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The Taylor Mac Book
Ritual, Realness and Radical Performance
David Román and Sean F. Edgecomb, Editors

Brings together the voices of scholars, critics, and artists to celebrate the genius of Taylor Mac

This is the first book to dedicate critical attention to the work of influential theater-maker Taylor Mac, called “One of the most exciting theater artists of our time” by TimeOut New York and “One of this country’s most heroic and disarmingly funny playwrights” by American Theatre magazine. Mac is particularly celebrated for the historic performance event A 24-Decade History of Popular Music, in which Mac, with fantastical costumes by collaborator Machine Dazzle and arrangements by Matt Ray, sang the history of the United States for 24 straight hours in October 2016. The event was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama, “for an inspired bardic creation that involves the audience in a marathon musical journey that challenges the persistent societal demons of racism, sexism and homophobia.” The MacArthur Foundation awarded their “genius” award to a “writer, director, actor, singer, and performance artist whose fearlessly experimental works dramatize the power of theater as a space for building community . . . [and who] interacts with the audience to inspire a reconsideration of assumptions about gender, identity, ethnicity, and performance itself.”

Featuring essays, interviews, and commentaries by noted critics and artists, The Taylor Mac Book bears witness to the vastness of Mac’s theatrical imagination, the singularity of their voice, the inclusiveness of their cultural insights and critiques, and the creativity they display. Contributors consider the range of Mac’s career as a playwright, performer, actor, and singer, expanding and enriching the conversation on this much-celebrated and deeply resonant body of work.

David Román is Professor of English and American Studies at the University of Southern California. Sean F. Edgecomb is Associate Professor of Theatre and Performance at the Graduate Center and the Coordinator of Drama at the College of Staten Island, CUNY.

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Above: Shining breast headlamps in the Stonewall Riots ensemble, the 20th decade, 1966–75. Photo: Sarah Walker.

**Cinema Ann Arbor**

*How Campus Rebels Forged a Singular Film Culture*

Frank Uhle

A fascinating journey into the DIY spirit of a highly influential film community

Ann Arbor, long known for its political and cultural activism, has an equally compelling history of activism in its relationship with film and media. Local and campus societies pushed the boundaries of conformity in their quest to show art and independent films, and in their efforts to raise money in the name of artistic freedom. Delving into almost one hundred years of rarely glimpsed history, *Cinema Ann Arbor* melds interviews, deep archival research, and over four hundred images into a vivid history of film in one extraordinary town. These stories, told with urgency and exquisite detail, are first-hand accounts and introduce readers to the unforgettable people who comprised the magnificence of Ann Arbor’s 20th-century film scene.

Interviewees including filmmaker Ken Burns, Oscar-nominated editor Jay Cassidy, and producer John Sloss provide insights into how a midwestern college town developed an underground art film community to rival any in the country. Variety’s Owen Glieberman says, “Frank Uhle has captured the moment when cinema became, for a new generation, a kind of religion, with its own rituals and sacred texts and a spirit of exploratory mystery that has all but vanished from the culture.” This is a must-have book for cinema and media aficionados, film archivists, and anyone interested in the cultural history of Ann Arbor.

Frank Uhle writes about film, music, business, history, and culture for *Pulp, Ugly Things*, and other publications, and hosts a long-running radio program on WCBN that highlights Michigan music.

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“You Frank Uhle’s Cinema Ann Arbor is a whopping big gift—to historians, archivists, and film lovers of every shape. Mind-bogglingly comprehensive, it is also deeply emotional for all the lucky folks, like me, who wandered through Ann Arbor’s magical portal into a life in the movies. Priceless, delightful, and necessary.”

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Pierre Schlag

The American law state’s many personalities create its political-legal dysfunction, setting the stage for new eras

The sudden emergence of the Trump nation surprised nearly everyone. Journalists, pundits, political consultants, academics were nearly all caught off guard. When Trump won in 2016, his ascendancy was widely viewed as a fluke, an aberration—the result of Russian meddling, interference by Comey, a weak candidate. But time showed it was not a fluke, but the rise of a movement—angry, militant, revanchist, and unabashedly authoritarian.

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*The Etruscans Abroad*
Larissa Bonfante

*A lively journey to meet the Etruscans, one of Europe’s most enigmatic societies, accompanied by a wealth of images.*

Larissa Bonfante’s great gift is the ability to evoke in a fresh, immediate, and convincing way the experiences, beliefs, and thoughts of people who lived more than two thousand years ago. Comprehensively illustrated, *Images and Translations: The Etruscans Abroad* communicates the sensations of other times and places, from the day to day to the solemnly ritualistic.

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*Larissa Bonfante* was Professor of Classics Emerita at New York University.

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Amanda Apgar

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When children are born with disabilities or become disabled in childhood, parents often experience bewilderment: they find themselves unexpectedly in another world, without a roadmap, without community, and without narratives to make sense of their experiences. The Disabled Child: Memoirs of a Normal Future tracks the narratives that have emerged from the community of parent-memoirists who, since the 1980s, have written in resistance to their children’s exclusion from culture. Though the disabilities represented in the genre are diverse, the memoirs share a number of remarkable similarities; they are generally written by white, heterosexual, middle or upper-middle class, able-bodied parents, and they depict narratives in which the disabled child overcomes barriers to a normal childhood and adulthood. Apgar demonstrates that in the process of telling these stories, which recuperate their children as productive members of society, parental memoirists write their children into dominant cultural narratives about gender, race, and class. By reinforcing and buying into these norms, Apgar argues, special needs parental memoirs reinforce ableism at the same time that they’re writing against it.

Amanda Apgar is Assistant Professor of Women’s and Gender Studies at Loyola Marymount University.

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*Book of the Disappeared* highlights the ways in which genocide and enforced disappearances are intertwined—each centering on human rights violations. The quest for human rights protection has turned into a global movement both in democratic and undemocratic societies. Human rights advocates—academic and practitioners—along with the victims’ families have kept genocide and enforced disappearance in the spotlight. This book draws on insight and expertise of human rights advocates worldwide and each chapter is informed by in-depth study of a given country. Scattered throughout the book are short “factoids,” historic and contemporary, intended to magnify the topics of disappearance, genocide, and transitional justice. They contain thought-provoking art pieces to illustrate some of the work being done by contemporary artists to address issues of injustice, disappearance, and genocide.

“*By documenting the impact of victims who have turned activists and formed effective grassroots movements with global impact, Book of the Disappeared provides a roadmap for the reader who wants to become familiar with global movements for justice that had their roots in communities where these atrocities occurred. Any person interested in human rights, international justice, the voice of the silenced, etc., will be interested to read this book.*”

—Avideh Shashaani, President, Fund for the Future of our Children

Jennifer Heath is an independent scholar, author/editor, activist, and curator.

Ashraf Zahedi is a Visiting Scholar at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

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Bruce Parrott is Professor Emeritus of European and Eurasian Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

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G. Michael Killenberg is Professor Emeritus and Founding Director of the Department of Journalism and Digital Communication at the University of South Florida.

Rob Anderson is Professor Emeritus in the Department of Communication at Saint Louis University.

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Queer Livability

*German Sexual Sciences and Life Writing*

Ina Linge

Reveals how queer and trans life writers use narrative strategies to create the possibility for a livable queer life

This book brings together an exciting new archive of queer and trans voices from the history of sexual sciences in the German-speaking world. A new language to express possibilities of gender and sexuality emerged at the turn of the twentieth century, from Sigmund Freud’s theories of homosexuality in Vienna to Magnus Hirschfeld’s “third sex” in Berlin. Together, they provided a language of sex and sexuality that is still recognizable today. *Queer Livability: German Sexual Sciences and Life Writing* shows that individual voices of trans and queer writers had a significant impact on the production of knowledge about gender and sexuality during this time and introduces lesser-known texts to a new readership. It shows the remarkable power of queer life writing in imagining and creating the possibilities of a livable life in the face of restrictive legal, medical, and social frameworks.

*Queer Livability: German Sexual Sciences and Life Writing* will be of interest to anyone who wants to learn more about LGBTQ+ history and literature. It also provides a fascinating insight into the historical roots for our thinking about gender and sexuality today. The book will be of relevance to an academic readership of students and faculty in German studies, literary studies, European history, and the interdisciplinary fields of gender and sexuality studies, medical humanities, and the history of sexuality.

Ina Linge is Lecturer in German at the University of Exeter.

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Living Labor
Fiction, Film, and Precarious Work
Joseph B. Entin

Examines new narratives about work and workers in the age of transnational migration and precarious labor

For much of the twentieth century, the iconic figure of the U.S. working class was a white, male industrial worker. In the contemporary age of capitalist globalization, however, new stories about work and workers are emerging to refashion this image. Living Labor examines these narratives and, in the process, offers an innovative reading of American fiction and film through the lens of precarious work. It argues that since the 1980s, novelists and filmmakers—including Russell Banks, Helena Víramontes, Karen Tei Yamashita, Francisco Goldman, David Riker, Ramin Bahrani, Clint Eastwood, Courtney Hunt, and Ryan Coogler—have chronicled the demise of the industrial proletariat, and the tentative and unfinished emergence of a new, much more diverse and perilously positioned working class. In bringing together stories of work that are also stories of race, ethnicity, gender, and colonialism, Living Labor challenges the often-assumed division between class and identity politics. Through the concept of living labor and its discussion of solidarity, the book reframes traditional notions of class, helping us understand both the challenges working people face and the possibilities for collective consciousness and action in the global present.

Joseph B. Entin is Professor of English and American Studies at Brooklyn College, City University of New York.

You May Also Be Interested In:
**Latinx Shakespeares**

*Staging U.S. Intracultural Theater*

Carla Della Gatta

The first-ever book of Latinx representation in the most-performed playwright’s canon

Latinx peoples and culture have permeated Shakespearean performance in the U.S. for over 75 years—a phenomenon that, until now, has been largely overlooked as Shakespeare studies has taken a global turn. Author Carla Della Gatta argues that theater-makers and historians must acknowledge this presence and influence to truly engage the complexity of American Shakespeares. Her book investigates the history, dramaturgy, and language of the more than 140 Latinx-themed Shakespearean productions in the U.S. since the 1960s—the era of *West Side Story*. This first-ever book of Latinx representation in the most-performed playwright’s canon offers a new methodology for reading ethnic theater looks beyond the visual to prioritize aural signifiers such as music, accents, and the Spanish language.

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Carla Della Gatta is Assistant Professor of English at Florida State University.

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Taking an explicitly antiracist approach to music theory, with this book Ewell begins to create a space in which those who have been marginalized in music theory can thrive.

Philip Ewell is Professor of Music Theory at Hunter College of the City University of New York.

“Philip Ewell’s sweeping and brave *On Music Theory* is certain to make an indelible mark on our discipline. Ewell’s racial re-framing of the discipline’s intellectual heritage draws forth conclusions that are by turns powerful, shocking, revealing, and ultimately hopeful. The book will be vital to the future survival of music theory as an academic discipline.”
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Lessons from America’s Heartland in Crisis

Katherine Sorrels, Vanessa Carbonell, Danielle Bessett, Lora Arduser, Edward V. Wallace, and Michelle L. McGowan, Editors

The human story of COVID, from America’s bellwether state

This volume tells the human story of COVID in Ohio, America’s “bellwether” state. Scholars and practitioners examine the pandemic response from multiple angles, and contributors from numerous walks of life offer moving first-person reflections. Two themes emerge again and again: how the pandemic revealed a deep tension between individual autonomy and the collective good, and how it exacerbated social inequalities. When COVID hit Ohio, it found a state divided along social, economic, and political lines. State leaders and health-care institutions struggled to react to the growing emergency without much help from the federal government. Meanwhile, individuals and families were put under enormous stress. Many already marginalized and underserved communities were left behind.

What happened during the first year of the pandemic is not only a story of a public health disaster, but also a story of social disparities and moral dilemmas, of lives and livelihoods turned upside down, and of institutions and safety nets stretched to their limits.

Katherine Sorrels is Associate Professor of History at the University of Cincinnati. Vanessa Carbonell is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Cincinnati. Danielle Bessett is Professor of Sociology at the University of Cincinnati. Lora Arduser is Associate Professor at the University of Cincinnati. Edward V. Wallace is Associate Professor specializing in racial and ethnic health disparities in the Department of Africana Studies at the University of Cincinnati. Michelle L. McGowan is Research Professor in the Ethics Center at Cincinnati Children’s Hospital Medical Center and Departments of Pediatrics and Women's, Gender & Sexuality Studies at University of Cincinnati.

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Walter F. Hatch
Illustrates the powerful causal relationship between institution-building and interstate reconciliation

Germany, which brutalized its neighbors in Europe for centuries, has mostly escaped the ghosts of the past. Yet Japan remains haunted in Asia by the specters of its former actions. The most common explanation for this difference is that Germany apologized better, while Japan is viewed as “impenitent.” Walter F. Hatch rejects this conventional wisdom and argues that Germany has achieved reconciliation with its neighbors by showing that it can be a trustworthy partner in regional institutions like the European Union and NATO; yet Japan’s dominant partner, the U.S., has never given Japan the opportunity to demonstrate its ability for regional cooperation in a similar way. Ghosts in the Neighborhood rigorously defends the argument that political cooperation—not discourse or economic exchange—best explains Germany’s relative success and Japan’s relative failure in achieving reconciliation with regional neighbors they brutalized in the past. It uses paired case studies (Germany-France and Japan-South Korea; Germany-Poland and Japan-China) to gauge the effect of these competing variables on public opinion over time.

Walter F. Hatch is Professor Emeritus of Government at Colby College.

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Leith Morton
Explores romantic love in modern Japanese literature through the work of the leading poet in the Myōjō circle

The poetry of Yosano Akiko covers all the many and varied aspects of the experience of love—from early romantic encounters between the lover and beloved to the intimate pleasures of mutual infatuation and then true love. The journey outlined in Akiko’s verse also grapples with jealousy and unrequited passion, as Akiko’s poem-narrative treats the rivalry between herself and her best friend, the poet Yamakawa Tomiko, for the affection of the dashing young literary lion, Yosano Tekkan, who later became Akiko’s husband. Thus, How Dark Is My Flower: Yosano Akiko and the Invention of Romantic Love tells a number of stories: a real-life romance unfolds in the poetry of these three poets examined in the book, as well as the story of the journey from romanticism to modernism undertaken by early 20th century Japanese poetry.

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Negative, Nonsensical, and Non-Conformist
The Films of Suzuki Seijun
Peter A. Yacavone

The definitive study of the pathbreaking and controversial Japanese film director

In the late 1950s, Suzuki Seijun was an unknown, anxious, low-ranking film director churning out so-called program pictures for Japan’s most successful movie studio, Nikkatsu. In the early 1960s, he met with modest success in directing popular movies about yakuza gangsters and mild exploitation films featuring prostitutes and teenage rebels. In this book, Peter A. Yacavone argues that Suzuki became an unlikely cinematic rebel and, with hindsight, one of the most important voices in the global cinema of the 1960s. Working from within the studio system, Suzuki almost single-handedly rejected the restrictive filmmaking norms of the postwar period and expanded the form and language of popular cinema. This artistic rebellion proved costly when Suzuki was fired in 1967 and virtually blacklisted by the studios, but Suzuki returned triumphantly to the scene of world cinema in the 1980s and 1990s with a series of critically celebrated, avant-garde tales of the supernatural and the uncanny. This book provides a well-informed, philosophically oriented analysis of Suzuki’s 49 feature films.

Peter A. Yacavone is Associate Professor of English at Shanghai International Studies University.

The Three Treasures
A Revised and Illustrated Study and Translation of Minamoto no Tamenori’s Sanbōe
Edward Kamens and Ethan Bushelle

An updated, augmented, and illustrated study and translation of this landmark collection of Buddhist tales

When the young Princess Sonshi became a Buddhist nun in the year 984, a scholar-official of the royal court was commissioned to create a guide to the Buddhist religion that would be accessible for her. He did so in the form of the illustrated works of fiction (monogatari) that appealed to women readers of her time and class. The text has survived in later manuscripts; the illustrations, if they ever existed, have not. This revised translation recreates Sonshi’s experience of receiving this multimedia presentation, with illustrations selected to help contemporary readers visualize its content and essays that provide context on the religious and cultural experience of the author. Sanbōe (“Illustrations of the Three Treasures”) is a unique document that opens a window onto the world of Buddhist religious experience—especially for women—in high classical Japan, the time of Sei Shōnagon’s Pillow Book and Murasaki Shikibu’s Tale of Genji.

Edward Kamens is Sumitomo Professor of Japanese Studies at Yale University. Ethan Bushelle is Assistant Professor of East Asian Religions and Culture at Western Washington University.
**Toward a Gameic World**

*New Rules of Engagement from Japanese Video Games*

Ben Whaley

Examines the ways in which Japanese video games engage with social issues and national traumas

*Toward a Gameic World* bridges the gap between Japanese popular culture studies and game studies by encouraging a dialogue centered around Japanese-designed video games and social issues. It examines four contemporary Japanese video games in terms of how they engage with some of Japan’s biggest social and personal issues, including traumas: natural disasters (*Disaster Report*), a declining birthrate and aging population (*Catherine*), nuclear proliferation (*Metal Gear Solid V*), and youth social withdrawal (*The World Ends with You*). This book asks what some of the positive benefits are of working through a site of trauma from within a video game, and how games might teach us about Japanese culture and society through new kinds of interactive narratives, different from literature and film. The book proposes new strategies of engagement with video games to explore the tensions that emerge at the boundaries of augmented reality in contemporary Japan.

Ben Whaley is Associate Professor of Japanese in the School of Languages, Linguistics, Literatures and Cultures at the University of Calgary.

**The Currency of Truth**

*Newsmaking and the Late-Socialist Imaginaries of China’s Digital Era*

Emily H. C. Chua

Explores the complex interpersonal networks and differing ethical standpoints that shape the news in China

In *The Currency of Truth*, Emily H. C. Chua argues that news in China works less as a medium of mass communication than as a kind of currency as industry players make and use news articles to create agreements, build connections, and protect and advance their positions against one another. Looking at the ethical and professional principles that well-intentioned and civically minded journalists strive to uphold, and the challenges and doubts that they grapple with in the process, Chua brings her findings into conversation around post-truth news and the crisis of professional journalism in the West. The book encourages readers to rethink contemporary news, arguing that rather than setting out from the assumption that news works either to inform or deceive its publics, we should explore the post-public social and political imaginaries emerging among today’s newsmakers and remaking the terms of their practice.

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Disruptions as Opportunities

**Governing Chinese Society with Interactive Authoritarianism**
Taiyi Sun

**How authoritarian states adapt to new phenomena**

*Disruptions as Opportunities* addresses the long-standing puzzle of why China outlived other one-party authoritarian regimes with particular attention to how the state manages an emerging civil society. Drawing on over 1,200 survey responses conducted in 126 villages in the Sichuan province, as well as 70 interviews conducted with Civil Society Organization leaders and government officials, participant observation, and online research, the book proposes a new theory of interactive authoritarianism to explain how an adaptive authoritarian state manages nascent civil society. Sun argues that when new phenomena and forces are introduced into Chinese society, the Chinese state adopts a three-stage interactive approach toward societal actors: toleration, differentiation, and legalization without institutionalization. Sun looks to three disruptions—earthquakes, internet censorship, and social-media-based guerilla resistance to the ride-sharing industry—to test his theory about the three-stage interactive authoritarian approach and argues that the Chinese government evolves and consolidates its power in moments of crisis.

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Rejuvenating Communism

**Youth Organizations and Elite Renewal in Post-Mao China**
Jérôme Doyon

**How the Chinese party-state attracts young officials to renew its elite**

Working for the administration remains one of the most coveted career paths for young Chinese. *Rejuvenating Communism* seeks to understand what motivates young and educated Chinese to commit to a long-term career in the party-state and how this question is central to the Chinese regime’s ability to maintain its cohesion and survive. Jérôme Doyon draws upon extensive fieldwork and statistical analysis to illuminate the undogmatic commitment recruitment techniques and other methods the state has taken to develop a diffuse allegiance to the party-state in the post-Mao era. He then analyzes recruitment and political professionalization in the Communist Party’s youth organizations and shows how experiences in the Chinese Communist Youth League transform recruits and feed their political commitment. As the first in-depth study of its kind, this book challenges the assumption that merit is the main criteria for advancement within the party-state, an argument with deep implications for understanding Chinese politics today.

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Continuous Pasts
Frictions of Memory in Postcolonial Africa
Sakiru Adebayo

Investigates the ways in which postcolonial African fiction deals with or, in some cases, becomes the source of memory friction

In Continuous Pasts, author Sakiru Adebayo claims that the post-conflict fiction of memory in Africa depicts the intricate ways in which the past is etched on bodies and topographies, resonant in silences and memorials, and continuous even in experiences as well as structures of migration. Adebayo argues that these fictions invite critical deliberations on the continuity of the past within the realm of positionality and the domain of subjectivity—that is to say, the past is not merely present; instead, it survives, lives on, and is mediated through the subject positions of victims and perpetrators, as well as secondary and transgenerational witnesses. On the whole, Continuous Pasts shows how post-conflict fictions of memory in Africa recalibrate discourses of futurity, solidarity, responsibility, justice, survival, and reconciliation. It also contends that post-conflict fictions of memory in Africa provide the tools for imagining and theorizing a collective African memory.

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Writing on the Soil
Land and Landscape in Literature from Eastern and Southern Africa
Ng’ang’a Wahu-Müchiri

How representations of land and landscape perform important metaphorical labor in African literatures

In Writing on the Soil, author Ng’ang’a Wahu-Müchiri argues that representations of land and landscape perform significant metaphorical labor in African literatures, and this argument evolves across several geographical spaces. Each chapter’s analysis is grounded in a particular locale: western Kenya, colonial Tanganyika, post-independence Tanzania, Nairobi, Dar es Salaam, Anam Ka’alakol (Lake Turkana), Kampala, and Kitgum in Northern Uganda. Moreover, each section contributes to a deeper understanding of the aesthetic choices that authors make when deploying tropes revolving around land, landscape, and the environment. Müchiri disentangles the numerous connections between geography and geopolitical space on the one hand, and ideology and cultural analysis on the other. This book embodies a multilayered argument in the sphere of African critical scholarship, while adding to the growing field of African land rights scholarship—an approach that foregrounds the close reading of Africa’s literary canon.

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**Moderate Modernity**
*The Newspaper Tempo and the Transformation of Weimar Democracy*
Jochen Hung

A history of “Germany’s most modern newspaper” through the rise of the Nazis and the collapse of Germany’s first democracy

Focusing on the fate of a Berlin-based newspaper during the 1920s and 1930s, *Moderate Modernity* chronicles the transformation of a vibrant and liberal society into an oppressive and authoritarian dictatorship. *Tempo* proclaimed itself as “Germany’s most modern newspaper” and attempted to capture the spirit of Weimar Berlin, giving a voice to a forward-looking generation that had grown up under the Weimar Republic’s new democratic order—but the newspaper’s idea of a modern, democratic Germany was undermined by the political and economic crises that hit Germany at the beginning of the 1930s. Flappers, American fridges, and modern music—the things that *Tempo* had once marshalled as representatives of a German future—were now rejected by the newspaper as emblems of a bygone age. The history of *Tempo* teaches us how liberal democracies can create and nurture their own worst enemies.

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**Mediterranean in Dis/order**
*Space, Power, and Identity*
Rosita Di Peri and Daniel Meier, Editors

Multidisciplinary rethinking of space and power

*Mediterranean in Dis/order* highlights and interrogates the link between space and politics and explores the spatial dimensions of insurgencies, conflicts, uprisings, and mobilities in the Mediterranean region. It offers an innovative scheme to rethink the relation between space and power. The book, infusing critical theory, unveils original and revelatory case studies in Tunisia, Libya, Lebanon, Turkey, Syria, Morocco, and EU Mediterranean policy through a various set of actors and practices—from refugees and migration policies, to Islamist or students’ movements, to architectural sites, and movies. This multidisciplinary perspective on space and power provides a valuable resource for practitioners interested in how space, context, and time interact to produce institutions, political subjectivities, and asymmetries of power, particularly since the turning point of the Arab uprisings. The book also helps readers understand the conditions under which uprisings develop, giving a clearer picture of national, regional, and international dynamics.

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Fourth Revolution and the Bottom Four Billion
Making Technologies Work for the Poor
Nir Kshetri
Advanced technology for the bottom four billion

Products and services based on advanced technologies such as artificial intelligence and blockchain are normally considered to be for rich consumers in advanced countries. This book demonstrates how marginalized and vulnerable groups with limited resources can also benefit from these technologies. Nir Kshetri illustrates how key emerging technologies are transforming major industries and application areas such as healthcare and pandemic preparedness, agriculture, finance, banking, and insurance and looks at how such transformations are affecting the lives of people in low-income countries.

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A Casebook on Corporate Renewal
2nd Edition
Harlan D. Platt and Marjorie B. Platt, Editors
A helpful tool for business students studying turnaround management and corporate renewal

This book spans a variety of business areas relevant to corporate renewal and turnaround management. Corporate renewal, as a topic taught and discussed in business schools, has surged in the past decade. The cases in this book were selected to cover the knowledge and skills needed by successful turnaround managers, including ethical and legal issues; developing a plan of reorganization; and defining problems and their solutions, including strategic, financial, and operating issues. The Casebook is meant to accompany the third edition of Principles of Corporate Renewal, but it can be adopted separately or used with other management textbooks.

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Principles of Corporate Renewal
3rd Edition
Harlan D. Platt
A comprehensive approach to renewing troubled companies

Since its publication in 1998, this indispensable text has been the only systematic examination of corporate renewal, offering a rational approach for dealing with financially distressed companies. It contains the first logical and orderly discussion of several modern business issues including outsourcing, turnaround management, layoffs, quality management, and reengineering.

Now in its third edition, Harlan D. Platt has revised, updated, and expanded the text. New and exciting materials in this edition include factors to consider on the first day of a turnaround assignment and essential turnaround questions that help assess and focus the turnaround effort. This is a highly readable book on a complex topic.
Baby Ninth Amendments
How Americans Embraced Unenumerated Rights and Why It Matters
Anthony B. Sanders

How states have adapted and used “Baby Ninth” Amendments to protect individual liberties

Scholars are divided on whether the Ninth Amendment of the Constitution actually protects unenumerated rights, and the Supreme Court has almost entirely ignored it. Regardless of what the Ninth Amendment means, two-thirds of state constitutions have equivalent provisions, or “Baby Ninth Amendments,” that are worded similarly to the Ninth Amendment.

This book is the story of how the “Baby Ninths” came to be and what they mean. Unlike the controversy surrounding the Ninth Amendment, the meaning of the Baby Ninths is straightforward: they protect individual rights that are not otherwise enumerated. This book argues that state judges should do their duty and live up to their own constitutions to protect the rights “retained by the people” that these “etcetera clauses” are designed to guarantee. The fact that Americans have adopted these provisions so many times in so many states demonstrates that unenumerated rights are not only protected by state constitutions, but that they are popular. Unenumerated rights are not a weird exception to American constitutional law. They are at the center of it. We should start treating constitutions accordingly.

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Mobilizing the Metropolis
How the Port Authority Built New York
Philip Mark Plotch and Jen Nelles

The Port Authority as a model public agency

In 2021, the Port Authority marked its 100th birthday. Its history reveals a struggle between the public and private sectors, the challenges of balancing democratic accountability and efficiency, and the tension between regional and local needs. From selected Port Authority successes and failures, Philip Mark Plotch and Jen Nelles produce a significant and engaging account of a powerful governmental entity that offers durable lessons on collaboration, leadership, and the challenge of overcoming complex political challenges in modern America.

Despite its criticisms and travails, for over half a century the Port Authority overcame hurdles that had frustrated other public and private efforts, built the world’s longest suspension bridge, and took a leading role in creating an organization to reduce traffic delays in the New York–New Jersey region. Mobilizing the Metropolis explains how the Port Authority achieved these successes and, in a time when public agencies are often condemned as inefficient and corrupt, provides some positive lessons for governmental officials and social reformers.
Following in Footsteps or Marching Alone?
How Institutional Differences Influence Renewable Energy Policy
Srinivas C. Parinandi

Renewable energy policies and the politics of resource management

In recent years, the federal government’s increasing inability to address major societal challenges has arguably hampered America’s commitment to renewable energy initiatives. Individual U.S. states have stepped into this void and adopted their own policies, leading some to believe that the states can propel America’s renewable energy industry forward. There is no guarantee, however, that the states will invent their own pioneering policies rather than copy existing templates from each other. Moreover, we know very little about how legislative and regulatory dynamics within America’s states might accelerate or hinder renewable energy policy creation. In Following in Footsteps or Marching Alone?, Srinivas Parinandi explores how the states have devised their own novel policies, and how the political workings of legislatures and public utilities commissions have impacted state renewable energy policy design. The author urges readers, scholars, and policy practitioners to consider whether a state-led effort is adequate to handle the task of building momentum for renewable energy in one of the world’s largest electricity markets.

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Putting Federalism in Its Place
The Territorial Politics of Social Policy Revisited
Scott L. Greer, Daniel Béland, André Lecours, and Kenneth A. Dubin

Methods for understanding the relationship between federalism and public policy

Born out of their work on a multiyear, eleven-country project (published as Federalism and Social Policy: Patterns of Redistribution in Eleven Countries, University of Michigan Press, 2019), this book comprises a methodological and substantive agenda. Methodologically, the authors shift to studies that embraced and understood the complexity within which federal political institutions operate. Substantively, they make an argument for the importance of plurinationalism, changing economic interests, and institutional legacies. This book aims to answer questions that arise in scholarly debates about policy design as well as in discussions about the right political institutions for a country.

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**Gendered Pluralism**  
Belinda Robnett and Katherine Tate  

*Examines the extent to which gender influences the political policy views and attitudes of women*

Focused on structural and political intersectionalities, *Gendered Pluralism* takes a broader approach to understanding the constellation of factors that drive gender and racial differences on an array of public policy issues. Belinda Robnett and Katherine Tate examine a broader set of actors absent the contextual factors that may drive them to compromise their opinions. Their study examines the ways in which (1) men and women differ on public policy issues and the factors that drive these differences; (2) whites and racial-ethnic minorities differ on public policy issues and the factors that drive these differences; (3) women differ on public policy issues and the factors that drive these differences; (4) African-American men and women differ on public policy issues and the factors that drive these differences; and (5) African-American women differ on public policy issues and the factors that drive these differences.

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**Collateral Damage**  
*The Influence of Political Rhetoric on the Incorporation of Second-Generation Americans*  
Sean Richey  

*Anti-immigration rhetoric negatively affects second generation Americans*

*Collateral Damage* provides an overview of how political communication broadly influences the process of incorporation into the United States as well as its political parties. Sean Richey shows that how politicians talk about immigrants affects how their children perceive America and their feelings about the nation. These perceptions and feelings in turn greatly influence the children’s desire to become part of American political society. He also shows that regardless of a speaker’s intended outcome, language and rhetoric can still have a deleterious effect on incorporation desire, a communicative process that he terms “collateral damage.” Richey uses new experimental and survey evidence, as well as the rhetoric of Donald Trump, as a test case, to examine how anti-immigration communication influences the incorporation of the children of immigrants.

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The State You See  
How Government Visibility Creates Political Distrust and Racial Inequality  
Aaron J. Rosenthal 

How race affects Americans’ experiences of government

The State You See uncovers a racial gap in the way the American government appears in people’s lives. Public policy changes over the last fifty years have driven all Americans to distrust government, even though Americans of different races interact with government differently. In many cases, white people are mobilized into politics by feeling that they must speak up to reclaim their misspent tax dollars. In contrast, people of color are often pushed away from government due to a belief that engaging in American elections will yield the same kind of unresponsiveness and violence that comes from interactions with the police. The result is a perpetuation of the same kind of racial inequality that has always been present in American democracy. This book is essential reading for anyone interested in understanding how the American government engages in subtle forms of discrimination and how it continues to uphold racial inequality in the present day.

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Where FDI Goes in Decentralized Authoritarian Countries  
The Politics of Taiwanese Site Selection for Investment in Mainland China  
Kelan Lu 

Explores the conditional effect of fiscal decentralization on FDI inflows at county level in China

Among all the decentralized authoritarianisms, China is distinctive because of its emergence as one of the world’s largest foreign direct investment (FDI) recipient countries, and because of the combination of its fiscal decentralization and the cadre promotion system as incentive-institutions for attracting FDI inflows.

Given the uniqueness of the FDI situation in China, this book explores the following questions: What determines where FDI goes in authoritarian countries like China? Is the impact of fiscal autonomy on FDI monolithic with the dynamically changing levels of FDI inflows at the lower administrative levels in China, especially with its special cadre management system? Does the impact of fiscal decentralization on FDI strengthen or weaken or stay the same when attracting FDI inflows from adversarial states? Lastly, what are the implications of such adversarial investment, especially as it diffuses from coastal cities to the interior regions—or from key cities to peripheral regions—of decentralized authoritarian countries targeted by this investment?

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**Warling Time**
*How Contending Political Forces Manipulate the Past, Present, and Future*
Benjamin Ginsberg and Jennifer Bachner

_Humans are the architects of history, not its captives_

_Warling Time_ reveals how competing narratives of the past inform our vision of the future. The authors used experiments to demonstrate the way in which respondents’ policy preferences dramatically changed to reflect the different stories the researchers told them about the past. This book proposes that the past, present, and future are subject to human manipulation, suggesting that narrative matters and that history is not simply the product of impersonal forces, material conditions, or past choices.

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Jennifer Bachner is Director of the Center for Advanced Governmental Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

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**Symbolic Objects in Contentious Politics**
*So much depends upon a yellow umbrella (or a pink hat)*
Benjamin Abrams and Peter Gardner, Editors

Protest marches, striking workers at pickets, and insurgent movements in the world today often rely on symbolic objects to help carry their message. Some of these objects are ubiquitous around the world, such as flags, banners, and placards. Others are situationally unique: Who could have anticipated the historical importance of a flower placed in the barrel of a gun, a flaming torch, a sea of umbrellas, a motorist’s yellow vest, a feather headdress, an AK-47, or a knitted pink hat? This book explores the “stuff” at the heart of protests, revolutions, civil wars, and other contentious political events.

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**Floundering Stability**
*US Foreign Policy in Egypt*
Amir Magdy Kamel

_A cautionary tale_

The US commitment to stability—both domestically and abroad—has been a consistent feature in the way Washington, DC carries out international relations. This commitment is complimented by the increased overlap between the economic and political spheres in international affairs. Consequently, this US approach to foreign interaction is informed by an assumption that foreign policy tools can influence global stability for the better.

To investigate this assumption, this book details the foundations of what Kamel refers to as the US Stability Policy—how it evolved over time and how it was implemented in Egypt. _Floundering Stability_ reflects on what Kamel’s findings mean for the relationship between the US and Egypt, as well as specific US foreign policy suggestions on how the same mistakes can be avoided in the future.

Amir Magdy Kamel is Associate Professor/Senior Lecturer in the School of Security Studies and Fellow in the Institute of Middle Eastern Studies, both at King’s College London.
Comparing Roman Hellenisms in Italy
Edited by Basil Dufallo and Riemer A. Faber

Examines in detail the local, historical, and material circumstances that distinguish different types of Roman Hellenism

As the first book to focus on the comparison of Roman Hellenisms per se, this book shows that such comparison is especially valuable in revealing how any singular instance of the phenomenon is situated and specific, and has its own life, trajectory, circumstances, and afterlife. Roman Hellenism is always a work in progress, is often strategic, often falls prey to being forgotten, decontextualized, or reread in later periods, and thus is in important senses contingent. Further, what we may broadly identify as a Roman Hellenism need not imply Rome as the only center of influence. Roman Hellenism is often decentralized, and depends strongly on local agents, aesthetics, and materials. With this in mind, the essays concentrate geographically on Italy to lend both focus and breadth to our topic, as well as to emphasize the complex interrelation of Hellenism at Rome with Rome’s surroundings. Because Hellenism, whether as practiced by Romans or Rome’s subjects, is in fact widely diffused across far-flung geographical regions, the final part of the collection gestures to this broader context.

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Accustomed to Obedience?
Classical Ionia and the Aegean World, 480–294 BCE
Joshua P. Nudell

A dedicated study of Classical Ionia

Many histories of Ancient Greece center their stories on Athens, but what would that history look like if they didn’t? There is another way to tell this story, one that situates Greek history in terms of the relationships between smaller Greek cities and in contact with the wider Mediterranean. In this book, author Joshua P. Nudell offers a new history of the period from the Persian wars to wars that followed the death of Alexander the Great, from the perspective of Ionia. While recent scholarship has increasingly treated Greece through the lenses of regional, polis, and local interaction, there has not yet been a dedicated study of Classical Ionia. This book fills this clear gap in the literature while offering Ionia as a prism through which to better understand Classical Greece.

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Lucian’s Laughing Gods
Religion, Philosophy, and Popular Culture in the Roman East
Inger N. I. Kuin

The first English-language monograph about religion and Lucian of Samosata

In Lucian’s Laughing Gods, author Inger N. I. Kuin argues that in ancient Greek thought, comedic depictions of divinities were not necessarily desacralizing. In religion, laughter was accommodated to such an extent as to actually be constituent of some ritual practices, and the gods were imagined either to reciprocate or push back against human laughter—they were never deflated by it. Lucian uses the gods as comic characters, but in doing so, he does not automatically negate their power. Instead, with his depiction of the gods and of how they relate to humans—frivolous, insecure, callous—Lucian challenges the dominant theologies of his day as he refuses to interpret the gods as ethical models. This book contextualizes Lucian’s comedic performances in the intellectual life of the second-century CE Roman East broadly, including philosophy, early Christian thought, and popular culture. His texts are analyzed as providing a window onto non-elite attitudes and experiences, and methodologies from religious studies and the sociology of religion are used to conceptualize Lucian’s engagement with the religiosity of his contemporaries.

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Reciprocity, Truth, and Gender in Pindar and Aeschylus
Arum Park

How Pindar and Aeschylus—in distinct but complementary ways—treat the concepts of reciprocity, truth, and gender as interlocked and intertwined

In Reciprocity, Truth, and Gender in Pindar and Aeschylus, author Arum Park explores the notoriously difficult ancient Greek poetry of Aeschylus and Pindar and seeks to articulate the complex relationship between them. Although Pindar and Aeschylus were contemporaries, previous scholarship has often treated Pindar and Aeschylus as representatives of contrasting worldviews. Park’s comparative study offers the alternative perspective of understanding them as complements instead. By examining these poets together through the concepts of reciprocity, truth, and gender, this book establishes a relationship between Pindar and Aeschylus that challenges previous conceptions of their dissimilarity. This book provides a window into their dynamic and interactive poetic world, a world in which ostensibly dissimilar poets and genres actually have much more in common than we might think.

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Stock Characters Speaking
Eight Libanian Declamations Introduced and Translated
Robert J. Penella

A translation of eight declamations written by or ascribed to Libanius, fourth-century CE sophist of Antioch

In this book, author Robert J. Penella translates eight of Libanius’ declamations and the thirteenth-century Gregory of Cyprus’ response to Declaration 34. Each translation is accompanied by an introduction, in which Penella examines the themes, structure, and the stasis, or key issue, of the declamations. Figures who appear in the translated declamations include a parasite who has lost his patron, a man envious of his rich neighbor, a miser’s son, a poor man willing to die for his city, a rich war-hero accused of aiming at tyranny, and a convict asking for exile. Three of these declamations have appeared in German; otherwise, these translations are the first into a modern language.

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Imagining Iberia in English and Castilian Medieval Romance
Emily Houlik-Ritchey

An innovative comparative study of Middle English and medieval Castilian romance

In the last fifteen years, Medieval Studies has recognized the need to shift its Eurocentric focus and traditional privileging of certain national and language traditions (especially English, French, German, Latin) to account for wider networks of literary, cultural, economic, political, and religious exchange. In response to this call, Imagining Iberia helps to broaden our disciplinary, linguistic, and national focus by foregrounding and analyzing the literary depiction of Iberia in two European vernaculars that have rarely been studied together. Emily Houlik-Ritchey brings an innovative methodology to the study of medieval romance, integrating the understudied Castilian literary tradition with English literature. Imagining Iberia’s comparative approach highlights the shared investments of Christians and Muslims that emerge in representations of Iberia’s political, creedral, cultural, and mercantile networks in the Mediterranean world.

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Sartorial Fandom
*Fashion, Beauty Culture, and Identity*
Elizabeth Affuso and Suzanne Scott, Editors

Explores the intersections of fandom and fashion

In recent years, geeks have become chic, and the fashion and beauty industries have responded to this trend with a plethora of fashion-forward merchandise aimed at the increasingly lucrative fan demographic. This mainstreaming of fan identity is reflected in the glut of pop culture T-shirts lining the aisles of big box retailers as well as the proliferation of fan-focused lifestyle brands and digital retailers over the past decade. While fashion and beauty have long been integrated into the media industry with tie-in lines, franchise products, and other forms of merchandise, there has been limited study of fans’ relationship to these items and industries. *Sartorial Fandom* shines a spotlight on the fashion and beauty cultures that undergird fandoms, considering the retailers, branded products, and fan-made objects that serve as forms of identity expression.

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In the Lurch
*Verbatim Theater and the Crisis of Democratic Deliberation*
Ryan Claycomb

A spirited examination of the changing cultural climate for this once-lauded theatrical form

Some of theater’s most powerful works in the past thirty years fall into the category of “verbatim theater,” socially engaged performances whose texts rely on word-for-word testimony. Performances such as *Fires in the Mirror* and *The Laramie Project* have at their best demonstrated how to hold hard conversations about explosive subjects in a liberal democracy. But in this moment of what author Ryan Claycomb terms the “rightward lurch” of western democracies, does this idealized space of democratic deliberation remain effective? *In the Lurch* asks that question in a pointed and self-reflexive way, tracing the history of this branch of documentary theater with particular attention to the political outcomes and stances these performances seem to seek. At the heart of the book is a central question: is verbatim theater still an effective cultural response to what can look like the possible end of democracy?

Ryan Claycomb is Professor of English and Theater and Associate Dean in the College of Liberal Arts at Colorado State University.
Here for the Hearing
Analyzing the Music in Musical Theater
Michael Buchler and Gregory J. Decker, Editors

A scholarly music analysis book specifically focused on musical theater

This book offers a series of essays that show the integrated role that musical structure (including harmony, melody, rhythm, meter, form, and musical association) plays in making sense of what transpires onstage in musicals. Written by a group of music analysts who care deeply about musical theater, this collection provides new understanding of how musicals are put together, how composers and lyricists structure words and music to complement one another, and how music helps us understand the human relationships and historical and social contexts portrayed in musicals. Using a wide range of musical examples, representing the history of musical theater from the 1920s to the present day, the book explores how music interacts with dramatic elements within individual shows and other pieces within and outside of the genre. These essays invite readers to consider issues that are fundamental both to our understanding of musical theater and to the multiple ways we engage with music.

Michael Buchler is Professor of Music Theory at Florida State University. Gregory J. Decker is Associate Professor of Music Theory at Bowling Green State University.

Chocolate Woman Dreams the Milky Way
Mapping Embodied Indigenous Performance
Monique Mojica and Brenda Farnell

Presents culture-specific approaches to Indigenous dramaturgy to challenge Eurocentric ideologies

Chocolate Woman Dreams the Milky Way is a play written and performed by Monique Mojica with collaborators from diverse disciplines. Inspired by the pictographic writing and mola textiles of the Guna, an Indigenous people of Panama and Colombia, this book explores Mojica’s unique approach to the performance process. Her method activates an Indigenous theatrical process that privileges the body in contrast to Western theater’s privileging of the written text, and rethinks the role of land, body, and movement, as well as dramatic story-structure and performance style.

Enhanced by essays and interviews from other artists and scholars, and including the complete text of Chocolate Woman Dreams the Milky Way, the book challenges Eurocentric ideologies about what counts as “performance” and what is required from an “audience,” as well as long-standing body-mind dualisms.

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The Names of Minimalism
Authorship, Art Music, and Historiography in Dispute
Patrick Nickleson

A retelling of the history of minimalism and its impact on the concept of authorship

Minimalism stands as the key representative of 1960s radicalism in art music histories—but always as a failed project. In The Names of Minimalism, Patrick Nickleson holds in tension collaborative composers in the period of their collaboration, as well as the musicological policing of authorship in the wake of their eventual disputes. Through examinations of the droning of the Theatre of Eternal Music, Reich’s Pendulum Music, Glass’s work for multiple organs, the austere performances of punk and no wave bands, and Rhys Chatham and Glenn Branca’s works for massed electric guitars, Nickleson argues for authorship as always impure, buzzing, and indistinct. Ultimately, Nickleson asks where we end up if we imagine the early minimalist project not as a utopian moment within a 1960s counterculture doomed to fail, but as the beginning of a process with a long and influential afterlife.

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