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Women Healers

Gender, Authority, and Medicine in Early Philadelphia

Susan H. Brandt

*Women Healers* recovers early American female medical practitioners of European, African, and Native American descent who provided the bulk of health care in the greater Philadelphia area for centuries. Drawing on extensive archival research, Susan Brandt traces the transmission, starting in the late seventeenth century, of European women’s medical remedies to the Delaware Valley where they blended with African and Indigenous women’s practices, forming hybrid healing cultures. Brandt demonstrates that women healers were not inflexible traditional practitioners destined to fall victim to the onward march of Enlightenment science, capitalism, and medical professionalization. Instead, these practitioners found new sources of healing authority, engaged in the health care marketplace, and resisted physicians’ attempts to marginalize them well into the nineteenth century. Brandt reveals that women healers participated actively in medical and scientific knowledge production and the transition to market capitalism.

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Early American Studies

“In this deeply researched account peopled with fascinating female practitioners, Susan Brandt traces a continuous line of women of European, African, and Native American descent who cared for the afflicted in their communities, manufactured and marketed medicines, and interacted with the leading male doctors of their day. Their healing labors spanned the colonial, revolutionary, and early national periods and connected them to the rising generation of academically trained women doctors at the end of the nineteenth century. Those interested in early American history, women’s history, and the history of medicine will want to read this book.”

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In *The Difference Is Spreading*, Al Filreis, creator and lead teacher of the open online course on modern and contemporary poetry known as ModPo, and Anna Strong Safford invite fifty poets to select and comment upon a poem by another writer, demonstrating how poetry happens when a reader and a poet come in contact with one another.

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“I’m delighted to see, and to have participated in, this collective meditation of artists talking about artists. The creative community thrives when we consider one another and support each other. This anthology affirms the seriousness, care, and fun we have when we sincerely consider our legacies, currents, and futures together.”

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“Every ‘how to’ poetry book aspires to be the real ‘car talk’ for our practice which is no practice which is each one kind of inventing the car they are working on by referring to other great cars at times or else saying I am not working on this car and then doing it. I like the diversity of approaches here just like this book if you love poetry is a great place to linger while driving.”

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In this remarkable Shakespearean sonnet, written in the red summer of 1919, just after the end of World War I and in the middle of an influenza pandemic that took more than 100,000,000 lives, Claude McKay draws on language and codes of honor first learned from his Jamaican father’s insistence on dignity and respect in all of his dealings. His father led a collective action campaign against a duplicity white missionary pastor. After years, despite his/whatever odds, the campaign led to the pastor’s withdrawal from the parish. In “If We Must Die,” there is an insistence on this kind of unrelenting dignity. There is, in the poem, a call to unity that arises from insisting on dignity despite oppressive circumstances.

In his preface to one of his first books, Constab Ballads (1912), McKay “confesses” that he is “so constituted that imagination outstrips discretion, and it is (his) misfortune to have a most improper sympathy with wrong-doers” (1). Here, McKay recognizes and rejects conventional etiquettes. It is not incidental that many of the “wrong-doers” he would have encountered as a Kingston constable were black. McKay gives us to say that he is “by temperament, unadaptable, by which I mean that it is not in me to conform cheerfully to communal usages. We blacks are all somewhat impatient of discipline” (2). His poetry and prose, which he presents as mechanisms to “relieve [his] feelings,” interrogate how those he identifies as “wrong-doers” and who are “impatient of discipline” may present aesthetic-ethical modes of being.

What are the codes of honor that the “wrong-doers” adhere to? “If we must die” is the repeated conditional statement that articulates the poem’s dynamic psychosocial consciousness. Composed of three quatrains with an ababcd rhyme scheme and a concluding perfectly rhymed (gg) couplet, the poem’s first eight lines are structured as two conditional if/then statements that center the inevitable death of the poem’s expansive “we,” which may be understood as both the speaker and the listener broadly addressed.

If McKay’s work is to be read on a continuum, the “we” in this poem may well be comprised of wrong-doers according to social codes that mark some as always improper.

If we must die, let it not be like hogs
Hunted and penned in an inglorious spot,
Making their mock at our accursed lot.
If we must die, let us nobly die,
Shall be constrained to honor us though dead!

This second if/then statement has a dramatic poetic apostrophe that addresses an idealized “we.” If there is an exclamation point—If’s, then O! This is a plea that our (again the we) death not be in vain.

Death without purpose is ignoble. Nobility constrains even the “monsters” from denying us honor because our overarching nobility remains in the face of death. This nobility, in fact, reveals them who attack as monsters to be defined. When we discuss honor, which denial matters most?

The next four lines of the poem level a dramatic call to unity and for action among kinmen.

O kinmen! we must meet the common foe!
Though far outnumbered let us show us brave,
And for their thousand blows deal one death-blow!
What though before us lies the open grave?

What else is there to do in the face of such an inhuman assault? What dies here? What is the nature of the death? The concluding couplet turns to answering that question:

Like men we’ll face the murderous, cowardly pack,
Pressed to the wall, dying, but fighting back!

Drappling with death and white supremacist assaults on Black life and on Black peoples’ autonomy, McKay’s “If We Must Die” is an appeal to protest and unity. He insists that if we must die, then we will establish the terms of our deaths. The we of McKay’s poem is at once both speaker and listener who, while recognizing that he (and the central figures are all males) may not counter the inevitability of death (must is an imperative that points to the nature of this situation), will assert and claim dignity and integrity against dehumanizing efforts. The poem’s we is expansive enough that thought it points to the particular situation of Black peoples in the United States and celebrates notions of bravery and bravado that are characteristic of the ideal soldier, he also points to any group of “we”—joined under the sign of broadly determined kinship, who is potentially hunted and penned. It is a we that might be slaughtered (and dehumanized) as hogs by “monsters we defy.”

Interestingly, the poem makes no obvious racial claims, in that it leaves the violence and the resistance to the violence racially unmarked; though the “bark of mad and hungry dogs” was a regular usage. We blacks are all somewhat impatient of discipline” (2). His poetry and prose, which he presents as mechanisms to “relieve [his] feelings,” interrogate how those he identifies as “wrong-doers” and who are “impatient of discipline” may present aesthetic-ethical modes of being.

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Out of Sight
An Art Collector, a Discovery, and Andy Warhol

David McKnight, Maureen McCormick, and Reva Wolf

Since 2009, Gregory McCoy, a noted Andy Warhol collector, has amassed over 300 silkscreen prints of Marilyn Monroe produced in 1968 at the time of Warhol’s first international retrospective at the Moderna Museet in Stockholm. Never seen before, the prints are based on Andy Warhol’s 1962 iconic portrait of the movie star. In collaboration with the Penn Libraries, McCoy’s Marilyns are on exhibit from February to June 2022. Why Penn? Penn had played a significant role in launching Warhol’s career, when the recently founded Institute for Contemporary Art (ICA) mounted Warhol’s first institutional retrospective of his work in 1965. The ICA exhibit is legendary. Given Penn’s role in Warhol’s Pop Art career to McCoy, Penn seemed the obvious venue to unveil his important discovery to the art world. On the one hand the exhibition and the catalogue narrates McCoy’s discovery of the Marilyn silkscreen prints; on the other hand much remains unknown about these remarkable objects and it is hoped that the exhibition will stimulate further research into the origins of the mystery Marilyns.

The catalogue includes an interview with the collector; essays by noted Warhol scholars Reva Wolf and Kenneth Goldsmith; an essay on the 1965 ICA exhibition by Art Librarian Hannah Bennett; and an essay on the iconography of Marilyn Monroe by David McKnight, editor and curator of the show. The volume concludes with a catalogue raisonné of the McCoy Marilyns collection, prepared by Maureen McCormick, former Chief Registrar at the Princeton University Art Gallery.

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Referendums and Ethnic Conflict
Second Edition
Matt Qvortrup

Although referendums have been used for centuries to settle ethnonational conflicts, there had yet been no systematic study or generalized theory concerning their effectiveness until Matt Qvortrup’s Referendums and Ethnic Conflict. Qvortrup’s study filled the gap with a comparative and empirical analysis of all the referendums held on ethnic and national issues from the French Revolution to the 2012 referendum on statehood for Puerto Rico.

This updated and revised edition of Matt Qvortrup’s Referendums and Ethnic Conflict includes new sections on various referendums, including Scotland (2014), Catalonia (2017), and the Brexit vote in the United Kingdom (2016), and updates referendum results through the end of 2020. The book’s political framework now also covers the literature on identity politics, online campaigning, the regulation of social media, and populism.

Matt Qvortrup is Professor of Political Science at Coventry University and Visiting Professor at the Australian National University. He is also joint editor-in-chief of The European Political Science Review. A lawyer as well as a political scientist, he earned his doctorate at Oxford University.

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**The Paradox of Urban Revitalization**

Progress and Poverty in America’s Postindustrial Era

Howard Gillette, Jr.

In the twenty-first century, cities in the United States that had suffered most the shift to a postindustrial era entered a period widely proclaimed as an urban renaissance. From Detroit to Newark to Oakland and elsewhere commentators saw cities rising again. Yet revitalization generated a second urban crisis marked by growing inequality and civil unrest. The urban poor and residents of color have remained very much at a disadvantage in the face of racially biased capital investments, narrowing options for affordable housing, and mass incarceration. In profiling nine cities grappling with challenges of the twenty-first century, author Howard Gillette, Jr. evaluates the uneven efforts to secure racial and class equity as city fortunes have risen. *The Paradox of Urban Revitalization* assesses the course of urban politics and policy over the past half century, before the COVID-19 pandemic upended everything, and details prospects for achieving greater equity in the years ahead.

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**The City in the Twenty-First Century**

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“The Paradox of Urban Revitalization provides an overview of the technical and political complexities of urban development, supplying the reader, and particularly students, with critical insights into the aspirations and challenges of activating the benefits of growth together with the reparative assets of equity and inclusion.”—Toni Griffin, Harvard University
City of Dispossessions
Indigenous Peoples, African Americans, and the Creation of Modern Detroit
Kyle T. Mays

In July 2013, Detroit became the largest city in U.S. history to declare bankruptcy. The underlying causes were decades of deindustrialization, white flight, and financial mismanagement. More recently it has been heralded a comeback city as wealthy white residents resettle there. Yet, as Kyle T. Mays argues, we cannot understand the current state of Detroit without also understanding the longer history of Native American and African American dispossession that has defined the city since its founding.

City of Dispossessions begins with the first settlement by the Frenchman Cadillac in 1701 and chronicles how the logic of dispossession has continued into the present, through a wide range of forms that include memorialization of the “disappearing Indian,” the physical dispossession of African Americans through urban renewal, and gentrification. Using archives, oral and family histories, and community documents, Mays argues that physical and symbolic forms of dispossession of Native Americans and African Americans, and their reactions to dispossession, have been central to Detroit’s modern development.

Kyle T. Mays is Assistant Professor of African American Studies, American Indian Studies, and History at the University of California, Los Angeles, and author of Hip Hop Beats, Indigenous Rhymes: Modernity and Hip Hop in Indigenous North America.

Politics and Culture in Modern America
**Anxious Experts**

Disaster Response and Spiritual Care from 9/11 to the Climate Crisis

Joshua Moses

In *Anxious Experts*, Joshua Moses chronicles the rise of disaster-related spiritual expertise in the years following the attacks of 9/11. What emerges are approaches to trauma that encompass everything from meditation and acupuncture to trauma therapy and restorative justice. In this way, the ascent of spiritual expertise in response to post-9/11 disasters represents an extension of historical tensions between secular health practice and proponents of religious and spiritual care.

The book also provides a lens through which to understand the historical dimensions of disaster-related trauma, its treatment, and the ways that therapeutic and spiritual practices imply politics. We learn not only about the role of particular forms of expertise in defining meaning but also the consequences this concept of meaning may have for how we imagine our relations to other humans and nonhumans, the climate crisis—and ultimately the kind of future we might imagine.

**Joshua Moses** is Assistant Professor of Anthropology at Haverford College.

**Critical Studies in Risk and Disaster**

“This book has many deftly interwoven threads. Starting with his own experience as a volunteer in the aftermath of the 9-11 disaster in New York City, Joshua Moses spirals out to recount how anxiety and psychic pain have been experienced, conceptualized, and addressed in different historical periods, zeroing in on what he calls ‘a new age of anxiety.’ The analysis is based on extensive fieldwork among community groups, psychiatrists, faith leaders, disaster responders, and an array of government agencies. The focus on different forms of spiritual and mental health expertise—and their shifting legitimacy—is a great strength of the book; so, too, is its explication of mental health in disaster contexts as a historically and culturally situated public health problem.” —Kim Fortun, University of California Irvine
Citizenship on the Edge

Sex/Gender/Race

Edited by Nancy J. Hirschmann and Deborah A. Thomas

The questions that animate this volume focus attention on the relationships between liberal conceptions of citizenship and democracy on one hand, and sex, race, and gender on the other. Who “counts” as a citizen in today’s world, and what are the mechanisms through which the rights, benefits, and protections of liberal citizenship are differentially bestowed upon diverse groups? What are the relationships between global economic processes and political and legal empowerment? What forms of violence emerge in order to defend and define these rights, benefits, and protections, and how do these forms of violence reflect long histories? How might we recognize and account for the various avenues through which people attempt to make themselves as political subjects? The volume approaches these questions from multiple disciplinary frameworks, including Africana Studies, anthropology, disability studies, film studies, gender studies, history, law, political science, and sociology.

Contributors: Erez Aloni, Ange-Marie Hancock Alfaro, Nancy J. Hirschmann, Samantha Majic, Valentine M. Moghadam, Michael Rembis, Tracy Robinson, Ellen Samuels, Kimberly Theidon, Deborah A. Thomas.

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Deborah A. Thomas is the R. Jean Brownlee Professor of Anthropology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Democracy, Citizenship, and Constitutionalism

“Privilege is often invisible precisely to those who have it. In this wide-ranging, deft volume, Nancy J. Hirschmann and Deborah A. Thomas draw our attention to the privilege of citizenship and how it is bestowed—and denied—at the level of the body itself. Citizenship on the Edge is a metaphor, and an urgent one, as each chapter makes clear: if we don’t recognize those on the edge, they—we—may fall off.”—Sharrona Pearl, Drexel University
**Balaam’s Ass: Vernacular Theology Before the English Reformation**

Volume 1: Frameworks, Arguments, English to 1250

Nicholas Watson

Bringing together work across a range of disciplines, including literary study, Christian theology, social history, and the history of institutions, *Balaam’s Ass* attempts the first comprehensive overview of religious writing in early England’s three most important vernacular languages, Old English, Insular French, and Middle English, between the ninth and sixteenth centuries. Nicholas Watson argues not only that these texts comprise the oldest continuous tradition of European vernacular writing, but that they are essential to our understanding of how Christianity shaped and informed the lives of individuals, communities, and polities in the Middle Ages. In this first of three volumes, Watson lays out the long post-Reformation history of the false claim that the medieval Catholic Church was hostile to the vernacular. He analyzes the complicated idea of the vernacular, a medieval innovation instantiated in a huge body of surviving vernacular religious texts. Finally, he focuses on the first, long generation of these writings, in Old English and early Middle English.

Nicholas Watson is Henry B. and Anne M. Cabot Professor of English Literature at Harvard University.

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“Nicholas Watson brilliantly traces what he calls the ‘dynamic opposition’ between theology in the vernacular in Britain and the development of its literatures, showing that neither history can be written without the other. With an immense learning (lightly worn) Watson presents us, for the first time, with the whole archive of vernacular religious writing—at one point imagining it physically as a sequel to Migne’s *Patrologia Latina*—drawing out the concepts and historical connections that make it such necessary reading. This volume and the two further volumes that will follow it restore our rich religious literature to its rightful place at the center of the history of all literature in English.”—Christopher Cannon, Johns Hopkins University
Won in Translation
Textual Mobility in Early Modern Europe
Roger Chartier. Translated by John H. Pollack

In *Won in Translation*, one of the world’s leading historians of books, publishing, and reading turns to four early modern Iberian works, Bartolomé de Las Casas’ *Brevísima relación de la destrucción de las Indias*, Baltasar Gracián’s *Oráculo Manual*, Lope de Vega’s *Fuente Ovejuna*, and Antônio José da Silva’s *Vida do Grande D. Quixote*, to consider the mobility of the early modern text and the plurality of circulating versions of the same work. The agent for both is translation, Roger Chartier argues, for through their lexical, aesthetic, and cultural decisions, translators always assign new meaning or new status to what they translate.

Roger Chartier is Emeritus Professor at the Collège de France and Annenberg Visiting Professor at the University of Pennsylvania. He is the author of many books, among them *Forms and Meanings: Texts, Performances, and Audiences from Codex to Computer* and *Inscription and Erasure: Literature and Written Culture from the Eleventh to the Eighteenth Century*, both also published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

John H. Pollack is Curator for Research Services in the Kislak Center for Special Collections, Rare Books and Manuscripts at the University of Pennsylvania Libraries.

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Immaculate Deception and Further Ribaldries

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Edited and translated by Jody Enders

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Jody Enders is Distinguished Professor of French at the University of California, Santa Barbara. She is editor and translator of “The Farce of the Fart” and Other Ribaldries: Twelve Medieval French Plays in Modern English and “Holy Deadlock” and Further Ribaldries: Another Dozen Medieval French Plays in Modern English, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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The inaugural volume in the series is out this season (see right): Urvashi Chakravarty’s *Fictions of Consent: Slavery, Servitude, and Free Service in Early Modern England* excavates the ideologies of slavery that took root in early modern England in the period that preceded the development of an organized trade in enslaved persons. Ayanna Thompson calls the book “a tour de force that effectively debunks many older chestnuts about England’s lack of knowledge about, and engagement with, slavery and forced labor.”

Forthcoming volumes include Noémie Ndiaye’s *Scripts of Blackness: Early Modern Performance Culture and the Making of Race* (Fall 2022), which dissects the stagecraft used in early modern theater to represent and racialize Africans and Afro-descendants across borders in early modern England, France, and Spain; and Emily Weissbourd’s *Bad Blood: Staging Race Between Early Modern England and Spain* (Spring 2023), which explores how the Iberian slave trade informs representations of race in early modern English and Spanish literature, and particular drama.

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Urvashi Chakravarty

Although early modern England claimed to have “too pure an Air for Slaves to breathe in,” slavery was a quintessentially English phenomenon, writes Urvashi Chakravarty.

In Fictions of Consent, Chakravarty argues that we must hold early modern England—and its narratives of exceptional and essential freedom—to account for the frameworks of slavery that it paradoxically but strategically engendered. Slavery was not a foreign or faraway phenomenon, she demonstrates; rather, the ideologies of slavery were seeded in the quotidian spaces of English life and in the everyday contexts of England’s service society, from the family to the household, in the theater and, especially, the grammar school classroom, where the legacies of classical slavery and race were inherited and negotiated.

Urvashi Chakravarty is Assistant Professor of English at the University of Toronto.

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Liberal Protestants, Human Rights, and the Polarization of the United States
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Marcy J. Dinius is Associate Professor of English at DePaul University and author of The Camera and the Press: American Visual and Print Culture in the Age of the Daguerreotype, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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Heather Blurton

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Thomas F. Hedin

Ovid tells the story of Latona, the mother by Jupiter of Apollo and Diana. In her flight from the jealous Juno, she arrives faint and parched on the coast of Asia Minor. Kneeling to sip from a pond, Latona is met by the local peasants, who not only deny her effort but muddy the water in pure malice. Enraged, Latona curses the stingy peasants, turning them to frogs.

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In *A Feast of Flowers*, Christopher Krupa goes inside Ecuador’s booming cut-flower industry to chronicle the ways its capitalist pioneers built a booming export industry around a racial ideology, turning Indigenous people’s purported differences into resources for industrial expansion. At the core of this racial system is a belief, central to postcolonial science and politics in Ecuador, in capitalism’s unique capacity to change people’s racial identity and to liberate oppressed populations from racial subordination. Krupa shows how such views not only guide how Indigenous people are today incorporated into demanding labor systems in Ecuador’s new export plantations, but also how Indigenous minds and bodies became sites of study and intervention by scientists, politicians, and economic planners throughout the last century, all looking to change Indigenous people in some way.

Christopher Krupa is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Toronto.
A Tyranny Against Itself
Intimate Partner Violence on the Margins of Bogotá
John I. B. Bhadra-Heintz

Usme, one of the peripheral districts surrounding Bogotá, Colombia, is one of the poorest, most populous, and most marginalized outer districts of the city, with a high concentration of indigenous occupants. Over eighty percent of Usme’s women have experienced partner violence or some kind of partner-controlling behavior.

How does one go about understanding the perpetration of partner violence? Based on ethnographic work with survivors, responders, and most of all the perpetrators of this kind of abuse, scholar John I. B. Bhadra-Heintz explores this issue in A Tyranny Against Itself. Throughout this study, Bhadra-Heintz examines how this violence is made possible, how it is positioned to be permissible socially, and what is at stake for those who are involved.

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Human Rights as Human Independence

A Philosophical and Legal Interpretation

Julio Montero

Can human rights be claimed against agents other than states, such as transnational corporations and global governance institutions? Does the authority of human rights depend on international law-making, or do they have a moral status that must be honored even in the absence of legal structures? What obligations do human rights impose on states acting across borders? What does it mean that the international community must work together to bring about their universal realization?

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Julio Montero holds a Ph.D. in Political Theory from University College London and a Doctor in Philosophy from Universidad Nacional de La Plata, Argentina.

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**Death of the Desert**

Monastic Memory and the Loss of Egypt’s Golden Age

Christine Luckritz Marquis

In the late fourth century, the world of Christianity was torn apart by debate over the teachings of the third-century theologian Origen and his positions on the incorporeality of God. In the year 400, Archbishop Theophilus of Alexandria convened a council declaring Origen’s later followers as heretics. Shortly thereafter, Theophilus banished the so-called Tall Brothers, four Origenist monks who led monastic communities in the western Egyptian desert, along with hundreds of their brethren. In some accounts, Theophilus leads a violent group of drunken youths and enslaved Ethiopians in sacking and desecrating the monastery; in others, he justly exercises his episcopal duties. In some versions, Theophilus’ violent actions effectively bring the Golden Age of desert monasticism to an end; in others, he has shown proper respect for the desert fathers, whose life of asceticism is subsequently destroyed by bands of barbarian marauders. For some, the desert came to be inextricably connected to violence and trauma, while for others, it became a site of nostalgic recollection.

Which of these narratives subsequent generations believed depended in good part on the sources they were reading. In *Death of the Desert*, Christine Luckritz Marquis offers a fresh examination of this critical juncture in Christian history and brings into dialogue narrative strands that have largely been separated in the scholarly tradition. She takes the violence perpetrated by Theophilus as a turning point for desert monasticism and considers how monks became involved in acts of violence and how that violence came back to haunt them. More broadly, her careful attention to the dynamic relations between memory practices, the rhetorical constructions of place, racialized discourse, and language and deeds of violence speak to us in our own time.

Christine Luckritz Marquis is Associate Professor of Church History at Union Presbyterian Seminary.

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Sacred Writing in the Age of Valentinus
Anne Starr Kreps

In *The Crucified Book*, Anne Kreps shows how the *Gospel of Truth*, a second-century text associated with the Christian Platonist Valentinus, and its ideas about the nature of authoritative writing engaged with Greco-Roman culture and cohered with Jewish and Christian ideas about books in antiquity.

**Anne Starr Kreps** is Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Oregon.

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*The Return of the Absent Father* offers a new reading of stories from tractate Ketubot in the Babylonian Talmud in which sages abandon their homes and families to study. Haim Weiss and Shira Stav focus on the relations between fathers and children to reveal a complex tension between mundane domesticity and the sphere of spiritual learning.

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**Shira Stav** is Senior Lecturer in the Hebrew Literature Department at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel.

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In *Biblical Women and Jewish Daily Life in the Middle Ages*, Elisheva Baumgarten seeks a point of entry into the everyday existence of people who did not belong to the learned elite, and who therefore left no written records of their lives. She does so by turning to the Bible as it was read, reinterpreted, and seen by the Jews of medieval Ashkenaz. In the tellings, retellings, and illustrations of biblical stories, and especially of those centered around women, Baumgarten writes, we can find explanations and validations for the practices that structured birth, marriage, and death; women’s inclusion in the liturgy and synagogue; and the roles of women as community leaders, givers of charity, and keepers of the household.

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Andrew D. Berns

After their expulsion from Spain in 1492, Sephardi Jews such as Isaac Abravanel, Abraham Saba, and Isaac Arama wrote biblical commentaries that stressed the significance of land. They interpreted Judaism as a tradition whose best expression and ultimate fulfillment took place away from cities and in rural settings. Iberian-Jewish authors rooted their moral teachings in an ethical treatment of the natural world, elucidating ancient agricultural laws and scrutinizing the physical context and built environments of Bible stories. The Land Is Mine asks what inspired this and suggests that the answer lies not in timeless exegetical or theological trends, but in the material realities of late medieval and early modern Iberia, during a period of drastic changes in land use.

A work of intellectual history, The Land Is Mine demonstrates that it is impossible to understand Jewish culture without considering the physical realities on which it depended.

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Jewish Culture and Contexts
Blood Inscriptions
Science, Modernity, and Ritual Murder at Europe’s Fin de Siècle

Hillel J. Kieval

Although the Enlightenment had seemed to bring an end to the widely held belief that Jews murdered Christian children for ritual purposes, charges of the so-called blood libel were surprisingly widespread in central and eastern Europe on either side of the turn to the twentieth century. Well over one hundred accusations were made against Jews in this period, and prosecutors and government officials in Germany, Austria-Hungary, and Russia broke with long established precedent to bring six of these cases forward in sensational public trials. In Blood Inscriptions Hillel J. Kieval examines four cases—the prosecutions that took place at Tiszaeszlár in Hungary (1882–83), Xanten in Germany (1891–92), Polná in Austrian Bohemia (1899–1900), and Konitz, then Germany, now in Poland (1900–1902)—to consider the means by which discredited beliefs came to seem once again plausible to educated European elites.

Hillel J. Kieval is Gloria M. Goldstein Professor of Jewish History and Thought at Washington University in St. Louis and coeditor (with Kateřina Capkova) of Prague and Beyond: Jews in the Bohemian Lands, also published by the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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The birth of modern Jewish studies can be traced to the nineteenth-century emergence of the *Wissenschaft des Judentums*, a movement to promote a scholarly approach to the study of Judaism and Jewish culture. *Frontiers of Jewish Scholarship* offers a collection of essays examining how *Wissenschaft* extended beyond its original German intellectual contexts and was transformed into a diverse, global field. From the early expansion of the new scholarly approaches into Jewish publications across Europe to their translation and reinterpretation in the twentieth century, the studies included here collectively trace a path through largely neglected subject matter, newly recognized as deserving attention.

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**Discovery and Healing**

Reflections on Five Decades of Hematology/Oncology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania

David Vaughn, MD

In *Discovery and Healing*, David Vaughn describes the history of the Perelman School of Medicine’s Division of Hematology/Oncology. Vaughn knows the subject well: he trained in the Division’s Hematology/Oncology fellowship program from 1990–1993 and has been on the faculty of the Division since 1993.

Since its founding in 1972, the Division of Hematology/Oncology at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania has made important contributions to the fields of blood disorders and cancer medicine. Based largely on his personal experience and extensive interviews with former and present faculty, Vaughn describes the evolution of the Division from a small group of research hematologists to a comprehensive program of fundamental and translational researchers and clinical specialists in benign and malignant hematology and solid tumor oncology. He highlights the importance of leadership as he examines the successes of each of the four Division chiefs: Richard “Buz” Cooper, Sanford Shattil, Stephen Emerson, and Lynn Schuchter. He describes the lasting impact that the Division’s first oncologist, John Glick, has had on the Division, the Abramson Cancer Center, and the author himself. He emphasizes the important role that philanthropy has played in the Division’s achievements. He concludes the account by reflecting on the Division’s experience and call to action as it confronted the COVID-19 pandemic.

Both a memoir and a historical account, Vaughn’s book demonstrates the good that can be accomplished when an innovative and dedicated medical faculty are committed to discovery and healing.

David Vaughn, MD is the Genitourinary Medical Oncology Professor at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. He is Vice Chief for Clinical Affairs of the Division of Hematology/Oncology and co-leader of the genitourinary cancer program at the Abramson Cancer Center.

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Lydian Painted Pottery Abroad
The Gordion Excavations 1950–1973
R. Gül Gürtekin-Demir

This book is the first major study of Lydian material culture at Gordion and also the first published monograph on Lydian painted pottery from any site excavation. Richly illustrated, it provides a comprehensive definition and analysis of Lydian ceramics based on stylistic, archaeological, and textual evidence, while thoroughly documenting the material’s stratigraphic contexts. The book situates the ceramic corpus within its broader Anatolian cultural context and offers insights into the impact of Lydian cultural interfaces at Gordion.

The Lydian pottery found at Gordion was largely produced at centers other than Sardis, the Lydian royal capital, although Sardian imports are also well attested and began to influence Gordion’s material culture as early as the 7th century BCE, if not before. Following the demise of the Lydian kingdom, a more limited repertoire of Lydian ceramics demonstrably continued in use at Gordion into the Achaemenid Persian period in the late 6th and 5th centuries BCE.

The material was excavated by Professor Rodney Young’s team between 1950 and 1973 and is fully presented here for the first time. Ongoing research in the decades following Young’s excavations has led to a more refined understanding of Gordion’s archaeological contexts and chronology, and, consequently, we are now able to view the Lydian ceramic corpus within a more secure stratigraphic framework than would have been the case if the material had been published shortly after the excavations.

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