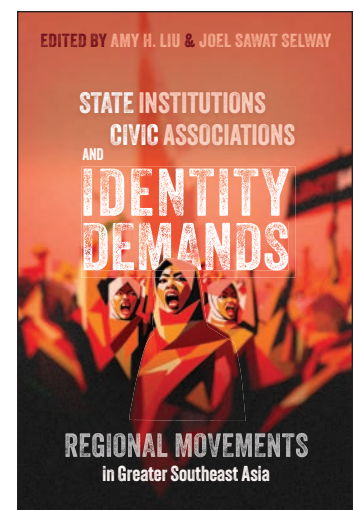
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## Decisiveness and Fear of Disorder

### *Political Decision-Making in Times of Crisis*

Julius Maximilian Rogenhofer

**Examines how the need to appear decisive becomes the paramount consideration for politicians in crisis situations**

*Decisiveness and Fear of Disorder* examines how democratic representatives make decisions in crisis situations. By analyzing parliamentary asylum debates from Germany's Asylum Compromise in 1992–1993 and the 2015–2016 refugee crisis, Julius Rogenhofer identifies representatives' ability to project decisiveness as a crucial determinant for whether the rights and demands of irregular migrants were adequately considered in democratic decision-making. Both crisis situations showcase an emotive dimension to the parliamentary meaning-making process. As politicians confront fears of social and political disorder, they focus on appearing decisive in the eyes of the public and fellow representatives, even at the expense of human rights considerations and inclusive deliberation processes. Rogenhofer shows how his theoretical approach allows us to reinterpret a range of crisis situations beyond the irregular migration context, including democracies' initial responses to COVID, the European Sovereign Debt Crisis, and United States climate politics. These additional case studies help position concerns with decisiveness amid the challenges that populism and technocracy increasingly pose to representative democracies.

**Julius Maximilian Rogenhofer** is a solicitor and a Visiting Fellow at KU Leuven.

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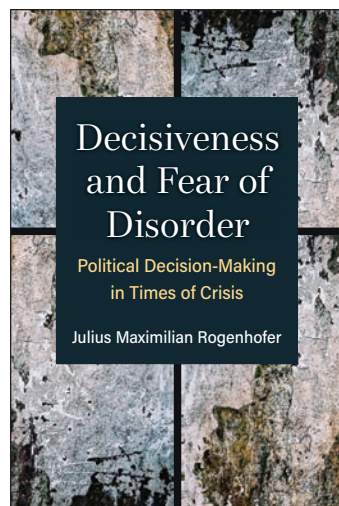
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## Assault on the Media

### *The Nixon Years*

*New and expanded edition, Updated with  
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William E. Porter and Thomas A. Mascaro

**Taking a 21st century look at the lasting effects of Nixon-era attacks on journalism**

Informed by a half-century of historical analyses and released documents, this expanded edition of William E. Porter's award-winning *Assault on the Media* analyzes new documents of significance; synthesizes recent historical analyses; incorporates legal evaluations by journalism scholars; and traces how Nixon-era plans cultivated the divisive state of 21st-century society and amplified assaults on journalism. It also evaluates lasting concerns about the Supreme Court's Pentagon Papers decision and journalists cited for contempt as a form of prior restraint; the currencies of power and race in protecting confidential sources; and regulatory decisions that hamper effective journalism. *Assault on the Media* not only documents the incidents and circumstances of governmental intimidation, harassment, and regulation of the news media during the Nixon presidency, but it offers insights into the long-term effects and their relevance today.

**William E. Porter** was Professor Emeritus of Journalism at the University of Michigan. **Thomas A. Mascaro** is Professor Emeritus in the School of Media and Communication at Bowling Green State University.

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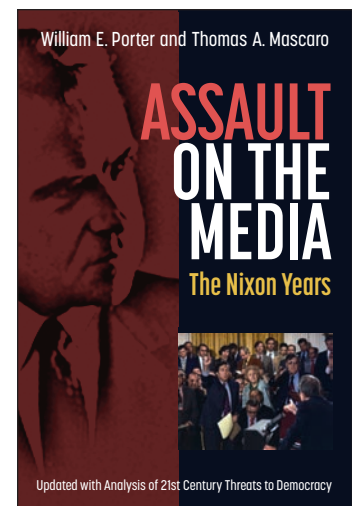
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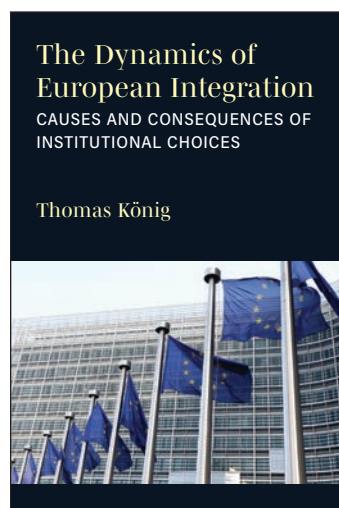
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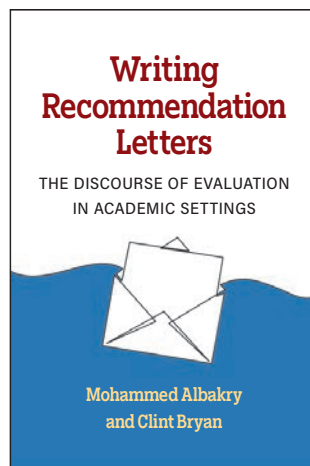
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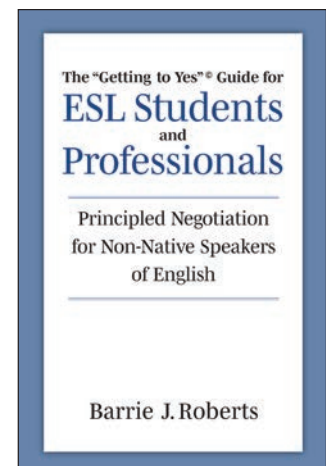
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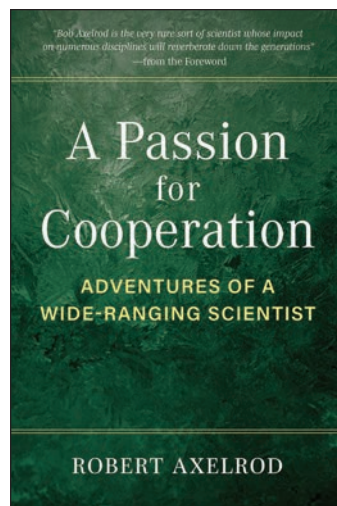
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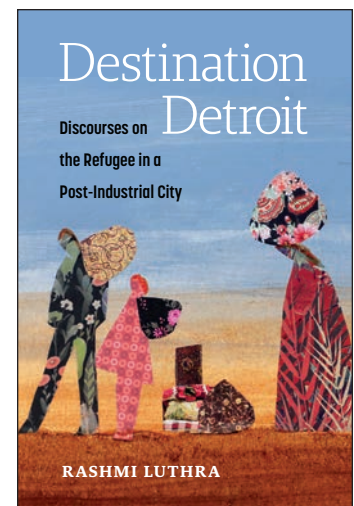
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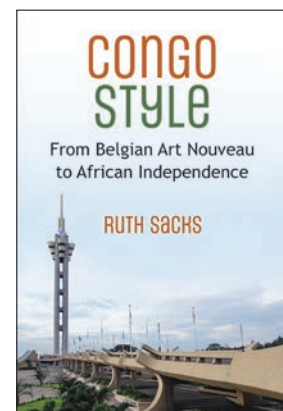
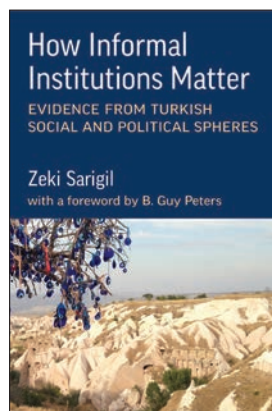
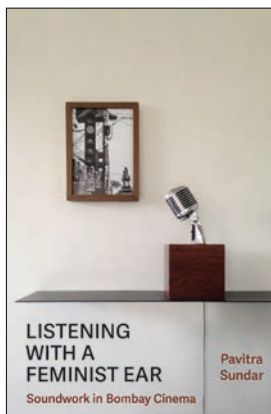
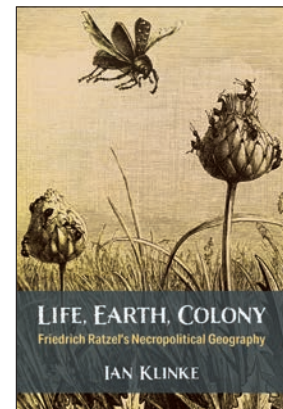
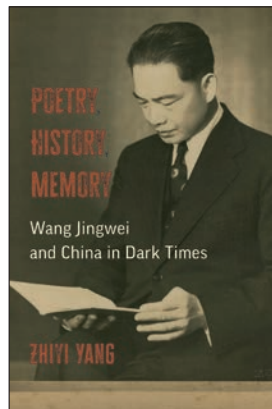
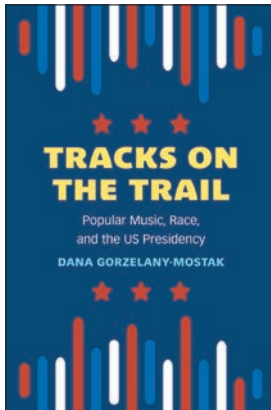
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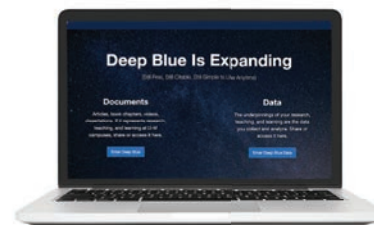
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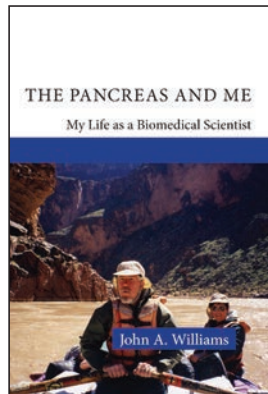
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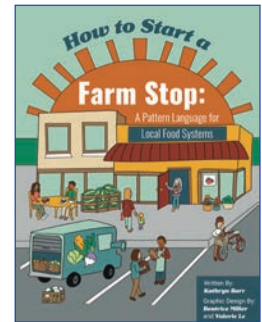
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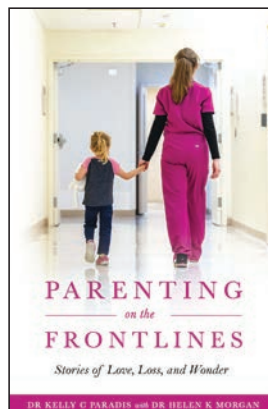
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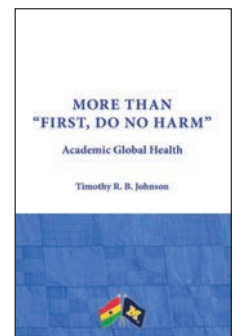
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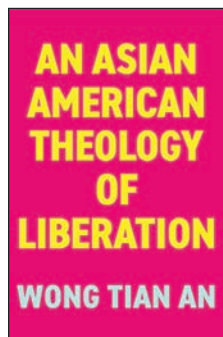
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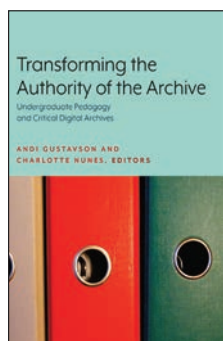
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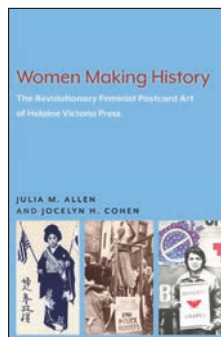
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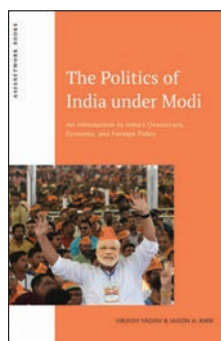
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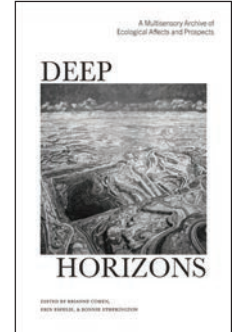
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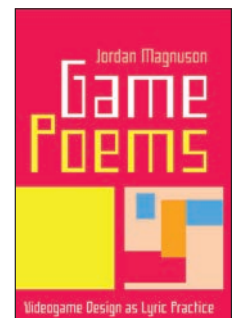
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