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Passion for Peonies

Celebrating the Culture and Conservation of Nichols Arboretum’s Beloved Flower

David Michener and Robert Grese, Editors

Showcases the gorgeous Peony Garden, the University of Michigan’s “living museum”

There’s no more breathtaking signal of summer’s onset than the blooming of peonies. Stunningly beautiful and relatively easy to grow, peonies are a favorite flower everywhere they can be cultivated, and for good reason: the heady fragrances and enchanting colors of a peony-rich display create an immersive experience that has enamored generations of garden lovers across the world. This passion is on full display each June at the historic Peony Garden of the University of Michigan’s Nichols Arboretum.

Originally planted in 1922, the Nichols Arboretum Peony Garden now boasts North America’s largest public collection of heirloom herbaceous peonies. The Peony Garden has become a sacred space for the Ann Arbor community, a not-to-be-missed sensation when it erupts each season—as the Ann Arbor Observer once wrote—in “a riot of color, of crimson, rose and shell pink intermingled with fluffy pompoms of creamy white.” The rather short period of peak bloom—about two fleeting weeks each year—only seems to intensify the garden’s appeal, drawing thousands of visitors annually to this spectacular “living museum” on campus that showcases upwards of 10,000 blossoms.

Richly illustrated with hundreds of striking color photos, Passion for Peonies collects twenty short essays that celebrate the story of the Nichols Arboretum Peony Garden as well as the rich social history of peony gardening that it is an integral part of. Together these pieces comprise a love letter both to a magical public space at the University of Michigan and to the broader history and culture of peony gardening. The book will appeal to readers interested in the University of Michigan, the history of public gardens, and of course, peonies!

David Michener has curated the Peony Garden at the University of Michigan’s Nichols Arboretum since 1990. He is co-author (with Carol A. Adelman) of Peony: The Best Varieties for Your Garden.

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Power and Resistance

Around the world today, questions abound on power: How is it structured? What's the relationship between governments and power? How do people resist power? How has the concept of power and powerful people impacted history? This theme runs through multiple, intertwined subject areas.

Within this section, find the story of people who defined early American foreign policy, a chronicle of Michigan's Civil War experience, and a look at how different countries form perspectives on America and the period of slavery using *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. There's also coverage of the Cold War period and an insightful analysis of two world leaders using power and rhetoric to avoid war. Get a close look at Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement, and the economic challenges facing authoritarian regimes. And finally, learn why some insurgencies collapse after military defeat, while others are able to maintain influence, rebuild strength, and ultimately defeat the government.
**States at War**
*A Reference Guide for Michigan in the Civil War*
Richard F. Miller, Editor

The definitive guide for researching Michigan’s experience throughout the Civil War

Unlike most books about the Civil War, which deal with individual battles or the war at the national level, *States at War: A Reference Guide for Michigan in the Civil War* chronicles the actions of an individual state government and its citizenry coping with the war and its ramifications, from transformed race relations and gender roles, to the suspension of habeas corpus, to the deaths of over 10,000 Michigan fathers, husbands, sons, and brothers who served the Union side. The book compiles official reports, legislative journals, executive speeches, special orders, and regional newspapers, providing an exhaustive record of the roles the state and its people played in the war. Though not burdened by marching armies or military occupation like some states to the southeast, Michigan nevertheless had a fascinating Civil War experience filled with acute economic anxieties, intense political divisions, and vital contributions on the battlefield. This comprehensive volume will be the essential starting point for all future research into Michigan’s Civil War era history.

Richard F. Miller is a Fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society and the Former Director of *New England Quarterly*. He is author of the six previous volumes of *States at War*.

**Uncle Tom’s Cabins**
*The Transnational History of America’s Most Mutable Book*
Tracy C. Davis and Stefka Mihaylova, Editors

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Explores the many ways this mid-nineteenth-century enduring icon functions as world literature

*Uncle Tom’s Cabin* gained shape and meaning from the imaginations and needs of international audiences. This book tells thirteen variants of Uncle Tom’s journey, showing the novel’s significance for Canadian abolitionists and the Liberian political elite that constituted the runaway characters’ landing points; for nineteenth-century French theatergoers; for liberal Cuban, Romanian, and Spanish intellectuals and social reformers; for Dutch colonizers and Filipino nationalists in Southeast Asia; for Eastern European Cold War communists; for Muslim readers and spectators in the Middle East; for Brazilian television audiences; and for twentieth-century German holidaymakers.

*Uncle Tom’s Cabins* brings together performance historians, literary critics, and media theorists to demonstrate how the myriad cultural and political effects of Stowe’s enduring story has transformed it into a global metanarrative with national, regional, and local specificity.

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Diplomacy and War in the Making of the United States

Michael S. Kochin and Michael Taylor

How the Early Republic used methods of imperial diplomacy to recast itself as a global juggernaut

Foreign policies and diplomatic missions, combined with military action, were the driving forces behind the growth of the early United States. In an era when the Old and New Worlds were subject to British, French, and Spanish imperial ambitions, the new republic had limited diplomatic presence and minimal public credit. It was vulnerable to hostile forces in every direction. The United States could not have survived, grown, or flourished without the adoption of prescient foreign policies, or without skillful diplomatic operations.

An Independent Empire shows how foreign policy and diplomacy constitute a truly national story, necessary for understanding the history of the United States. In this lively and well-written book, episodes in American history—such as the writing and ratification of the Constitution, Henry Clay’s advocacy of an American System, Pinckney’s Treaty with Spain, and the visionary but absurd Congress of Panama—are recast as elemental aspects of United States foreign and security policy.

An Independent Empire tells the stories of the people who defined the early history of America’s international relationships, including often-overlooked intellectuals, spies, diplomats, and statesmen whose actions and decisions shaped the nation’s first fifty years. More than a dozen maps show that the growth of the early United States was as much a geographical as a political or military phenomenon.

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Map of the Northwest Indian Wars 1790-1794.


John Quincy Adams (c. 1850) by Albert Southworth and Josiah Hawes. Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.
The Appearing Demos

Hong Kong During and After the Umbrella Movement

Pang Laikwan

The Appearing Demos theorizes a city-based democratic project that allows the city to coexist and share power with state sovereignty.

As the waves of Occupy movements gradually recede, we are increasingly entrenched in the simplified dichotomies of Left and Right, us and them, hating others and victimizing oneself. Studying Hong Kong’s Umbrella Movement, which might be the largest Occupy movement in recent years, The Appearing Demos urges us to re-commit to democracy at a time when democracy is failing on many fronts and in different parts of the world.

The 79-day-long Hong Kong Umbrella Movement occupied major streets in the busiest parts of the city, creating tremendous inconvenience to this city famous for capitalist order and efficiency. It was also a peaceful collective effort of appearance, and it was as much a political event as a cultural one. While understanding the specificity of Hong Kong’s situations, The Appearing Demos also comments on some global predicaments we are facing in the midst of neoliberalism and populism. It directs our attention from state-based sovereignty to city-based democracy, and emphasizes the importance of participation and cohabitation. The book also examines how the ideas of Hannah Arendt are useful to those happenings far beyond the political circumstances that gave rise to her theorization. The book pays particular attention to the actual intersubjective experiences during the protest. Using the Umbrella Movement as an example, this book examines the “freed” political agents who constantly take others into consideration in order to guarantee the political realm as a place without coercion and discrimination. In doing so, Pang Laikwan demonstrates how politics means neither to rule nor to be ruled, and these movements should be defined by hope, not by goals.

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Left: Facebook page, “Defending Lester and Alex Occupying Wushan HeHe Group.” Screenshot courtesy of the author.

The Silent Guns of Two Octobers
Kennedy and Khrushchev Play the Double Game
Theodore Voorhees, Jr.

Far from the brink

The Silent Guns of Two Octobers uses new documentary evidence to link the Cuban Missile Crisis to the Checkpoint Charlie tank standoff to achieve the impossible—craft a new, thoughtful, original analysis of a political showdown everyone thought they knew everything about. Ultimately the book concludes that much of the Cold War rhetoric the leaders employed was mere posturing; in reality, neither had any intention of starting a nuclear war. Theodore Voorhees reexamines Khrushchev’s and Kennedy’s leadership, decision, and rhetoric in light of the new documentary evidence available. Voorhees details the influence of John F. Kennedy’s domestic political concerns about his upcoming midterm elections on his handling of the Cuban Missile Crisis through his use of back-channel dealings with Khrushchev during the lead-up to the crisis and in the closing days when the two leaders managed to reach a settlement.

Theodore Voorhees, Jr. is Senior Counsel at Covington & Burling LLP.

“A thoroughly new and original approach to a subject that most historians (myself included) believed to be very well-trodden ground; as such, it offers a fresh look at what was then (and remains) the crisis that brought the world closest to nuclear war.”

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*Duration, Financial Control, and Institutions*

Victor C. Shih, Editor

*What topples a statue?*

*Economic Shocks and Authoritarian Stability* homes in on the economic challenges facing authoritarian regimes through a set of comparative case studies that include Iran, Iraq under Saddam Hussein, Malaysia, Indonesia, Russia, the Eastern bloc countries, China, and Taiwan—authored by the top experts in these countries. Through these comparative case studies, this volume provides readers with the analytical tools for assessing whether the current round of economic shocks will lead to political instability or even regime change among the world’s autocracies. This volume identifies the duration of economic shocks, the regime’s control over the financial system, and the strength of the ruling party as key variables to explain whether authoritarian regimes would maintain the status quo, adjust their support coalitions, or fall from power after economic shocks.

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People’s Wars in China, Malaya, and Vietnam

Marc Opper

*The true measure of an insurgency’s success begins after victory*

*People’s Wars in China, Malaya, and Vietnam* explains why some insurgencies collapse after a military defeat while under other circumstances insurgents are able to maintain influence, rebuild strength, and ultimately defeat the government. The author argues that ultimate victory in civil wars rests on the size of the coalition of social groups established by each side during the conflict. Where insurgents implement such strategies, battlefield defeats translate into political defeats and bring about a collapse of the insurgency because civilians defect to the incumbent. The empirical chapters of the book consist of six case studies of the most consequential insurgencies of the 20th century. *People’s Wars* breaks new ground in systematically analyzing and comparing these three canonical cases of insurgency. The case studies use Chinese-language archival sources. The book will be of interest to both political scientists and historians.

Marc Opper is Lecturer of Politics at the University of Virginia.
Discourse is vital to progress. The free-flowing exchange of ideas between individuals and societies drives growth and connects communities. This section focuses on the ways in which political and social discourse have affected individuals, societies, and political systems, as well as how discourse itself has shifted over time.

**Political and Social Discourse**

One author describes “fake history,” likening it to the fictional Zombies encountered in mass media, while another author examines how special interest groups frame gun violence to impact gun policy. There’s coverage on centrist parties creating effective coalitions with far-right parties and how the filibuster persists to create procedural change in the current, polarized political environment. One author discusses the historical allusions that arose in Athenian discourse. Another shows how Rousseau’s political discourse found a perfect model in chess. Widely varied, all shine light on a unique way that discourse has shaped, and continues to shape, the world.
Zombie History

*Lies About Our Past that Refuse to Die*

Peter Charles Hoffer

*You can’t outrun it, but you can outsmart it*

Fake history is not a harmless mistake of fact or interpretation. It is a mistake that conceals prejudice; a mistake that discriminates against certain kinds of people; a mistake held despite a preponderance of evidence; a mistake that harms us. Fake history is like the Zombies we see in mass media, for the fake fact, like the fictional Zombie, lives by turning real events and people into monstrous perversions of fact and interpretation. Its pervasiveness reveals that prejudice remains its chief appeal to those who believe it. Its effect is insidious, because we cannot or will not destroy these mischievous lies. Zombie history is almost impossible to kill. Some Zombie history was and is political, a genre of what Hannah Arendt called “organized lying” about the past. Its makers designed the Zombie to create a basis in the false past for particular discriminatory policies. Other history Zombies are cultural. They encapsulate and empower prejudice and stereotyping. Still other popular history Zombies do not look disfigured, but like Zombies walk among us without our realizing how devastating their impact can be. *Zombie History* argues that, whatever their purpose, whatever the venue in which they appear, history Zombies undermine the very foundations of disinterested study of the past.

Peter Charles Hoffer is Distinguished Research Professor of History at the University of Georgia.

“The power and the wonder of this book is that it challenges, stimulates, and invigorates at every turn. Hoffer does not deal in conventional wisdom or conventional pieties. *Zombie History* is unfailingly fresh and original. There is virtually nothing in it that we already know or that we credit as we might when we do already know it.”

— Michael Zuckerman, University of Pennsylvania

“Throughout the work, Hoffer selects examples of history Zombies that have plagued the telling of American history. By selecting and exposing such history Zombies, Hoffer aims not only to show the danger of such misguided and prejudiced perversions of the past, but also to demonstrate why responsible, living (and not undead) history matters for the telling of the American story.”

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*Distortion in the Framing of Gun Policy*
Melissa K. Merry

How interest groups’ framing prevents solutions to gun violence

Against the backdrop of daily gun violence—which claims more than 33,000 lives per year—gun control groups push for stronger regulations, while gun rights groups resist infringements upon their Second Amendment rights. To illuminate the dynamics of this polarized debate, *Warped Narratives* examines how and why interest groups frame the gun violence problem in particular ways, exploring the implication of groups’ framing choices for policymaking and politics. Melissa K. Merry argues that the gun policy arena is warped, and that both gun control and gun rights organizations contribute to the distortion of the issue by focusing on atypical characters and settings in their policy narratives. To demonstrate warping, Merry analyzes nearly 67,000 communications by 15 national gun policy groups between 2000 and 2017 collected from blogs, emails, Facebook posts, and press releases. This book is the first to systematically assess the role of race in gun policy groups’ framing and offers the most comprehensive examination to date of interest groups’ presentation of this issue.

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Partnering with Extremists
*Coalitions between Mainstream and Far-Right Parties in Western Europe*
Kimberly A. Twist

Why mainstream right-wing parties choose partnerships with extremists

Rather than treating the far right as pariahs, major mainstream-right parties have included the far right in 15 governing coalitions from 1994 to 2017. Kimberly A. Twist demonstrates that far-right parties will agree to support the mainstream right’s goals more readily than many other parties, making them appealing partners.

*Partnering with Extremists* proposes a theory of coalition formation that works across countries and over time. The evidence comes from 19 case studies of coalition formation in Austria and the Netherlands, countries where far-right parties have been excluded, and included when the mainstream right had other options. The argument is then extended to France and the United Kingdom, and to cases of mainstream-right adoption of far-right themes. Twist incorporates both office and policy considerations in her argument and reimagines not just where parties are located on an issue but how firmly they hold those positions.

**Kimberly A. Twist** is Assistant Professor of Political Science at San Diego State University.
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James I. Wallner is a senior fellow at the R Street Institute. He also teaches in the Department of Government at American University and is a fellow at its Center for Congressional and Presidential studies.

“Wallner provides a highly sophisticated analysis of the US Senate and the filibuster.”
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Social Memory in Athenian Public Discourse
Uses and Meanings of the Past
Bernd Steinbock
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Examining the role of social memory in understanding the political climate in fourth-century Athens

Prompted by the abundant historical allusions in Athenian political and diplomatic discourse, Bernd Steinbock analyzes the uses and meanings of the past in fourth-century Athens, using Thebes’ role in Athenian memory as a case study. This examination is based on the premise that Athenian social memory should not be viewed as an unreliable counterpart of history but as an invaluable key to the Athenians’ mentality. Drawing on theories of social memory, the volume contextualizes the orators’ historical allusions within the complex net of remembrances and beliefs held by the audience and thus tries to gauge their ideological and emotive power.

Bernd Steinbock is Associate Professor in the Department of Classical Studies at the University of Western Ontario in London.

“This is a very rich and rewarding book that should stimulate others to apply its methods to many other moments in Greek history and to deepen our understanding of Greek uses of the past.”
—American Historical Review
Reading Jean-Jacques Rousseau through the Prism of Chess
Florian Vauléon

Man is born free, but everywhere he is in checkmate

Over a period of forty years, Rousseau combined his devotion to writing with his enthusiasm for chess, and these two passions necessarily intertwined. Rousseau was able to transfer his power of concentration and the strict dialectics of his literary writings to his chess strategy. If Rousseau’s analytical skills influenced his attitude toward the game, then the game of chess inspired his logic and affected his discourse. Interpreted as a form of rationality, as a conceptual paradigm, the rules and strategies of chess accurately describe Rousseau’s ideas for social management, political power, and organization. Reading Jean-Jacques Rousseau through the Prism of Chess shows that Rousseau’s political theory, though allegedly inspired by Nature, found a perfect model in a game created by mankind; chess thus became a reference for his philosophical discourse and practice as well as a method to systematize Nature and organize society.

Florian Vauléon is Associate Professor of French at Purdue University, Northwest.

“This book makes a significant contribution to understanding a towering figure that influenced the progress of the Enlightenment throughout Europe, the French Revolution, and the political vision of a democratic state and educational thought. It guides scholars as well as students of Jean-Jacques Rousseau beyond the familiar road to Rousseau’s prolific mind and his discourse.”

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Thucydides’s Trap?
Historical Interpretation, Logic of Inquiry, and the Future of Sino-American Relations
Steve Chan

History is not doomed to repeat itself

The Peloponnesian War (431–404 BCE) ostensibly arose because of the fear that a rising Athens would threaten Sparta’s power in the Mediterranean. The idea of Thucydides’s Trap warns that all rising powers threaten established powers. As China increases its power relative to the United States, the theory argues, the two nations are inevitably set on a collision course toward war. How enlightening is an analogy based on the ancient Greek world of 2,500 years ago for understanding contemporary international relations? How accurate is the depiction of the history of other large armed conflicts, such as the two world wars, as a challenge mounted by a rising power to displace an incumbent hegemon? Thucydides’s Trap?: Historical Interpretation, Logic of Inquiry, and the Future of Sino-American Relations offers a critique of the claims of Thucydides’s Trap and power-transition theory. It examines past instances of peaceful accommodation to uncover lessons that can ease the frictions in ongoing Sino-American relations.

Steve Chan is College Professor of Distinction at the University of Colorado at Boulder, where he teaches political science.

China’s Challenges and International Order Transition
Beyond “Thucydides’s Trap”
Huiyun Feng and Kai He, Editors

The world changes China as China changes the world

China’s Challenges and International Order Transition introduces an integrated conceptual framework of international order categorized by three levels (power, rules, and norms) and three issue-areas (security, political, and economic). Each contributor engages these analytical dimensions to examine whether China has already challenged this dimension of international order, and how China might challenge this dimension of international order in the future. The contested perspectives here suggest it is too simple to assume an inevitable conflict between China and the world. This volume offers a platform for scholars from both China and the West to exchange and debate their different views on China and the potential transition of international order.

Huiyun Feng is Senior Lecturer at the School of Government and International Relations, Griffith University.
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The Impracticality of Practical Research

A History of Contemporary Sciences of Change that Conserve

Thomas S. Popkewitz

Understanding the nature of knowledge in the quest for the good life

There is a daunting and alluring desire in contemporary social science for research to find the practical knowledge that enables one to live a good life in a just and equitable society. Today the desire for this knowledge is captured in the structured assessments of national school systems and in the professional education pathways that inspire governments to modernize school systems and provide for people’s well-being. American policy and research are thus linked by reforms that are verified as “scientific, empirical evidences” about “what works.” The Impracticality of Practical Research explores the idea that practical and useful knowledge historically changes over time under the guises of educational reform, instructional improvement, and professionalization. Thomas Popkewitz explores how the research to correct social wrongs paradoxically is entangled with the inscription of differences in its efforts to be inclusive.

Thomas S. Popkewitz is Professor of Curriculum and Instruction in the School of Education at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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Brian Craig is a lawyer in Logan, Utah, and a full-time adjunct faculty member in the School of Legal Studies at Purdue University Global.

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Kafka's Zoopoetics

Beyond the Human-Animal Barrier

Naama Harel

Traces the dissolution of the boundary between human and other animals in the work of Franz Kafka and, in doing so, radically revisits interspecies relations

Nonhuman figures are ubiquitous in the work of Franz Kafka, from his early stories down to his very last one. Despite their prominence throughout his oeuvre, Kafka's animal representations have been considered first and foremost as mere allegories of intrahuman matters. In recent years, the allegorization of Kafka's animals has been poetically dismissed by Kafka's commentators and politically rejected by posthumanist scholars. Such critique, however, has yet to inspire either an overarching or an interdiscursive account. This book aims to fill this lacuna. Positing animal stories as a distinct and significant corpus within Kafka's entire poetics, and closely examining them in dialogue with both literary and posthumanist analysis, Kafka's Zoopoetics critically revisits animality, interspecies relations, and the very human-animal contradistinction in the writings of Franz Kafka.

Kafka's animals typically stand at the threshold between humanity and animality, fusing together human and nonhuman features. Among his liminal creatures we find a human transformed into vermin (in “The Metamorphosis”), an ape turned into a human being (in “A Report to an Academy”), talking jackals (in “Jackals and Arabs”), a philosophical dog (in “Researches of a Dog”), a contemplative mole-like creature (in “The Burrow”), and indiscernible beings (in “Josefine, the Singer or the Mouse People”). Depicting species boundaries as mutable and obscure, Kafka creates a fluid human-animal space, which can be described as “humanimal.” The constitution of a humanimal space radically undermines the stark barrier between human and other animals, dictated by the anthropocentric paradigm. Through denying animalistic elements in humans, and disavowing the agency of nonhuman animals, excluding them from social life, and neutralizing compassion for them, this barrier has been designed to regularize both humanity and animality. The contextualization of Kafka's animals within posthumanist theory engenders a post-anthropocentric arena, which is simultaneously both imagined and very real.

Naama Harel is a core faculty member at Columbia University's Institute for Israel and Jewish Studies and the Department of Middle Eastern, South Asian, and African Studies (MESAAS), and the Co-Chair of Columbia University Seminar on Human-Animal Studies.
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*Rafi Youatt* is Associate Professor of Politics at the New School for Social Research.

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Will Bridges

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Will Bridges is Assistant Professor of Japanese at the University of Rochester.

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Hyunjoon Park is Korea Foundation Professor of Sociology at the University of Pennsylvania. Hyeyoung Woo is Associate Professor of Sociology at Portland State University.
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A thoughtful consideration of the poems and people in the performance space that was the Archaic Greek symposium

*Lyric Poetry and Social Identity in Archaic Greece* presents a study of identity rhetoric that examines how Greek men presented themselves and their social groups to one another. The author examines how identity rhetoric operated in sympotic lyric: how Greek poets constructed images of self for their groups, focusing in turn on the construction of identity in martial-themed poetry, the protection of group identities in the face of political exile, and the negotiation between individual and group as seen in political lyric.

**Jessica M. Romney** is Assistant Professor of Classics at MacEwan University, Alberta.

“Lyric Poetry and Social Identity in Archaic Greece offers a new take on the creation of archaic elite identities . . . The approach to the texts is innovative, the argument is persuasive, and the close readings are insightful.”
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Art, music, sound, and literature have had a fascinating evolution and a profound effect on our culture. Whether discussing the way music, art, and literature have spurred societal change, or the way sound and radio have evolved, the books in this section all touch on the intriguing idea that sound, art, and literature engage with each other and with us.

Connections with Sound and Art

Trace the evolution of rap music, and investigate how the genre remained powerful and enduring. Uncover why post-punk music is distinctive and how it challenged ideas of popular and commercially successful music, and follow the female artists at the Nuyorican Poet's Café. Learn how record companies went from tiny, regional entities to staples of the industry, and read about the evolution of radio and podcasts. Understand how sound—music, radio, film, and political speeches—unifies groups and becomes intertwined with citizenship in India. Discover how and why music moves globally, and examine the closeness between experimental art and music in the 1960s. Finally, celebrate poet Donald Revell, whose extensive work touches on a wide array of cultural areas.
Rhymes in the Flow
How Rappers Flip the Beat
Macklin Smith and Aurko Joshi

Reveals the deep roots, poetic structures, and uncommon artistry of rap poetry and performance

Despite its global popularity, rap has received little scholarly attention in terms of its poetic features, perhaps because rap is so demonstrative and powerful, or because poetry scholars have been slow to recognize rap’s poetic worth, or uncertainty about its legitimacy as a form of poetry. *Rhymes in the Flow* systematically analyzes the poetics (rap beats, rhythms, rhymes, verse and song structures) of some 6,000 lines of rap lyrics to provide new insights on rap artistry and performance. While most scholarship on rap has focused on its historical and cultural dimensions, *Rhymes in the Flow* traces rap’s deepest roots and stylistic evolution—from Anglo-Saxon poetry to Lil Wayne—and contextualizes its complex poetics.

The book is a collaboration between two rap poetry aficionados separated in age by fifty years. Poetry professor Macklin Smith and his undergraduate student Aurko Joshi discovered their shared passion for the sounds and beats of hip hop in a University of Michigan poetry course and have been collaborating ever since. Through their efforts, *Rhymes in the Flow* shows how rap, at times disparaged as an art form, is in fact a more complex and complicated, versatile and nuanced genre than has been previously appreciated.

Macklin Smith is Professor Emeritus of English at the University of Michigan. Aurko Joshi is Product Manager at Collibra.

“*Rhymes in the Flow* is the product of great learning and greater passion. By turns playful and provocative, incisive and irreverent, the book excavates some of rap’s mysteries: how MCs flow to a beat, how the art of MC-ing has evolved over the years, how rap styles are born. The authors’ passion is apparent, as is the impressive range of their research. Smith and Joshi have written a hip-hop book like no other.”

—Adam Bradley, author of *Book of Rhymes: The Poetics of Hip Hop*
What Is Post-Punk?

Genre and Identity in Avant-Garde Popular Music, 1977–82
Mimi Haddon

Is post-punk a genre? Where did it come from? And what does it mean?

Popular music in the US and UK during the late 1970s and early 1980s was wildly eclectic and experimental. “Post-punk,” as it was retroactively labeled, is not an easily definable musical category. How do electro-pop melodies, distorted guitars, avant-garde industrial sounds, and reggae beats fit under the same categorical umbrella? What post-punk is not is as interesting a question as what it is.

What Is Post-Punk? combines a close reading of the late-1970s music press discourse with musical analyses and theories of identity to unpack post-punk’s status as a genre. Mimi Haddon traces the discursive foundations of post-punk across publications such as Sounds, ZigZag, Melody Maker, the Village Voice, and the NME, and presents case studies of bands including Wire, PiL, Joy Division, the Raincoats, and Pere Ubu. By positioning post-punk in relation to genres such as punk, new wave, dub, and disco, Haddon reveals post-punk as a community of tastes and predilections rather than a stylistically unified whole. Haddon diversifies the discourse around post-punk, exploring both its gender and racial dynamics and its proto-industrial aesthetics to restore the historical complexity surrounding the genre’s terms and origins.

A detailed exploration of an otherwise under-explored cultural phenomenon, What Is Post-Punk? is a significant addition to scholarship in popular music. It will be of interest to scholars of genre theory and discourse analysis, including feminist and postcolonial discourse.

Mimi Haddon is Lecturer in Music at the University of Sussex.

You May Also Be Interested In:
Nuyorican Feminist Performance
From the Café to Hip Hop Theater
Patricia Herrera

Recovers and celebrates the contributions of women artists to the history of this iconic performance venue

The Nuyorican Poets Café has for the past forty years provided a space for multicultural artistic expression and a platform for the articulation of Puerto Rican and black cultural politics. The Café’s performances—poetry, music, hip hop, comedy, and drama—have been studied in detail, but until now, little attention has been paid to the voices of its women artists. Through archival research and interview, Nuyorican Feminist Performance examines the contributions of 1970s and ‘80s performeras and how they challenged the Café’s gender politics. It also looks at recent artists who have built on that foundation with hip hop performances that speak to contemporary audiences. The book spotlights the work of foundational artists such as Sandra María Esteves, Martita Morales, Luz Rodríguez, and Amina Muñoz, before turning to contemporary artists La Bruja, Mariposa, Aya de León, and Nilaja Sun, who infuse their poetry and solo pieces with both Nuyorican and hip hop aesthetics.

Patricia Herrera is Associate Professor of Theatre, American Studies, and Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Richmond.

“Groundbreaking . . . an extremely important and very timely intervention in the fields of Latina/o studies, women’s studies, and literary, theater and performance studies. The book engages valuable, understudied and unknown archival materials and offers interesting and relevant analysis.

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Music on the Move
Danielle Fosler-Lussier

A dynamic multimedia introduction to the global connections among peoples and their music

Music is a mobile art. When people move to faraway places, whether by choice or by force, they bring their music along. Music creates a meaningful point of contact for individuals and for groups; it can encourage curiosity and foster understanding, and it can preserve a sense of identity and comfort in an unfamiliar or hostile environment. Above all, music continually changes as it crosses cultural, linguistic, and political boundaries. While human mobility and mediation have always shaped music-making, our current era of digital connectedness introduces new creative opportunities and inspiration even as it extends concerns about issues such as copyright infringement and cultural appropriation.

With its innovative multimodal approach, Music on the Move invites readers to listen and engage with many different types of music as they read. The text introduces a variety of concepts related to music’s travels—with or without its makers—including colonialism, migration, diaspora, mediation, propaganda, copyright, and hybridity. The case studies represent a variety of Western and non-Western musical genres and styles, from concert and traditional music to popular music. Over one hundred audiovisual examples throughout the book demonstrate the application of particular concepts, and six interactive digital maps visually present music’s global reach.

Highly accessible, jargon-free, and media-rich, Music on the Move is suitable for students as well as general-interest readers. The open-access ebook edition hosted on the University of Michigan’s Fulcrum platform includes embedded audiovisual musical examples and live links to examples on other streaming platforms; all other ebook editions feature live links to Fulcrum and other platforms. The print edition provides Fulcrum digital object identifiers (DOIs) and URLs for all online examples as well as static versions of the digital maps. A bibliography of selected sources offers direction for further exploration of musical repertories and styles.

Danielle Fosler-Lussier is Professor of Music at The Ohio State University.
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The Transformation of the U.S. Recording Industry

Kyle Barnett

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Kyle Barnett is Associate Professor of Media Studies in the Department of Communication at Bellarmine University.
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Laura Brueck, Jacob Smith, and Neil Verma, Editors

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Gellar-Goad aims to track De Rerum Natura along two paths of satire: first, the broad boulevard of satiric literature from the beginnings of Greek poetry to the plays, essays, and broadcast media of the modern world; and second, the narrower lane of Roman verse satire, satura, beginning with early authors Ennius and Lucilius and closing with Flavian poet Juvenal. Lucilius is revealed as a major, yet overlooked, influence on Lucretius.

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T. H. M. Gellar-Goad is Associate Professor of Classics, Wake Forest University.

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Clara Shaw Hardy is Professor of Classics at Carleton College.

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*Subversive Corpses and the Authority of the Dead*  
James R. Martel

The human body is the locus of meaning, personhood, and our sense of the possibility of sanctity. The desecration of the human corpse is a matter of universal revulsion, taboo in virtually all human cultures. Not least for this reason, the unburied corpse quickly becomes a focal point of political salience, on the one hand seeming to express the contempt of state power toward the basic claims of human dignity—while on the other hand simultaneously bringing into question the very legitimacy of that power.

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**Mobilizing Pedagogy**  
*Two Social Practice Projects in the Americas*  
by Pablo Helguera and Suzanne Lacy with Pilar Riaño-Alcalá  
Edited by Elyse A. Gonzales and Sara Reisman

What is—what should be—the place of art in society? Is it merely decorative? Is it only to affirm a given set of cultural preferences? Or should it examine, challenge, even upend these norms to bring open new perspectives for those who experience what artists create? Social practice artists offer a clear and unflinching answer to this question, setting before us works intended not merely to ask questions but to propose pathways toward larger societal change.

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