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Brenda Miller is Professor of Creative Writing at Western Washington University.

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Stan Lai

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Edited by Lissa Tyler Renaud

Bringing the iconic plays of Stan Lai to an English-language readership

Stan Lai (Lai Shengchuan) is one of the most celebrated theatre practitioners working in the Chinese-speaking world. His work over three decades has pioneered the course of modern Chinese language theatre in Taiwan, China, and other Chinese-speaking regions. He has been declared “the preeminent Chinese playwright and stage director of this generation” (*China Daily*) and “the best Chinese language playwright and director in the world” (*BBC*). Lai’s works include masterpieces of the modern Chinese language theatre like *Secret Love in Peach Blossom Land*, *The Village*, and his epic eight-hour *A Dream Like a Dream*, all of which are in this collection.

These volumes feature works from across Lai’s career, providing an exceptional selection of a diverse range of performances.

Lissa Tyler Renaud (M.A. Directing, Ph.D. Theatre History/Criticism, U.C. Berkeley, 1987) is known internationally as a master teacher, actor-scholar, invited speaker, writer, critic, and 2nd generation editor.

“Now we have twelve glowing examples of Stan’s own artistry and industry, which demonstrate why he remains unchallenged as the major contemporary Asian playwright of his time, perhaps of all time. All of Stan’s plays are masterpieces. And the range—from *A Dream Like a Dream*, an eight-hour epic fantasy about international travelers, to *The Village*, an extravagant vision of exile and abandonment—is formidable. The plays are a great tribute to the concepts of family and parenthood, colored as they are by sadness and complexity. Stan displays great intimacy with how people eat, sleep, dress, and arrange for burials, which he describes in techniques of direct address.”

—Robert Brustein (from the Foreword)

Robert Brustein founded both the Yale Repertory Theatre and the American Repertory Theatre, is a member of the American Theater Hall of Fame, and is author of the iconic *The Theatre of Revolt*. 
“Oxford defines ‘wright’ as a ‘joiner.’ I guess that’s what I do: join characters, through thoughts and emotions, to words, words to words, words to actions, characters to characters, characters to situations, situations to situations, scenes to scenes, acts to acts, early scenes to later acts, 1st act characters to their later selves, meanings to actions, everything to life. The whole art of ‘playwrighting’ is a complex act of joining, connecting, and the final product must have everything joined together exactly properly in order to work, to release information and actions and emotions at proper moments, to create chemical reactions that blossom at the right time and place, to manifest whatever power a play may hold to the fullness of its potential.”

—Stan Lai (from the Volume One Preface, “How I Wright Plays”)

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Miguel Escobar Varela is Assistant Professor of Theatre Studies at the National University of Singapore.

“A major contribution to theater studies and to Digital Humanities more broadly, *Theater as Data* offers a compelling vision of how the two fields can—and, in the case studies, do—work together to produce new knowledge.”

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Being Human During COVID
*Edited by Kristin Ann Hass*

**What the humanities can teach us about COVID-19**

Science has made headlines during the COVID-19 crisis but the arts and humanities were critical in people’s daily lives. *Being Human During COVID* documents the first year of the pandemic in real time, bringing together humanities scholars from the University of Michigan to address what it feels like to experience the COVID-19 crisis. Over the course of the pandemic, the questions that occupy the humanities—about grieving and publics; the social contract and individual rights; racial formation and xenophobia; ideas of home and conceptions of gender; narrative and representation; and power—have become shared life-or-death questions about how human societies work and how culture determines our collective fate. The contributors in this collection draw on scholarly expertise and lived experience in works that range from traditional scholarly essays, to personal essays, to visual art projects. The resulting book is shot-through with fear and dread and frustration and prejudice, and, on a few occasions, a thrilling sense of hope.

Kristin Ann Hass is Associate Professor of American Culture at the University of Michigan.
Discredited
*The UNC Scandal and College Athletics’ Amateur Ideal*
Andy Thomason

**The Carolina Way and the myth of amateurism**

In 2009, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill was on top of the world.

Consistently named one of the top universities in the country, it had welcomed a new chancellor who promised to lead the public ivy into the future. In the all-important athletic realm, the Tar Heels were the Coca-Cola of athletic brands. Resting upon the legacy of legendary basketball coach Dean Smith, UNC had carved out a reputation of excellence paired with squeaky-clean adherence to the rules. Supporters called this “the Carolina Way.” That year, the Tar Heels won their fifth national championship in men’s basketball and looked poised to climb the ranks in football under a new, high-powered coach.

But within a few years it all came crashing down.

The Tar Heels’ success, it turned out, was based on a shaky foundation built by administrators and staffers who cut corners in order to help athletes succeed. Athletes were flocking to a slate of fake classes designed to keep them eligible to play. That revelation and others metastasized into one of the most damaging academic/athletic scandals ever to visit an American college. In *Discredited*, journalist Andy Thomason provides a gripping and expansive retelling of the scandal through the stories of four of its key participants. Based on dozens of original interviews and thousands of pages of documents, *Discredited* demonstrates the hard choices that student advocates and staffers face and the pressure to preserve the athletic status quo: all for a shot at competitive glory.

*Andy Thomason* is Senior Editor at *The Chronicle of Higher Education.*
Land of Opportunity
One Family’s Quest for the American Dream in the Age of Crack
William M. Adler
with a new afterword by the author and a new foreword by Waverly Duck

The story of the Chambers brothers’ crack cocaine empire and the city that made them

Part true crime, part work of urban sociology, Land of Opportunity is a meticulously researched account of the rise and fall of the Chambers brothers, who ran a multi-million-dollar crack cocaine operation in Detroit in the 1980s. Descended from Arkansas sharecroppers, Billy Joe, Larry, Otis, and Willie Chambers moved to Detroit seeking economic opportunity, and built a successful drug empire by applying strict business principles to their trade until the brothers were sent to prison in 1989. Reading the Chambers brothers in the context of the fall of the Detroit auto industry and its impact on the city’s economy and residents, Land of Opportunity demonstrates how for the Chambers brothers, and many others like them, crack dealing was a rational career choice; and through their story, Adler provides a bottom-up history of the late Second Great Migration, deindustrialization, the War on Drugs, and the crack era in both Detroit and the United States.

William M. Adler is a freelance writer whose work has appeared in Esquire, Rolling Stone, Mother Jones, and the Texas Observer. In addition to Land of Opportunity, he has written two other books of narrative nonfiction, Mollie’s Job and The Man Who Never Died.

Quantifying Mentalities
The Use of Numbers by Ancient Greek Historians
Catherine Rubincam

Groundbreaking study of numbers in the works of five major ancient Greek historians

In Quantifying Mentalities, Catherine Rubincam helps overcome a barrier to our accurate understanding of the numbers in the works of five major ancient Greek historians by providing a standard against which their credibility can be more accurately judged. This systematic, quantified, groundbreaking study is based on the compilation of statistics concerning a standard constellation of aspects of all the numbers in the historical works of the five earliest wholly or at least substantially surviving ancient Greek historians: Herodotus, Thucydides, Xenophon (Anabasis and Hellenica), Polybius, and Diodorus Siculus. The statistics also facilitate comparisons of every aspect of number use between authors and texts, enabling the delineation of a numeric profile for each one. For scholars reading and writing about the history of ancient Greece, the volume offers a tool for interpreting the numbers in these ancient texts with more sensitivity to the world in which they were written, providing a firmer foundation for reconstructing or interpreting ancient Greek history.

Catherine Rubincam is Associate Professor Emeritus, Department of Historical Studies, at the University of Toronto.
Dictator

The Evolution of the Roman Dictatorship

Mark B. Wilson

The role and development of the Roman dictatorship over three centuries

Roman consuls were routinely trained by background and experience to handle the usual problems of a twelve-month turn in office. But what if a crisis arose that wasn’t best met by whoever happened to be in office that year? The Romans had a mechanism for that: the dictatorship, an alternative emergency executive post that granted total, unanswerable power to that man who was best suited to resolve the crisis and then stand down, restoring normality. This office was so useful and effective that it was invoked at least 85 times across three centuries against every kind of serious problem, from conspiracies and insurgencies to the repelling of invaders to propitiation of the gods.

In Dictator: The Evolution of the Roman Dictatorship, Mark B. Wilson makes the first detailed and comprehensive examination of the role and evolution of the dictatorship as an integral element of the Roman Republic. Dictator provides a new basis for discussion and debate relating to the Roman dictatorship, Roman crisis management, and the systems and institutions of the Roman Republic.

Mark B. Wilson is Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of History at Lehman College.

“Contemporary Anglophone scholarship lacks a comprehensive examination of the dictatorship. This work constitutes a thorough re-examination of the dictatorship, peeling away layers of scholarly and philosophical discussion (ancient and modern) to try to get to what the dictatorship was in practice. As such, Dictator makes very important contributions to the scholarship.”

—Trevor Luke, Florida State University

You May Also Be Interested In:
Domitian’s Rome and the Augustan Legacy
Edited by Raymond Marks and Marcello Mogetta
Combines material and literary cultural approaches to the study of the Augustan age during the reign of Domitian

The legacy of the Roman emperor Augustus and the culture of his age was profound and immediately evident after his death in 14 CE. His first four successors based their claims to rule on kinship with him, thus establishing the Julio-Claudian dynasty. But it was after the reigns of Augustus’ own descendants, oddly enough, that we witness the most spirited and thoroughgoing engagement with the Augustan past; during the reign of the emperor Domitian, the third and last ruler of the subsequent Flavian dynasty (81–96 CE), there was a veritable Augustan renaissance.

This volume represents the first book-length treatment of the reception of Augustus and his age during the reign of Domitian. Its thirteen chapters, from an international group of scholars, offer a glimpse into the fascinating history and culture of Domitian’s Rome and its multifaceted engagement with the Augustan past. Combining material and literary cultural approaches and covering a diverse range of topics—art, architecture, literature, history, law—the studies in this volume capture the rich complexity of the Augustan legacy in Domitian’s Rome while also revising our understanding of his legacy. Far from being a cruel tyrant, Domitian emerges as a studious, thoughtful cultivator of the Augustan past who helped shape an age that not only took inspiration from that past, but managed to rival it.

Raymond Marks is Associate Professor, Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies, University of Missouri. Marcello Mogetta is Assistant Professor, Department of Ancient Mediterranean Studies, University of Missouri.

Left: Silver denarius of the rebels from 68 CE. The obverse bears a portrait of the Deified Augustus while the reverse depicts Diana as huntress (© Bibliothèque nationale de France; ark:/12148/btv1b10445818r).


**Making Money in Ancient Athens**  
**Michael Leese**  

Explodes how ancient Athenians made economic decisions

Since the 19th century, scholars have argued that premodern people did not behave like modern businesspeople, causing economic stagnation. But the evidence from ancient Athens, which is one of the best-documented societies in the premodern world, tells a very different story: one of progress, innovation, and rational economic strategies. *Making Money in Ancient Athens* examines in a comprehensive manner the voluminous source material that has survived in inscriptions, private lawsuit speeches, and the works of writers and philosophers like Aristotle and Plato. Michael Leese examines unparalleled glimpses into the specific factors that influenced Athenians, and the motivations that guided economic transactions. Armed with thoroughly documented case studies and rich source material from the ancient world, he argues that the evidence overwhelmingly demonstrates that ancient Athenians achieved the type of long-term profit and wealth maximization and continuous reinvestment of profits into additional productive enterprise that have been argued as unique to (and therefore responsible for) the modern industrial-capitalist system.

Michael Leese is Assistant Professor of History at the University of New Hampshire.

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**A Cemetery and Quarry from Imperial Gabii**  
**Laura M. Banducci and Anna Gallone, Editors**  

Explores nearly 1,000 years of habitation at Gabii

Since 2009, the Gabii Project, an international archaeological initiative led by Nicola Terrenato and the University of Michigan, has been investigating the ancient Latin town of Gabii, a neighbor of and a rival to Rome in the first millennium BCE. The story of Gabii is one of growth, transformation, and diminishment. In this volume, editors Laura M. Banducci and Anna Gallone highlight the close but sometimes tense relationship between where people live, work, trade, and bury their dead.

Assembled in an innovative digital format, the story of the site is presented three times in a “layered” structure: “The Story,” explaining the narrative of the excavation area in a simple chronological way; “More,” containing explanations of the phasing and the features of the site and their interpretation; and a third layer containing the stratigraphic description and the technical reports on specific kinds of materials. The material is beautifully illustrated with traditional photographs and drawings, as well as an interactive 3D model based on photogrammetric models produced at the time of excavation.

Laura M. Banducci is Associate Professor of Greek and Roman Studies at Carleton University. Anna Gallone is Professional Archaeologist and Associate Researcher at the Kelsey Museum of Archaeology.

“The Gabii project is going to be a game changer in the field of both archaeology and digital humanities.”  
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Cornelius Nepos
A Study in the Evidence and Influence
John Alexander Lobur

Seeks to rehabilitate Nepos as a writer emblematic of his contemporary intelligentsia

Roman author Cornelius Nepos wrote at a dynamic time in Roman history, but oddly enough modern scholarship has maligned him as inaccurate, simple-minded, and derivative. John Lobur’s work rehabilitates Nepos to show that in fact he should be understood as an emblematic member of the Italian intelligentsia of the time, well-positioned to write narratives of great potency on the emerging Roman imperial ideology. *Cornelius Nepos: A Study in the Evidence and Influence* embeds his work among the crucial ideological activity at play in the late Republic and Triumviral periods. The volume spends considerable time on the fragmentary evidence to suggest that he was a valued cultural elder advising a public eager to recover a sense of tradition. Nepos’ biographies show how the elites of the day both processed the new reality and attempted to circumscribe it for good ends through the creation of new models of legitimacy.

John Alexander Lobur is Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Mississippi.

Aeneas
Lee T. Pearcy

An exploration into the elusive, and sometimes unlikable, hero of Rome’s most important poem

To some, the central character of Vergil’s *Aeneid* is unlikable; to others, he seems unreal, a figure on which to hang a plot. *Aeneas* discovers a tragic figure whose defining virtue depends on a past that has been stripped from him, and whose destiny blocks him from the knowledge of the future that gives meaning to his life. His choices, silences, tears, and anger reflect an existential struggle that, in the end, he loses. Aeneas is a hero of the Trojan War, a time as distant from Vergil as Vergil is from us, but he is also a literary character created in response to political chaos and civil strife as the Roman Republic gave way to the Augustan empire. Lee T. Pearcy’s book creates an Aeneas for our time, when identities seem fungible and precarious, amid a moment of political conflict and collapsing institutions.

Lee T. Pearcy retired from the Lounsbery Chair in Classics at the Episcopal Academy, Newtown Square, PA, in 2013. He is Research Associate in Classics at Bryn Mawr College.
Yale Papyri in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library IV
Hélène Cuvigny, Ruth Duttenhöfer, and Ann Ellis Hanson, Editors

Examines a group of papyri held at Yale’s rare book library, the Beinecke

Yale Papyri in the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library IV springs from work undertaken at Yale University’s Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library, at its Papyrological Summer Institute in 2003. This fourth volume of Yale papyri presents three groups of texts dating from the second century BCE to the seventh century CE. Editions are presented in chronological order, and include items such as samples of scribal training, mathematical tables and exercises, schoolroom work, letters, tax-receipts, contracts, and petitions. Contributors in addition to the volume editors include Daniel Marković, Charles W. Hedrick, Jr., Jitse H. F. Dijkstra, Kevin Wilkinson, Annelies Luijendijk, Richard L. Phillips, Gary Reger, Shane Berg, Elizabeth Penland, George Bevan, Josiah E. Davis, Mariam Dandamayeva, Andrew T. Crislip, and Jean Gascou.

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Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome, Vol. 63/64
Sinclair W. Bell, Editor

Collection of articles on Roman archaeology; Italian history, art, and architectural history; and Latin literature

The Memoirs of the American Academy in Rome gathers articles on topics including Roman archaeology and topography, ancient and modern Italian history, Latin literature, and Italian art and architectural history.

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Sinclair W. Bell is Professor of Art History at Northern Illinois University.
Echoes of the Great Catastrophe
Re-Sounding Anatolian Greekness in Diaspora
Panayotis League

A multi-sited exploration of the musical legacy of the Anatolian Greek diaspora

The first book of the new Musics in Motion series, *Echoes of the Great Catastrophe: Re-Sounding Anatolian Greekness in Diaspora* explores the legacy of the Great Catastrophe—the death and expulsion from Turkey of 1.5 million Greek Christians following the Greco-Turkish War of 1919–22—through the music and dance practices of Greek refugees and their descendants over the last one hundred years. The book draws extensively on original ethnographic research conducted in Greece (on the island of Lesvos in particular) and in the Greater Boston area, as well as on the author’s lifetime immersion in the North American Greek diaspora. Through analysis of handwritten music manuscripts, homemade audio recordings, and contemporary live performances, the book traces the routes of repertoire and style over generations and back and forth across the Atlantic Ocean, investigating the ways that the particular musical traditions of the Anatolian Greek community have contributed to the community’s understanding of its place in the global Greek diaspora and the wider post-Ottoman world. Alternating between fine-grained musicological analysis and engaging narrative prose, it fills a lacuna in scholarship on the transnational Greek experience.

Panayotis League is Assistant Professor of Ethnomusicology and Director of the Center for Music of the Americas at Florida State University.

You May Also Be Interested In:
The Global White Snake
Liang Luo

Tracing the history and adaptation of one of China’s foundational texts

The story of *The White Snake* is one of the “four great narratives” of China and yet it is almost unknown in the West. It is as much a founding text in China as *The Odyssey* is in the West: an enchanting tale full of adventure, monsters, and romance, with something profound to say about human nature that transforms to meet modern social concerns. *The Global White Snake* is a major, accessible contribution to our knowledge of the story, its traditional interpretations and its importance throughout history; at the same time, it offers a refreshing new reading of the text as surprisingly disruptive and revolutionary. It highlights a spirit of persistent anti-authoritarianism and tolerance for the strange and the unusual that is not often associated with China in contemporary Western perceptions. The book creates a gentle yet persuasive counterargument to the prevailing discourse of “cultural appropriation” as high crime. By showing how Lady White Snake travels through a multitude of translations and adaptations across cultures, time, geography, and media, transforming from demoness to goddess, and continues the circle all over again, her story bending and twisting in meaning, always on the move and in mediation.

**Liang Luo** is Associate Professor of Chinese Studies at the University of Kentucky.

“This rigorous and exciting study presents a folk narrative and its transmutations that will provoke new theoretical directions for examining the relations between traditional and tradition-inspired narrative. The Global White Snake brings together the relevant sources, versions, and theory that will show readers a clear idea of the White Snake narrative tradition and its meanings in various literary, performative, and social contexts. The compelling, stimulating, fascinating scholarship will deepen and expand readers’ understanding of the Chinese vernacular literary/live-performance traditions, as well as the emerging means of transmission and creativity in virtual, online, digital formats.”

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Below, left: “Thunder Peak Pagoda at the West Lake Fell for No Reason,” in Complete Collection of Paintings on Jiang-Zhe and Zhi-Feng Wars, October 7, 1924.
Sonorous Worlds
Musical Enchantment in Venezuela
Yana Stainova

In Venezuela, music is both a means of government control and a form of emancipation

El Sistema is a nationwide, state-funded music education program in Venezuela. Founded in 1975 by economist and musician José Antonio Abreu, the institution has weathered seven jolting changes in government. El Sistema grew over the years to encompass 1,210 orchestras for children and youth in Venezuela, reach almost 1 million people out of the 30 million in the country, and serve as a model in more than 35 countries around the world.

Sonorous Worlds is an ethnography of the young Venezuelan musicians who participate in El Sistema, many of whom live in urban barrios and face everyday gang violence, state repression, social exclusion, and forced migration in response to sociopolitical crisis. This book looks at how these youth engage with what the author calls “enchantment,” that is, how they use musical practices to escape, rupture, and critique dominant structures of power. Stainova’s focus on artistic practice and enchantment allows her to theorize the successes and failures of political projects through the lens of their everyday transformations in people’s lives.

Yana Stainova is Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at McMaster University.

Transforming Tradition
The Reform of Chinese Theater in the 1950s and Early 1960s
Siyuan Liu

Explores the history and lingering effects of governmental reform of Chinese theater, post-1949

Shortly after the establishment of the People’s Republic of China, the PRC launched a reform campaign that targeted traditional song-and-dance theater encompassing more than a hundred genres, collectively known as xiqu. Reformers censored or revised xiqu plays and techniques; reorganized star-based private troupes; reassigned the power to create plays from star actors to the newly created functions of playwright, director, and composer; and eliminated market-oriented functionaries such as agents. While the repertoire censorship ended in the 1980s, major reform elements have remained. Transforming Tradition offers a systematic study of the effects of the comprehensive reform of traditional theater conducted in the 1950s and ‘60s, and is based on a decade’s worth of exhaustive research of official archival documents, wide-ranging interviews, and contemporaneous publications, most of which have never previously been referenced in scholarly research.

Siyuan Liu is Associate Professor of Theater at the University of British Columbia.

“Provides a powerful sense of the breadth and depth of the damage done to traditional Chinese theatre by efforts to modernize and control them.”

— Rosemary Roberts, University of Queensland
Moving Islands
*Contemporary Performance and the Global Pacific*
Diana Looser

*A pathbreaking exploration of the international and intercultural connections within Oceanian performance*

*Moving Islands* reveals the international and intercultural connections within contemporary performance from Oceania, focusing on theater, performance art, art installations, dance, film, and activist performance in sites throughout Oceania and in Australia, Asia, North America, and Europe. Diana Looser’s study moves beyond a predictable country-specific or island-specific focus to encompass an entire region defined by diversity and global exchange, showing how performance operates to frame social, artistic, and political relationships across widely dispersed locations. The study also demonstrates how Oceanian performance contributes to international debates about diaspora, indigeneity, urbanization, and environmental sustainability. The author considers the region’s unique cultural and geographic dynamics as she brings forth the paradigm of *transpasifika* to suggest a way of understanding these intercultural exchanges and connections, with the aim to “rework the cartographic and disciplinary priorities of transpacific studies to privilege the activities of Islander peoples.”

Diana Looser is Assistant Professor of Theater and Performance Studies at Stanford University.

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**Working Backstage**

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**Christin Essin**

Places backstage workers in the spotlight to acknowledge their essential roles in creating Broadway magic

*Working Backstage* illuminates the work of New York City’s theater technicians, shining a light on the essential contributions of unionized stagehands, carpenters, electricians, sound engineers, properties artisans, wardrobe crews, makeup artists, and child guardians. Too-often dismissed or misunderstood as mere functionaries, these technicians are deeply engaged in creative problem-solving and perform collaborative, intricate choreographed work that parallels the performances of actors, singers, and dancers onstage. Although their contributions have fueled the Broadway machine, their contributions are absent from most theater histories.

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The Lines Between the Lines

How Stage Directions Affect Embodiment

Bess Rowen

How stage directions convey not what a given moment looks like—but how it feels

Stage directions provide a great deal of information about a play’s genre, mood, tone, visual setting, cast of characters, and more. Yet actors have been taught to ignore these words as records of previous performances or signs of overly controlling playwrights, while scholars have treated them either as problems to be solved or as silent lines of dialogue. Stage directions can be all of these things, and yet much more. The Lines Between the Lines focuses on how U.S. playwrights have written stage directions that engage readers, production teams, and scholars in a process of embodied creation in order to determine meaning. These “affective stage directions” reach out from the page and affect the bodies of those who encounter them. The tools provided in this book are as useful for the theater scholar as they are for the audience member, casting director, and actor.

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Christine Greiner is Professor at the Pontifica Universidade Católica of São Paulo (PUC-SP).

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Sounding Together
Collaborative Perspectives on U.S. Music in the 21st Century
Charles Hiroshi Garrett and Carol J. Oja, Editors
How collaboration can address the challenges facing music scholars in the twenty-first century

Sounding Together tackles key challenges facing scholars studying music of the United States in the early twenty-first century by encouraging scholars in music circles and beyond to explore the intersections between social responsibility, community engagement, and academic practices through the simple act of working together. The book’s co-authored essays—written by a diverse and cross-generational group of scholars, performers, and practitioners—demonstrate in both form and content how collaboration can harness complementary skills and nourish comparative boundary-crossing through interdisciplinary research. The chapters of the volume address issues of race, nationalism, mobility, cultural domination, and identity; as well as the crisis of the Trump era and the political power of music. Sounding Together breaks out of long-established paradigms of solitude in humanities scholarship and works toward social justice in the study of music.

Charles Hiroshi Garrett is Professor of Musicology at University of Michigan. Carol J. Oja is William Powell Mason Professor of Music and Professor of American Studies at Harvard University.

Listening to the Lomax Archive
The Sonic Rhetorics of African American Folksong in the 1930s
Jonathan W. Stone
Exploring the rhetoric and cultural significance of African American folk music during the Great Depression

In 1933, John A. Lomax and his son Alan set out as emissaries for the Library of Congress to record the folksong of the “American Negro” in several southern African-American prisons. Listening to the Lomax Archive: The Sonic Rhetorics of African American Folksong in the 1930s asks how the Lomaxes’ field recordings—including their prison recordings and a long-form oral history of jazz musician Jelly Roll Morton—contributed to a new mythology of Americana for a nation in the midst of financial, social, and identity crises. Stone argues that folksongs communicate complex historical experiences in a seemingly simple package, and can thus be a key element—a sonic rhetoric—for interpreting the ebb and flow of cultural ideals within contemporary historical moments.

Jonathan W. Stone is Assistant Professor of Writing and Rhetoric Studies at the University of Utah.

“Through excellent scholarship and mind-blowing archival research, Listening to the Lomax Archive elucidates the details of American history that are normally hard to hear and always impossible to see.”
—Greg Goodale, Northeastern University
“Destined to Fail”
Carl Seashore’s World of Eugenics, Psychology, Education, and Music
Julia Eklund Koza

How eugenics became a keystone influence on modern education

A little-known fact about the prominent U.S. psychologist and educator Carl E. Seashore (1866–1949) is that he was deeply involved in the American eugenics movement, long before German Nazis embraced it. A titan in a host of disciplines and a proponent of radical education reform, Seashore used his positional power to promote a constellation of education reforms consistent with central precepts of eugenics. Many of these reforms, including tracking, gifted and talented programs, and high-stakes standardized testing, were adopted and remain standard practice in the United States today. He promulgated the idea that musical talent is biologically inheritable, providing the foundation for early-twentieth-century researchers in their attempts to determine whether there are racial differences in musical talent.

An intersectional analysis, “Destined to Fail” focuses on the relationship between eugenics and Seashore’s views on ability, race, and gender. Koza concludes that Seashore promoted eugenics and its companion, eugenics, also discussing the longstanding silences surrounding Seashore’s participation in eugenics. As a diagnosis and critique of the present, “Destined to Fail” identifies the continuing influence of eugenics—and the systems of reasoning that made early-twentieth-century eugenics imaginable and seem reasonable—on education discourse and practice today. It maps out discursive, citational, and funding connections between eugenicists of the early twentieth-century and contemporary white supremacists; this mapping leads to some of Donald Trump’s supporters and appointees.

Julia Eklund Koza is Professor Emeritus of Curriculum and Instruction and the Mead Witter School of Music at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“Destined to Fail’ is an important and timely volume that peels back the layers of a shameful history of racism and eugenics that laid the foundation for what should have been the most democratic and inclusive area of human endeavor, music education. Koza has bravely revealed the underside of the field.

—Gloria Ladson-Billings, University of Wisconsin-Madison
Sex, Identity, Aesthetics
The Work of Tobin Siebers and Disability Studies
Jina B. Kim, Joshua Kupetz, Crystal Yin Lie, and Cynthia Wu, Editors

How Tobin Siebers’ foundational work in disability studies resonates in the field today

Tobin Siebers was a pioneer of the field of disability studies. His scholarship on sexual and intimate affiliations, the connections between structural location and coalitional politics, and the creative arts has shaped disability studies and continues to be widely cited. *Sex, Identity, Aesthetics: The Work of Tobin Siebers and Disability Studies* uses Siebers’ work as a launchpad for thinking about contemporary disability studies. The volume opens with an overview of Siebers’ research to show how it has contributed to humanistic understandings of ability and disability along three key axes: sex, identity, and aesthetics. Chapters then explore each of these themes.

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“Sex, Identity, Aesthetics represents a re-affirmation of deep values in disability studies—generosity, mentorship, and accountability.”
—Margaret Price, The Ohio State University

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Diaphanous Bodies
Ability, Disability, and Modernist Irish Literature
Jeremy Colangelo

Analyzing the abled body through the work of Joyce, Beckett, Egerton, and Bowen

*Diaphanous Bodies: Ability, Disability, and Modernist Irish Literature* examines ability as a category of embodiment and embodied experience and, in the process, opens up a new area of inquiry in the growing field of literary disability studies. Colangelo argues that the construction of ability arises through a process of exclusion and forgetting, in which the depiction of sensory information and epistemological judgment subtly (or sometimes un-subtly) elides the fact of embodied subjectivity. The result is what Colangelo calls “the myth of the diaphanous abled body,” a fiction that holds that an abled body is one that does not participate in or situate experience. The diaphanous abled body underwrites the myth that the constructs “abled” and “disabled” constitute two distinct categories of being rather than points on a constantly shifting continuum.

**Jeremy Colangelo** is SSHRC Post-doctoral Fellow at SUNY Buffalo and Lecturer at Kings’ University College and The University of Western Ontario.
Lightning Birds
An Aeroecology of the Airwaves
Jacob Smith

Interdisciplinary scholarship at the crossroads of radio history, ornithology, sound studies, and ecocriticism

The aerosphere is a literal and figurative contact zone for birds and media. Transmission towers become obstacles in birds’ flight paths; radar systems emit signals that reveal the large-scale movements of birds; parabolic microphones directed at the sky detect avian flight calls; and miniature radio transmitters are attached to birds to track their global travels.

Lightning Birds is a multimedia project that consists of a five-episode, podcast-style audiobook, a curatorial essay, and a bibliography. It tells a new story about radio, describes important scientific discoveries about bird migration through interviews with key researchers, and explores a mode of ecocriticism that combines traditional forms of text-based scholarship with sound art, music, and audio storytelling. At a moment when 13% of all bird species are threatened with extinction, Smith writes not only to those working in media studies, environmental studies, and ornithology, but also to a broader public.

Jacob Smith is Professor, Department of Radio- Television-Film, and Director, MA in Sound Arts and Industries at Northwestern University.

Saving New Sounds
Podcast Preservation and Historiography
Jeremy Wade Morris and Eric Hoyt, Editors

Asks how we can preserve the sonic cultures emerging in podcasts

Over seventy-five million Americans listen to podcasts every month, and the average weekly listener spends over six hours tuning into podcasts from the more than thirty million episodes currently available. Yet despite the excitement over podcasting, the sounds of podcasting’s nascent history are vulnerable, and they remain mystifyingly difficult to research and preserve.

This collection gathers the expertise of leading and emerging scholars in podcasting and digital audio studies in order to take stock of podcasting’s recent history and imagine future directions for the format. The volume editors and contributors reflect on how they, as media historians and cultural researchers, can best preserve podcasting’s booming audio cultures and the countless voices and perspectives podcasting adds to our collective soundscape.

Jeremy Wade Morris is Associate Professor of Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Eric Hoyt is Associate Professor of Film and Media and Cultural Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

“This is a must-read collection within podcast studies and sound studies, and offers an essential contribution to media history and historiography.”

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Fashion Nation

Picturing the United States in the Long Nineteenth Century

Sandra Tomc

The colorful relationship between ethnic nationalism and gaudy dress in the early 19th-century United States

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Fashion Nation reads literature alongside an extraordinary, colorful, and largely forgotten archive of international costume books, theatrical spectacles, travelogues, and world’s fair extravaganzas to show how America was textually and visually constructed for transatlantic audiences.

Sandra Tomc is Professor of English Language and Literatures at University of British Columbia, Vancouver.

“Vividly written and brilliantly argued, Fashion Nation brings the 19th century to life by showing how the idea of a superficial, surface-loving America evolves over the course of the long 19th century.”

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The Philosophy of Parochialism

Radomir Konstantinović

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For the first time in English, Konstantinović’s classic text on the sources of totalitarianism, intolerance, and racism

When Radomir Konstantinović’s Filosofija palanke was published in Belgrade in 1969, it attracted keen attention and controversy through its unsparing critique of Serbian nationalism in Yugoslavia and beyond. The book’s meanings have become deeper and more universal with the passage of time. At last English-speaking audiences can discover one of the most original writers of eastern European late modernism while gaining an original perspective into contemporary politics and culture. The Philosophy of Parochialism can help us understand better not only the dead ends of ethnic nationalism and other atavistic ideologies, but also of those cultural forces such as digital technologies that have been built on the promise of overcoming those ideologies.

Radomir Konstantinović (1928–2011) was a Serbian poet and novelist.

“It is hard to exaggerate the importance of this book in the intellectual life of Serbia and Yugoslavia, and even to the intellectual history of the Balkans and modern Europe in general. The translation by Nikolić and Jakovljević is excellent.”

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R. Khari Brown, Ronald E. Brown, and James S. Jackson

How race influences religious engagement in politics

Religious leaders and congregants who discuss and encourage others to do social justice embrace a form of civil religion that falls close to the covenantal wing of American civil religious thought. Clergy and members who share this ideology frame the nation as being exceptional in God’s sight, but also emphasize that exceptionality as contingent on the nation working toward providing opportunities for socioeconomic well-being, freedom, and creative pursuits. Adherents believe that it is right to care for and be in solidarity with the poor and powerless, even if they are undocumented immigrants, people living in non-democratic and non-capitalist nations, or members of racial or cultural out-groups. Relying on national and regional surveys conducted since 1941, Race and the Power of Sermons on American Politics explores how racial experiences impact the degree to which religion informs social justice attitudes and political behavior. This is the most comprehensive set of analyses of publicly available survey data on this topic.

R. Khari Brown is Associate Professor of Sociology at Wayne State University. Ronald E. Brown is Associate Professor of Political Science at Wayne State University. James S. Jackson was Daniel Katz Distinguished University Professor of Psychology at the University of Michigan.

Sculpting the Self
Islam, Selfhood, and Human Flourishing
Muhammad U. Faruque

What it means to be human

Sculpting the Self addresses “what it means to be human” in a secular, post-Enlightenment world by exploring notions of self and subjectivity in Islamic and non-Islamic philosophical and mystical thought. Alongside detailed analyses of three major Islamic thinkers, this study situates their writings on selfhood within the wider constellation of late modern and contemporary thought, allowing the book to develop its inquiry within a spectrum theory of selfhood.

This is the first book-length treatment of selfhood in Islamic thought that draws on a wealth of primary source texts. Muhammad U. Faruque’s interdisciplinary approach makes a significant contribution in the growing field of cross-cultural dialogue, as it opens up the way for engaging premodern and modern Islamic sources from a contemporary perspective by going beyond the exegesis of historical materials. He initiates a critical conversation between new insights into human nature as developed in neuroscience and modern philosophical literature and millennia-old Islamic perspectives on the self, consciousness, and human flourishing as developed in Islamic philosophical, mystical, and literary traditions.

Muhammad U. Faruque is Inayat Malik Visiting Assistant Professor at University of Cincinnati.
Decolonizing German and European History at the Museum
Katrin Sieg

How do museums confront the violence of European colonialism, conquest, dispossession, enslavement, and genocide?

Decolonizing German and European History at the Museum examines European museums’ efforts to investigate colonialism as part of an unprocessed past, confront its presence, and urge repair. A flurry of exhibitions and the overhaul of numerous large museums in the last decade signal that an emergent colonial memory culture is now reaching broader publics. Exhibitions pose the question of what Europeans owe to those they colonized.

Katrin Sieg shows how museums can help visitors mourn historic violence and identify the contemporary agents, beneficiaries, victims, survivors, and resisters of colonial presence. At the same time, the book treats the museum as part of the racialized power relations that have long been protested by activists, academics, and artists. This book asks whether museums have made the dream of activists, academics, and artists to build equitable futures more acceptable and more durable—or whether they curtail it in packaging that dream for general audiences. Confronting colonial violence, this book argues, pushes Europeans to face the histories of racism and urges them to envision antiracism at the global scale.

Katrin Sieg is Graf Goltz Professor and Director of the BMW Center for German and European Studies at Georgetown University.

You May Also Be Interested In:
The Right to Difference
*Interculturality and Human Rights in Contemporary German Literature*
Nicole Coleman

Develops a theory of intercultural literature to reconcile diversity with traditional notions of German identity

The Right to Difference examines novels that depict human rights violations to explore causes of intergroup violence within diverse societies, using Germany as a test case. This book builds a theory of intercultural literature that transcends a divide between a national literature and migrant and post-migrant German literature. This category of literature focuses on the multifaceted nature of identity, complicating the notion of sharp contrasts between groups, and revealing the affective allegiances formed around other characteristics (gender, profession, personal motivations, relationships, and more). The eight novels analyzed in this book utilize different approaches to “intercultural literature”: some allow for affective identification with diverse characters and cast the protagonists as individuals with plural perspectives and identities rather than monolithic members of one large national or ethnic group, whereas others emphasize the commonalities of all people. Ultimately, the author makes the case for German Studies to contribute to an antiracist approach to diversity by redefining what it means to be German and establishing difference as a fundamental human right.

Nicole Coleman is Assistant Professor of German at Wayne State University.

Spaces of Honor
*Making German Civil Society, 1700–1914*
Heikki Lempa

Traces the development of German civil society through collective actions of honor

The common understanding is that honor belongs to a bygone era, whereas civil society belongs to the future and modern society. Heikki Lempa argues that to the contrary, between 1700 and 1914 in Germany, there were the deep connections between practices of honor and civil society. This study focuses on collective actions of honor and finds them, in a series of case studies, at such communal spaces as schools, theaters, lunch and dinner tables, spas, workers’ strikes, and demonstrations.

Spaces of Honor sees civil society not primarily as an idea or an intellectual project but as a set of practices shaped in physical spaces. German intellectuals in this era were able to redefine civil society with a new language of honor because of the declining power of religious authorities and an increasing number of voluntary associations and public spaces that generated a culture of honor and emotional belonging. Lempa finds that by the end of the nineteenth century, honor was deeply embedded in German civil society.

Heikki Lempa is Professor of History at Moravian College.
African Performance Arts and Political Acts
Naomi André, Yolanda Covington-Ward, and Jendele Hungbo, Editors

Explores how performance arts regularly interface with political action across the African continent

African Performance Arts and Political Acts presents innovative formulations for how African performance and the arts shape the narratives of cultural history and politics. This collection, edited by Naomi André, Yolanda Covington-Ward, and Jendele Hungbo, engages with a breadth of African countries and art forms, bringing together speech, hip hop, religious healing and gesture, theater and social justice, opera, radio announcements, protest songs, and migrant workers’ dances. The spaces include village communities, city landscapes, prisons, urban hostels, Township theaters, opera houses, and broadcasts through the airwaves on television and radio as well as in cyberspace. Essays focus on case studies from Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa, and Tanzania.

Naomi André is Professor of Afroamerican and African Studies, Women’s and Gender Studies, and the Residential College at the University of Michigan. Yolanda Covington-Ward is Associate Professor and Department Chair of Africana Studies at the University of Pittsburgh. Jendele Hungbo is Associate Professor and Head of Mass Communication at Bowen University, Iwo, Nigeria.

“These essays are each one engaging and enlightening about some aspect of the performing arts in Africa. The volume covers a wide range of the arts from speaking to opera with a focus on specific performances including songs of protest, the dynamics of radio messages, solo presentations on contemporary issues and more.”
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*Rugby and the Performance of History in South Africa*

Joshua D. Rubin

Examines the political significance of rugby in South Africa’s post-apartheid present

In *Animated by Uncertainty*, Joshua D. Rubin analyzes South African rugby through the lens of aesthetic politics. Building on 18 months of ethnographic research with rugby coaches, players, and administrators, the author argues that rugby is a form of performance and further that the qualities that define rugby shape the political ends to which the sport can be put. In this respect, *Animated by Uncertainty* demonstrates that theories of sporting politics cannot afford to overlook the qualities of the sports themselves, and it provides a theoretical approach to illustrate how these qualities can be studied. The book also analyzes the ways that apartheid and colonialism inhere in South African institutions and practices. Drawing inspiration from the observation that South Africans could always abandon rugby if they chose to do so, Rubin highlights how the continuing significance of rugby as a form of performance brings traces of South Africa’s apartheid and colonial past into the country’s contemporary political moment.

Joshua D. Rubin is Lecturer in Anthropology at Bates College.

**There Used to Be Order**

*Life on the Copperbelt after the Privatization of the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines*

Patience Mususa

Environmental change and social consequences in the Copperbelt region of Zambia

In *There Used to Be Order*, Patience Mususa considers social change in the Copperbelt region of Zambia following the re-privatization of the large state mining conglomerate, the Zambia Consolidated Copper Mines (ZCCM), in the mid-1990s. As the copper mines were Zambia’s most important economic asset, the sale of ZCCM was considered a major loss to the country. Based on three years of ethnographic field research, this book examines middle-income decline in Africa and directs us to think of the Copperbelt as a place where the residents’ engagement with economic strife after the withdrawal of welfare is simultaneously changing both the material and social character of the place. Drawing on phenomenological approaches, the book develops a theoretical model of “trying,” which accounts for both Copperbelt residents’ aspirations and efforts. Mususa’s study reveals an improvised life and offers an analytical approach to exploring the back-story to the residents’ observation that in the past, there used to be order.

Patience Mususa is a senior researcher at the Nordic Africa Institute in Uppsala, Sweden.
**Regimes of Desire**

*Young Gay Men, Media, and Masculinity in Tokyo*

Thomas Baudinette

Explores the limitations of sexual expression in Tokyo’s “safe” nightlife district and in Japanese media

Shinjuku Ni-chôme is a nightlife district in central Tokyo typically understood as a “safe space” where same-sex attracted men and women from across Japan’s largest city can gather to find support from a relentlessly heteronormative society. Through fieldwork observation and interviews with young men who regularly frequent the neighborhood’s many bars, *Regimes of Desire* reveals that the district is instead a space where only certain performances of gay identity are considered desirable. Using careful analysis of media such as pornographic videos, manga comics, lifestyle magazines and online dating services, this book argues that the commercial imperatives of the Japanese gay media landscape and the bar culture of Shinjuku Ni-chôme act together to limit the agency of young gay men so as to better exploit them economically. *Regimes of Desire* reveals the complexity of Tokyo’s most popular “gay town” and intervenes in debates over the changing nature of masculinity in contemporary Japan.

Thomas Baudinette is Lecturer in International Studies, Macquarie University, Australia.

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**Touching the Unreachable**

*Writing, Skinship, Modern Japan*

Fusako Innami

Explores relational constructs and their mediations with the other through the skin

Fusako Innami offers the first comprehensive study of touch and skinship—relationality with the other through the skin—of modern Japanese writing. The concept of the unreachable, or the lack of characters’ complete ability to touch what they try to reach for, provides a critical intervention on the issue of intimacy. Capturing the interaction between the body and language can be effectively analyzed by paying attention to layers of verbalization, by characters’ utterances, authors’ depictions, and readers’ interpretations. Each of the writers discussed in this book—starting with Nobel prize winner Kawabata Yasunari, Tanizaki Jun’ichirō, Yoshiyuki Junnosuke, and Matsuura Rieko—presents a particular obsession with objects or relationality to the other constructed via the desire for touch. In *Touching the Unreachable*, phenomenological and psychoanalytical approaches are cross-culturally interrogated in engaging with literary touch. Through close readings of the authors’ treatment of touch, Innami develops a theoretical framework with which to examine intersensorial bodies interacting with objects and the environment through touch.

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Suzanne Levi-Sanchez

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David J. Park

Advertising = consumption = climate change

Award-winning author David J. Park argues that the battle against global warming is also a fight for media reform. With his new book *Media Reform and the Climate Emergency*, he critically examines how advertising, the digital infrastructure, and journalism advance the climate emergency and lays out a path of reform to help create a more sustainable world. The production and consumption of goods and services within consumer societies lead to unsustainable greenhouse gas emissions, and Park finds that much of mass communication is either dependent upon or closely tied to the success of this social organization. As a result, he suggests successful environmental movements creatively dismantle or reform institutional infrastructures that extend the planetary global warming crisis and the unsustainable consumption of nature.

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Exploring the Public Effects of Religious Communication on Politics

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Media and scholastic accounts describe a strong public opinion backlash—a sharply negative and enduring opinion change—against attempts to advance gay rights. The authors of Elite-led Mobilization and Gay Rights argue that this perceived backlash is in fact elite-led mobilization—a strategy used by anti-gay elites, primarily white evangelicals, seeking to prevent the full incorporation of LGBTQ Americans in the polity in order to achieve political objectives and increase their political power. This book defines and tests the theories of Mass Opinion Backlash and Elite-Led Mobilization by employing a series of online and natural experiments. Taken together, the evidence shows that opposition to LGBTQ rights is a top-down process incited by anti-gay elites rather than a bottom-up process described by public opinion backlash.

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A Writer Explores Two Centuries at the University of Michigan
By James Tobin

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Justice and Faith
The Frank Murphy Story
By Greg Zipes

Frank Murphy was a Michigan man unafraid to speak truth to power. Born in 1890, he grew up in a small town on the shores of Lake Huron then rose to become Mayor of Detroit, Governor of Michigan, and finally a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. One of the most important politicians in Michigan’s history, Murphy was known for his passionate defense of the common man, earning him the pun, “tempering justice with Murphy.”

Murphy is best remembered for his immense legal contributions supporting individual liberty and fighting discrimination, particularly discrimination against the most vulnerable. Despite being a loyal ally of Franklin Delano Roosevelt, when FDR ordered the removal of Japanese Americans during World War II, Supreme Court Justice Murphy condemned the policy as “racist” in a scathing dissent to the Korematsu v. United States decision—the first use of the word in a Supreme Court opinion. Every American, whether arriving by first class or in chains in the galley of a slave ship, fell under Murphy’s definition of those entitled to the full benefits of the American dream.

Justice and Faith explores Murphy’s life and times by incorporating troves of archive materials not available to previous biographers, including local newspaper records from across the country. Frank Murphy is proof that even in dark times, the United States has extraordinary resilience and an ability to produce leaders of morality and courage.

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