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President Ruthven created the Press to increase the impact and availability of scholarly works. Today that means distributing scholarship widely through digital networks. Thanks to the award-winning Fulcrum platform, Press ebooks publish with embedded video and audio clips, zoomable images, interactive maps, linked data, and accessibility features. The new-to-Michigan Studies in Dance History series aims to leverage these affordances. When possible, we use various business models to make them free-to-read to users worldwide.

As the experience of the COVID-19 pandemic teaches us, equitable access to trusted information is essential to democracy. As host of one of the three US Presidential Debates this autumn, our parent University is at the epicenter of discussions around social justice, intersectional identity, and the uses/abuses of power. These three themes characterize the Press’s fall 2020 list. Particularly noteworthy are the first books in our new Music and Social Justice series.

We hope President Ruthven would be proud.

CHARLES WATKINSON, Director, University of Michigan Press and Associate Librarian for Publishing, University of Michigan Library
**Everybody In, Nobody Out**  
*Inspiring Community at Michigan’s University Musical Society*  
Ken Fischer with Robin Lea Pyle

An inspiring account of Ken Fischer’s legacy and the power of performing arts to engage and enrich communities

The University Musical Society on the University of Michigan’s Ann Arbor campus is one of the oldest performing arts presenters in the country. A past recipient of the National Medal of Arts, the nation’s highest public artistic honor, UMS connects audiences with wide-ranging performances in music, dance, and theater each season.

Between 1987 and 2017, UMS was led by Ken Fischer, who over three decades pursued an ambitious campaign to expand and diversify the organization’s programming and audiences—initiatives inspired by Fischer’s overarching philosophy toward promoting the arts, “Everybody In, Nobody Out.” Under Fischer’s leadership, UMS hosted numerous breakthrough performances, including Vienna Philharmonic’s final tour with Leonard Bernstein, appearances by then relatively unknown opera singer Cecilia Bartoli, a multiyear partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company, and dozens of events featuring legendary artists such as Yo-Yo Ma, Wynton Marsalis, and The King’s Singers.

This book is neither a history of UMS nor a memoir of Fischer’s significant accomplishments with the organization. Rather it is a reflection on the power of the performing arts to engage and enrich communities—not by handing down cultural enrichment from on high, but by meeting communities where they live and helping them preserve cultural heritage, incubate talent, and find ways to make community voices heard.

Ken Fischer served as President of the University Musical Society for thirty years until his retirement in 2017. In 2019, the University of Michigan awarded him an honorary doctorate of fine arts.

You May Also Be Interested In:
Top left: President Barack Obama awarded UMS the National Medal of the Arts for having “demonstrated a lifetime of creative excellence.” (Sept. 2015)


Below: Ken with The King’s Singers.
The Black Widows of the Eternal City  
The True Story of Rome’s Most Infamous Poisoners  
Craig A. Monson

An intriguing and well-researched account behind the dozens of female poisoners in seventeenth-century Rome

The Black Widows of the Eternal City: The True Story of Rome’s Most Infamous Poisoners offers, for the first time, a book-length study of an infamous cause célèbre in seventeenth-century Rome: the 1659 prosecution of Gironima Spana and dozens of Roman widows, who shared a particularly effective poison to murder their husbands. Earlier writers discussing this notorious case—over a span of 350 years—focused more on fortifying their readers’ shared attitudes than accurately narrating facts. Craig A. Monson takes advantage of a recent discovery—the 1,450-page notary’s transcript of the 1659 investigation—and supplements it with ancillary archival sources. Focusing on the life of Gironima Spana, Monson seeks to explain why some women were hanged, while dozens of others who did poison their husbands escaped interrogation and the gallows.

Craig A. Monson is the Paul Tietjens Professor Emeritus of Music at Washington University in St. Louis.

“A work of careful research, judicious reconstruction of events and identities, and good writing, this book tells a lively and intriguing tale.”
—Elizabeth Cohen, York University

Bombing Pompeii  
World Heritage and Military Necessity  
Nigel Pollard

A timely analysis of the bombing of Pompeii in 1943 and the importance of protecting world heritage sites

Bombing Pompeii examines the circumstances under which over 160 Allied bombs hit the archaeological site of Pompeii in August and September 1943, and the wider significance of this event in the history of efforts to protect cultural heritage in conflict zones, a broader issue which is still of great importance. From detailed examinations of contemporary archival document, Nigel Pollard shows that the bomb damage to ancient Pompeii was accidental, and the bombs were aimed at road and rail routes close to the site in an urgent attempt to slow down the reinforcement and supply of German counter-attacks that threatened to defeat the Allied landings in the Gulf of Salerno. The book sets this event, along with other instances of damage and risk to cultural heritage in Italy in the Second World War, in the context of the development of the Allied Monuments, Fine Arts, and Archives – the “Monuments Men.”

Nigel Pollard is Associate Professor in the College of Arts and Humanities at Swansea University.

“Pollard knows his material inside and out, and his argument will certainly become definitive. The subject also opens up the larger issue of protection of physical culture and monuments in wartime.”
—Harry B. Evans, Fordham University
Bad Boys  
*Public Schools in the Making of Black Masculinity*  
Ann Arnett Ferguson  

The classic ethnography on how implicit bias impacts black male students’ identities

Statistics show that African American boys disproportionately get in trouble and get suspended from the nation’s school systems. Based on three years of participant observation at an elementary school, *Bad Boys* offers a richly textured account of daily interactions between teachers and students in order to understand this serious problem. Ann Arnett Ferguson demonstrates how a group of eleven- and twelve-year-old boys are identified by school personnel as “bound for jail” and how the youth construct a sense of self under such adverse circumstances. This title includes a foreword by Pedro A. Noguera, and an afterword and bibliographic essay by the author that reflect on the continuing relevance of this work nearly two decades after its initial publication.

Ann Arnett Ferguson was educated through high school in Kingston, Jamaica, and received her PhD in Sociology from the University of California, Berkeley. She taught primary school in Ghana, middle school in Tanzania, and Black Studies and Women’s Studies at Smith College in Massachusetts. She is retired and writing fiction in Portland, Oregon.

The Enduring Legacy  
*Structured Inequality in America’s Public Schools*  
Mark Ryan  

The moral failure of American structured inequality in education

*The Enduring Legacy* describes a multifaceted paradox—a constant struggle between those who espouse a message of hope and inclusion, and others who plan for the layered hierarchies of exclusion. Structured inequality in the nation’s schools is deeply connected to social stratification within American society. This paradox began in the eighteenth century and has provided an enduring legacy into the twenty-first century. This book, designed for teacher candidates, provides a historical, political, and pedagogical context for the nature of racial segregation, to help future educators better understand their professional responsibility both in the community and in the school, striving for an integrated classroom where all children have a chance to succeed. The goal of providing every child a world class education is not only an ethical imperative, it is an inherent necessity for a functioning pluralistic democracy.

Mark Ryan is Certified Core Adjunct at Sanford College of Education at the National University. He has a Doctorate in Higher and Adult Education from Arizona State University at Tempe and was awarded the President’s Distinguished Teaching Award at National University.
Charlie Parker

*His Music and Life*

Carl Woideck

*A fresh take on Charlie Parker’s artistic evolution and major achievements as a jazz improviser, in time for his centennial*

Charlie Parker (1920-55) was one of the most innovative and influential of all jazz musicians, regardless of era. His music reached such a high level of melodic, rhythmic, and harmonic sophistication that saxophonists and other instrumentalists continue to study it as both a technical challenge and an aesthetic inspiration.

This revised edition of *Charlie Parker: His Music and Life* accounts for new Charlie Parker scholarship and previously unknown Parker recordings that emerged since the book’s initial publication. After a short biography and an introduction to Parker’s music, this book takes readers on a guided tour of Parker’s music that traces his artistic evolution and major achievements as a jazz improviser. The musical discussions and transcribed musical examples include timecodes for easy location in recordings.

Carl Woideck is a saxophonist and retired Senior Instructor at the University of Oregon School of Music and Dance.

“Exhaustively researched, most reliable account of Parker’s life, with dense and rewarding analysis of the music.”

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“Woideck . . . devotes the majority of this book to a well-written and accessible analysis of Parker’s music, illustrating points with transcriptions from various recordings . . . . Woideck has worked hard to keep his analysis accessible to anyone with a basic understanding of music . . . . students of jazz will welcome this text; strongly recommended for all jazz collections.”

—Library Journal

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The Discovery of the Fact
Clifford Ando and William P. Sullivan, Editors

Lively investigation of the role of legal institutions in shaping notions of fact from classical Greece and Roman, and beyond

The Discovery of the Fact draws on expertise from lawyers, historians of philosophy, and scholars of classical studies and ancient history to take a very modern perspective on an underexplored but essential domain of ancient legal history—the role of state and legal institutions as adjudicators and progenitors of fact. These issues are particularly important in ancient Greece and Rome, the first western societies in which state law and state institutions of dispute resolution visibly play a decisive role in ordinary social and economic relations. The Discovery of the Fact investigates, historically and comparatively, the relationships among the law, legal institutions, and the boundaries of knowledge in classical Greece and Rome, and compels us to examine the role of a legal system in everyday discourse, governance, and notions of ownership and law and order.

Clifford Ando is David B. and Clara E. Stern Professor of Humanities and Professor of Classics, History, Law at the University of Chicago. William P. Sullivan is Drinan Research Fellow at Boston College Law School.

A Casebook on Roman Water Law
Cynthia Jordan Bannon

Engaging study of key issues in Roman water regulation from legal and environmental history, both ancient and modern

The Romans are famous for constructing aqueducts, canals, and dams. However, their law is also a lasting, if less visible, monument to their attempts to control water. A Casebook on Roman Water Law presents an analytical collection of Roman sources for water rights. The Romans recognized water as a natural resource, a public good, and an economic commodity, and grappled with these issues as they developed law to regulate water. Early in history, the Romans created laws and institutions to regulate water in both public and private contexts. In later eras, they revised and adapted law to fit changing economic, cultural, and physical environments of an empire that spanned the Mediterranean. This casebook makes the primary evidence for Roman water rights accessible to students and researchers. Cases are presented in original Latin with English translation. The introduction presents the evidence for water rights with historical and conceptual frameworks and each chapter opens with a topic overview.

Cynthia Jordan Bannon is Professor of Classical Studies at Indiana University Bloomington.
A Commentary on Cicero, De Divinatione II
Andrew R. Dyck

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Andrew R. Dyck ranks among the top Latinists in Ciceronian studies. In this new volume, he offers the first commentary on Cicero’s De Divinatione II in nearly a century. This commentary aims to equip students and scholars of Latin with the kinds of historical and philosophical background and linguistic and stylistic information needed to understand and appreciate Cicero’s text on Roman religion and divination. Dyck situates Cicero’s text in the context of Roman religion in antiquity, and he traces the subsequent reception of the text. Celia Schultz’s earlier volume in this series presented the text and commentary for De Divinatione volume I. As a second volume, A Commentary on Cicero, De Divinatione II is an attractive choice for study in classrooms by advanced undergraduate and graduate students.

Andrew R. Dyck is Professor Emeritus of Classics at the University of California, Los Angeles.

“It would be difficult to find a more learned, reliable, and distinguished author for this project than Andrew R. Dyck. As ever, he is on point, concise, and faithfully cites other apposite passages as appropriate. This book will work admirably for lower level graduate students, and will repay the attention of specialists as well.”

—Christopher Craig, University of Tennessee

Poetics of the First Punic War
Thomas Biggs

Latin poetry’s place in the ever-changing landscape of Ancient Roman memory

Poetics of the First Punic War is concerned with the transmission and transformation of memory in Ancient Rome. It tracks Latin poetry’s place in the ever-changing landscape of Roman historical representation with a focus on the narrative of the First Punic War as it was filtered through new texts and objects, ideas, and ideologies. The initial encoding of the war in Roman cultural memory was a disruptive force with a powerful legacy. It made the war forever “epic” in ways that complicate the politics of memory at Rome. Recently, Rome’s complex relationship with Carthage has received renewed attention, but the First Punic War still remains largely unexplored from literary angles. Biggs fills this gap in his scholarship. This book contains the most sustained treatment in Anglophone scholarship of Naevius’ fragmentary poem, along with its predecessor, Livius Andronicus’ Odusia.

Thomas Biggs is Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Georgia.

“Biggs brings together a number of texts that are not frequently juxtaposed and effectively demonstrates their relationships in meaningful ways. I think readers will find the works they are most familiar with illuminated by the works they are less familiar with. The book is well-written, has a clear purpose, and contributes to contemporary debate on historical remembrance.”

—Thomas E. Strunk, Xavier University
The Topography of Violence in the Greco-Roman World
Werner Riess and Garrett G. Fagan, Editors
Now in Paper

An original and stimulating study of violence in classical antiquity

What soldiers do on the battlefield or boxers do in the ring would be treated as criminal acts if carried out in an everyday setting. Perpetrators of violence in the classical world knew this and chose their venues and targets with care: killing Julius Caesar at a meeting of the Senate was deliberate. That location asserted Senatorial superiority over a perceived tyrant, and so proclaimed the pure republican principles of the assassins. The contributors to The Topography of Violence in the Greco-Roman World take on a task not yet addressed in classical scholarship: in paired chapters they examine how topography shaped the perception and interpretation of violence in Greek and Roman antiquity. No other book either adopts the spatial theoretical framework or compares the examination of different classes of violence in classical antiquity in this way.

Werner Riess is Professor of Ancient History at the University of Hamburg. Garrett G. Fagan was Professor of Ancient History at Pennsylvania State University.

“We need more scholarly works like this volume that shift from the traditional analysis of sources to the means by which the events were generated, performed and interpreted in Ancient societies.”

—Latomus

The Life of Comedy after the Death of Plautus and Terence
Mathias Hanses

A novel study of the popularity of Roman comedies well into the second century CE

The Life of Comedy after the Death of Plautus and Terence documents the ongoing popularity of Roman comedies, and shows that they continued to be performed in the late Republic and early Imperial periods. Playwrights Plautus and Terence impressed audiences with stock characters like the young-man-in-love, the trickster slave, and many others. A wide range of spectators visited Roman theaters, including even the most privileged members of Roman society: authors like Cicero, Juvenal, and Catullus and Ovid, who put comedy’s varied characters to new and creative uses in their own works. Scholars have commonly believed that the plays fell out of favor by the end of the first century BCE, but The Life of Comedy demonstrates that performances of these comedies continued at least until the turn of the second century CE.

Mathias Hanses is Assistant Professor of Classics and Ancient Mediterranean Studies, Pennsylvania State University.

“...casts new light ... on the entire corpus of late republican and early imperial Latin literature engaged with comic writing as a modello codice. It brilliantly accomplishes its goal.”

—Judith Hallett, University of Maryland
In *Corporeal Politics: Dancing East Asia*, leading international scholars investigate the development of dance as a deeply meaningful and complex cultural practice across time, placing special focus on the intertwining of East Asia dance and politics and the role of dance as a medium of transcultural interaction and communication across borders. Countering common narratives of dance history that emphasize the US and Europe as centers of origin and innovation, the expansive creativity of dance artists in East Asia asserts its importance as a site of critical theorization and reflection on global artistic developments in the performing arts.

Through the lens of “corporeal politics”—the close attention to bodily acts in specific cultural contexts—each study in this book challenges existing dance and theatre histories to re-investigate the performer’s role in devising the politics and aesthetics of their performance, as well as the multidimensional impact of their lives and artistic works. *Corporeal Politics* addresses a wide range of performance styles and genres, including dances produced for the concert stage, as well as those presented in popular entertainments, private performance spaces, and street protests.

*Katherine Mezur* is Lecturer in the Department of Comparative Literature at the University of California, Berkeley. *Emily Wilcox* is Associate Professor of Modern Chinese Studies at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

“*Corporeal Politics makes significant contributions to dance studies by adding in-depth studies of choreographers, dance forms, and dancers largely missing from the Anglophone literature . . . [and] to Asian and area studies with its close attention to bodies and movement and the knowledge produced by both. Simply put, there is nothing else like this book available.”*

—Rosemary Candelario, Texas Woman’s University
Top: Mei Lanfang as legendary Chinese beauty Yang Guifei.
Above: Wu, dressed as a Buddhist monk, peeks beyond the supposed wall.
Right: Choe outdoors posing in Korean costume for the role of Kye Wŏlhyang.
Performance and the Afterlives of Injustice

Catherine M. Cole

Dance and live art in contemporary South Africa and beyond

Unresolved pasts tend to return. In the aftermath of state-perpetrated injustice, a façade of peace can suddenly give way. In such circumstances, the voices and visions of artists can help us see what otherwise evades perception. Performance and the Afterlives of Injustice considers key works by contemporary South African performing artists and choreographer Faustin Linyekula from the Democratic Republic of Congo, whose performances demonstrate that post-apartheid and postcolonial framings of change have exceeded their limits.

Embodied performance in South Africa has particular potency because apartheid was so centrally focused on the body: classifying bodies into racial categories, legislating where certain bodies could move and which bathrooms and drinking fountains certain bodies could use, and how different bodies carried meaning. The majority of artists analyzed here are people of color, a necessary corrective to the white-dominated nature of South African performance scholarship.

Catherine M. Cole is Professor and Divisional Dean of the Arts at the University of Washington.

“Cole writes at her very best with eloquence and empathy and with a keenly critical eye. Her exposition of dance and the ‘afterlives of injustice’ is compelling and makes a strong contribution to an area where the South African artistic achievement has not been well explored. She is breaking new ground here.”

—Liz Gunner, University of Johannesburg

“Argues strongly for the ways in which embodied performance can excavate hidden, disavowed, or simply past atrocities and injustices that result in ongoing violence. These practices change perceptions of the past in the present and make entanglements visible, while challenging the status quo.”

—Yvette Hutchison, University of Warwick
Top: Brett Bailey's Exhibit B. Photo: Cristos Sarris for Onassis Stegi.

Above: Qaphela Caesar by Jay Pather and Siwela Sonke Dance Theatre. Photo by Val Adamson, courtesy of Jay Pather.

Left: Siyanda Duma, Ntombi Gasa, and Nelsiwa Rusualang in a scene from Jay Pather’s Body of Evidence. Photo: Val Adamson, courtesy of Jay Pather.

Right: Original poster by Margaret Hillhorst. The fingerprints are those of Athol Fugard and Yvonne Bryceland. Image courtesy of Brian Astbury.
**Prismatic Performances**

*Queer South Africa and the Fragmentation of the Rainbow Nation*

April Sizemore-Barber

**Exploring the contradictions of post-Apartheid South Africa through performance**

At his 1994 inauguration, South African president Nelson Mandela announced the “Rainbow Nation, at peace with itself and the world.” This national rainbow notably extended beyond the bounds of racial coexistence and reconciliation to include “sexual orientation” as a protected category, yet the new government’s alliance with neoliberal interests and the devastation of the AIDS epidemic left South Africa an increasingly unequal society.

*Prismatic Performances* focuses on the queer embodiments that both reveal and animate the gaps between South Africa’s self-image and its lived realities over the past 30 years, including black lesbian soccer players who reveal the gendered and sexed limitations of racialized “Africanness”; white gay performers who use drag and gender subversion to work through questions of racial and societal transformation; black artists who reveal their audiences’ complicity in the problem of sexual violence; and a primarily heterosexual Pan-African online soap opera fandom community who, by combining new virtual spaces with old melodramatic tropes, allow for extended deliberation and new paradigms through which African same-sex relationships are acceptable.

*Prismatic Performances* contends that when explicitly queer bodies emerge onto public stages, audiences are made intimately aware of their own bodies’ identifications and desires.

April Sizemore-Barber is Assistant Professor of the Practice in Women’s and Gender Studies at Georgetown University.

“The depth of the ethnographic research, the sensitive, nuanced reading of multiple performance texts, and the interdisciplinary acumen make this an excellent contribution to the field of theatre and performance studies as well as the burgeoning field of queer African studies.”

—Laura Edmondson, Dartmouth College

Left: Steven Cohen and onlooker in Chandelier (2001). © Michael Stevenson Gallery

Ishtyle

Accenting Gay Indian Nightlife
Kareem Khubchandani

Gay nightlife as sociopolitical performance

Ishtyle follows queer South Asian men across national, regional, and urban borders into gay neighborhoods, nightclubs, bars, and house parties in Bangalore and Chicago. As migrants and transnational laborers, they do not always reflect the dominant modes of dress, hairstyle, musical taste, or dance moves of their more cosmopolitan counterparts. Bringing familiar cultural practices into these spaces, these men accent the aesthetics of nightlife cultures through performance. Kareem Khubchandani develops the notion of “ishtyle” to name this accented style, while also showing how brown bodies inadvertently become accents themselves, ornamental inclusions in the racialized grammar of desire. Ishtyle allows us to reimagine a global class perpetually represented as docile and desexualized workers caught in the web of global capitalism. The book highlights a different kind of labor, the embodied work these men do to feel queer and sexy together. Ultimately, the book demonstrates that while gay nightlife is discursively envisioned as an exceptional site of escape, utopia, and pleasure, it is actually imbricated in sociopolitical structures of the everyday.

Kareem Khubchandani is Mellon Bridge Assistant Professor of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Tufts University.

“A flawless guide through the queer nights of the South Asian diaspora in the 21st century…. Ishtyle remaps the political economies, global routes, and affective circuits of queer nightlife. This is a vital work of performance ethnography, written with exuberance and love for the brown worlds it conjures.”

—Shane Vogel, Ruth N. Halls Professor of English, Indiana University

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Performance in the Zócalo

Constructing History, Race, and Identity in Mexico’s Central Square from the Colonial Era to the Present

Ana Martínez

Quien domina el centro, domina el país: Whoever dominates the center, dominates the country

For more than five centuries, the Plaza Mayor (or Zócalo) in Mexico City has been the site of performances for a public spectatorship. During the period of colonial rule, performances designed to ensure loyalty to the Spanish monarchy were staged there, but over time these displays gave way to staged demonstrations of resistance. Today, the Zócalo is a site for both official government-sponsored celebrations and performances that challenge the state. *Performance in the Zócalo* examines the ways that this city square has achieved symbolic significance over the centuries, and how national, ethnic, and racial identity has been performed there.

This book highlights how particular performances build upon each other by recycling past architectures and performative practices for new purposes. Ana Martínez discusses the singular role of collective memory in creating meaning through space and landmarks, providing a new perspective and further insight into the problem of Mexico’s relationship with its own past.

Ana Martínez is Assistant Professor in the Department of Theatre and Dance at Texas State University.

“Martínez analyzes performances from key moments in the last 500 hundred years, to show the ways in which power is exercised and maintained. But she also reads the slippages and fractures in these performances in order to demonstrate that the Zócalo has long been a disputed space where race and class are being constantly contested and negotiated.”

—Laura G. Gutiérrez, University of Texas at Austin

“An excellent addition to scholarship about popular processions and performances in Mexico. *Performance in the Zócalo* thoroughly examines performances from the colonial national and Neoliberal periods in Mexico in the nation’s central square, and traces shifts in identity over the course of that time.”

—Patricia A. Ybarra, Brown University
Performing Flight
From the Barnstormers to Space Tourism
Scott Magelssen

A century of human aviation and space travel, seen through the lens of performance

Performing Flight sheds new light on moments in the history of U.S. aviation and spaceflight through the lens of performance studies, from pioneering aviator Bessie Coleman to the future of private space tourism. Performance has consistently shaped public perception of the enterprise of flight and has guaranteed its success as a mode of entertainment, travel, research, and warfare. Scott Magelssen’s book reveals the fundamental connections between performance and human aviation and space travel over the past 100 years, beginning with the early professional aerial entertainers known as barnstormers to the performative history of the Enola Gay and its pilot Paul Tibbets, who dropped the bomb on Hiroshima, thus ushering in the atomic age. The book also explores the phenomenon of “the pilot voice”; the creation of the American Astronaut, on whose performative success the Cold War, the Space Race, and funding of the Space Program all depended; the emerging industry of space tourism, which through performative strategies works to cement its importance as both manifest destiny and an escape route from a failed planet; and the four hijacked flights of 9/11/2001 and how they have been represented in discourse and memorials.

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The lumpenstate dystopia of the Trump/Brexit era

In *The Communist Manifesto* and elsewhere, Marx and Engels introduce the concept of the lumpenproletariat, “the dangerous class, the social scum, that passively rotting mass thrown off by the lowest layers of old society,” whose lowly status made its residents potential tools of the capitalists against the working class. Surprisingly, no one has made a substantial study of the lumpenproletariat in Marxist thought until now. Clyde Barrow argues that recent discussions about the downward spiral of the American white working class have reactivated the concept of the lumpenproletariat. He argues that when organized by a strong man—whether a Bonaparte, a Mussolini, or a Trump—the lumpenproletariat gravitates toward a parasitic and violent lumpenstate created in its own image, and such a state primarily serves the interests of the equally parasitic finance aristocracy. Barrow thus updates historical discussions of the lumpenproletariat in the context of contemporary American politics and suggests that all post-industrial capitalist societies now confront the choice between communism or dystopia.

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a tumblr book
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Allison McCracken, Alexander Cho, Louisa Stein, Indira Neill Hoch, Editors

Indispensable guide to the social media platform that shaped a generation’s politics and culture

This book extensively examines the diverse users and cultures comprising the popular social media platform Tumblr. Though Tumblr does not receive as much attention as other social media platforms, the microblogging site and its users have been hugely influential in creating and shifting popular culture, especially progressive youth culture; in 2014, the New York Times hailed the dawning of the “age of Tumblr activism.” Perfect for those unfamiliar with the platform as well as those who grew up on it, this volume contains essays and artwork that span many different topics: fandom; platform structure and design; race, gender and sexuality, including queer and trans identities; aesthetics; disability and mental health; and social media privacy and ethics. Contributors include scholars, public intellectuals, industry professionals, journalists, activists, and fans. A generation of young people now beginning to influence mass culture and politics came of age on Tumblr, and this volume is an indispensable guide to the many ways this platform works.

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Philosophy and the Search for Legitimacy
Ron Scapp

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Philosophy in an age of multiculturalism

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A Question of Voice is an American investigation that also engages with contemporary continental thought as well as issues that arise from transnational perspectives—an approach that is motivated by doing philosophy in an age of multiculturalism.

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Tim Lockridge and Derek Van Ittersum

A study of how writing tools and the writing process shape each other

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