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Through the Morgue Door
One Woman’s Story of Survival and Saving Children in German-Occupied Paris

Colette Brull-Ulmann and Jean-Christophe Portes
Translated by Anne Landau and Margaret Sinclair

In 1934, at the age of fourteen, Colette Brull-Ulmann knew that she wanted to become a pediatrician. By 1942, her father had been arrested and interned at the Drancy detention camp and Brull-Ulmann had become an intern at the Rothschild Hospital, the only hospital in Paris where Jewish physicians were allowed to practice and Jewish patients could go for treatment. Under Claire Heyman, a charismatic social worker who was a leader of the hospital’s secret escape network, Brull-Ulmann began working tirelessly to rescue Jewish children treated at the Rothschild. Her devotion to the protection of children, her bravery, and her imperviousness in the face of the deadly injustices of the Holocaust were always evident—whether smuggling children to safety through the Paris streets in the dead of night or defying officers and doctors who frighteningly held her fate in their hands. Originally published in French in 2017, Brull-Ulmann’s memoir chronicles the life of a truly exceptional and courageous woman for whom not acting was never an option.

Colette Brull-Ulmann (1920–2021) was a French Resistance fighter who was a medical intern at the Rothschild Hospital in Paris during World War II. After the war, she worked as a pediatrician in Noisy-le-Sec (Seine-Saint-Denis). In 2019, she was made an officer of the French Legion of Honor.

Jean-Christophe Portes is a French journalist, documentary filmmaker, and writer.

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“[Brull-Ulmann] hides nothing—the fears, the horrors, the hunger, the despair, but also the occasional fun moments snatched here and there among a small gang of twenty-somethings charged with an unimaginable weight of responsibility, and most of all, the sheer bravado and outright bravery that led them to rescue so many lives.”

— From the Introduction by translator Anne Landau
Black Elders
The Meaning of Age in American Slavery and Freedom
Frederick C. Knight

Would there have been a Frederick Douglass if it were not for Betsy Bailey, the grandmother who raised him? Would Harriet Jacobs have written her renowned autobiography, *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*, if her grandmother, a free black woman named Molly Horniblow, had not enabled Jacobs’ escape from slavery?

In *Black Elders*, Frederick C. Knight explores the experiences of African Americans with aging and in old age during the eras of slavery and emancipation. Though slavery put a premium on young labor, elders worked as caregivers, domestics, cooks, or midwives and performed other tasks in the margins of Southern and Northern economies. Looking at black families, churches, mutual aid societies, and homes for the aged, Knight demonstrates the pivotal role of elders in the history of African American community formation through Reconstruction.

Drawing on a wide array of printed and archival sources, including slave narratives, plantation records, letters, diaries, meeting minutes, and state and federal archives, Knight also examines how blacks and whites, men and women, the young and the old developed competing ideas about age and aging, differences that shaped social relations in coastal West and West Central Africa, the Atlantic and domestic slave trades, colonial and antebellum Southern slave societies, and emancipation in the North and South.

*Black Elders* offers a unique window into the individual and collective lives of African Americans, the day-to-day struggles they waged around their experiences of aging, and how they drew upon these resources to define the meaning of family, community, and freedom.

Frederick C. Knight is Professor of History at Morehouse College and author of *Working the Diaspora: The Impact of African Labor on the Anglo-American World, 1650–1850*.

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“By centering the politics of age and eldership from the height of the Atlantic slave trade through the Civil War, Black Elders offers a new and important contribution to the study of Black life in slavery and freedom.’
—Erica Armstrong Dunbar, author of Never Caught: The Washingtons’ Relentless Pursuit of Their Runaway Slave, Ona Judge

“With the publication of Black Elders, Frederick C. Knight has made a remarkable contribution to the study of slavery and freedom, introducing ‘the politics of age’ as a principal lens of analysis. Beginning the story in West Africa and following it into North America via the transatlantic trade, he shows how the African-descended—through slavery, post-emancipation, and even into more contemporary times—fought to retain, reclaim, and refashion the saliency and meaning of ‘the elders’ within their community. Drawing from a range of primary sources, Knight allows us to hear the voices of those long rendered voiceless. It is a compelling story that Knight tells well, skillfully and movingly. Black Elders is a must read.”
—Michael A. Gomez, author of African Dominion: A New History of Empire in Early and Medieval West Africa

“Spanning continents and centuries, Black Elders is the first comprehensive history of Black elderhood as lived experience and cultural ideal. Frederick C. Knight offers a transformative history of slavery and freedom that recognizes the importance of Black elders as leaders who held together multigenerational families, spurred community development, and passed down wisdom. This extensively researched and beautifully written book should be required reading for everyone interested in African American history and culture, age studies, or what it means to grow old.”
—Corinne T. Field, author of The Struggle for Equal Adulthood: Gender, Race, Age, and the Fight for Citizenship in Antebellum America
Discipline Problems
How Students of Color Trouble Whiteness in Schools
Tadashi Dozono

Angel, a Black tenth-grader at a New York City public school, self-identifies as a nerd and likes to learn. But she’s troubled that her history classes leave out events like the genocide and dispossession of Indigenous people in the Americas, presenting a sugar-coated image of the United States that is at odds with her everyday experience. “The history I learned in school is simpler,” she says. “The world I live in is a lot more complex.”

Angel, like every student interviewed in Discipline Problems, has been identified by teachers as a “troublemaker,” a student whose behavior disrupts classroom norms and interferes with instruction. But her critiques of the curriculum she’s taught speak to her curiosity and insight, crucial foundations for understanding history. Like many students who have been marginalized by systemic racism in American schools, she exposes the shortcomings of her classrooms’ academic environments by challenging both the content and the methods of her education. All too often, these challenges are framed as “troublemaking,” and the students are disciplined for “acting out” instead of being rewarded for their intellectual engagement.

Tadashi Dozono, a professor of education and former high school social studies teacher, takes seriously the often-overlooked critiques that students of color who get labeled as troublemakers direct toward their high school history curriculum. He reinterprets “troublemaking,” usually cast as a behavioral deficit, as an intellectual asset and form of reasoning that challenges the “disciplining reason” of classrooms where whiteness is valued over the histories and knowledge of people of color. Dozono shows how what are traditionally framed as discipline problems can be seen through a different lens as responses to educational practices that marginalize non-white students. Discipline Problems reveals how students of color seek out alternate avenues for understanding their world and imagines a pedagogy that champions the curiosity, intellect, and knowledge of marginalized learners.

Tadashi Dozono is Assistant Professor of History/Social Science Education at California State University Channel Islands.
“The following chapters offer an analysis that first and foremost takes the knowledge, insight, and worldviews of students seriously. Much of what they have to say does not fit with what they are taught in school, and some of their reasoning directly contradicts it. We have much to learn by taking these young adults seriously—about them, about schooling, about the world, and about how adults in charge of their education are failing them and how we might better meet them and serve them.”

—From the Introduction

We’re being fed information. We learn from worksheets or textbooks. Just because we’re fed information doesn’t mean that we actually understand it. Comprehension is not just, okay, I get it. Comprehension is being able to speak about it with someone else, or process it in your own way, because everyone has a different way of processing things.

—Angel

I honestly don’t really care about [global history] because it’s in the past, and I just think about the future and the present. So, that’s one reason I don’t like global history, because I hate even thinking about the past. It happened already. You can’t change it. So there’s no purpose.

—Isaiah

The DOE tells us what we learn. The teachers don’t tell us what we learn. Cuz I had a teacher in eighth grade . . . she said, we teach what we get. We can’t teach what we want to teach. Cuz she was kind of like me. She said, “If we could teach what we want to teach, you all would be better for the future.”

—Tomcat

Well, besides slavery and stuff, because I just think, world history is not mostly about Black people. . . . So I don’t feel like I really have a place. Like we mostly learn about what happened to white people even though that’s bad to say.

—Mahoganey

The U.S. government is too out of control. Can’t control its own country. So I see there’s more disbelief than anything. And the real reason why I don’t like it is cuz you know how this country started, cuz the country was stolen. Because the Indians were here before us, want to call them Native Americans because they’re native to their own land. So why would they be Native Americans anyway? It’s almost like, how do I say, like a hypocrite. They tell you not to steal but they’ve already stolen this whole land.

—Gabriel

I mean, I don’t want to be lied to, but. I just worry about knowing new material. For tests, and, just like, in life. Like if you need to know those type of things, whether it’s true or not. I need to know it so that’s that. I mean nobody wants to be lied to. But I’m not going to try to fight the world. If everyone is talking about this. I’m not a scientist or a journalist. I don’t care.

—Sasha

Too much testing. We don’t get enough time to study. Too much testing. And we stress a lot. Students stress a lot, a lot, a lot. Cuz all we worry about is, oh we gotta pass this test, next day we gotta pass that test.

—Jean
Never Broken

Visualizing Lenape Histories

Edited by Joe Baker and Laura Turner Igoe

Through a focus on Lenape art, culture, and history and a critical examination of historical visualizations of Native and European American relationships, *Never Broken* explores the ways in which art can create, challenge, and rewrite history. The publication features contemporary art by Archipap-tunhe (Delaware Tribe of Indians and Cherokee), Joe Baker (Delaware Tribe of Indians), Holly Wilson (Delaware Nation and Cherokee), and Nathan Young (Delaware Tribe of Indians, Pawnee, and Kiowa) in dialogue with historic Lenape ceramics, beadwork, and other cultural objects, and recreations of Benjamin West’s painting *Penn’s Treaty with the Indians* by European American artists. Published in conjunction with the first exhibition in Pennsylvania of contemporary Lenape artists who can trace their families to William Penn’s time, this richly illustrated volume includes essays by Joe Baker, Laura Turner Igoe, and Joel Whitney.

Joe Baker is an artist, educator, curator, and culture bearer who has been working in the field of Native Arts for the past thirty years. He is an enrolled member of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Oklahoma and co-founder and executive director of the Lenape Center in Manhattan. His work is included in the permanent collection of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, and numerous other museums and collections in the United States and Canada, including the American Museum of Art and Design.


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TRADE, ACADEMIC TRADE

A look inside

Joe Baker, Bandolier Bag, 2021. Fabric, wool, glass beads; strap: 30 x 5 ½ inches, bag: 9 x 9 inches. Courtesy of the artist

Joe Baker, Doll Dance, 1997. Oil on canvas, 60 x 72 inches. Courtesy of the artist

Holly Wilson, Bloodline, 2015. Bronze and locust wood, 29 x 264 x 9 inches. Courtesy of the artist

Joe Baker, The Big House, 1997. Oil on canvas, 60 x 72 inches. Courtesy of the artist

Joe Baker, Bandolier Bag, 2014. Fabric, wool, glass beads; strap: 24 x 7 inches, bag: 8 ¼ x 9 inches. Courtesy of the artist
George R. Anthonisen
Meditations on the Human Condition
Edited by Lisa Tremper Hanover

George R. Anthonisen: Meditations on the Human Condition is a comprehensive volume documenting the arc of Anthonisen’s artistic career as a figurative sculptor. Well versed in history and current events, Anthonisen (b. 1936) creates visual dialogues, primarily in bronze, that investigate the human condition and people’s capacity to destroy, to create, to question, and to make noble choices. He is known for his thoughtful and sometimes haunting content and for championing the elegance and strength of the female form. Anthonisen has lived and worked in Solebury, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, since establishing his studio there in 1971.

Richly illustrated with more than 150 color and black-and-white plates, this book accompanies a major exhibition of the artist’s work at the James A. Michener Art Museum in Doylestown, Pennsylvania. Essays by exhibition curator Lisa Tremper Hanover, Laura Turner Igoe, and Clarisse Fava-Piz provide personal and historical context for the artist and his work.

Lisa Tremper Hanover served as the director and chief executive officer of the James A. Michener Art Museum from 2012 to 2017, after a successful tenure as director of the Philip and Muriel Berman Museum of Art at Ursinus College. She currently serves the cultural field as a consultant specializing in organizational reviews, strategic planning, collection assessments, and preparing institutions for AAM accreditation. She has juried more than one hundred art exhibitions and public art commissions.

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A look inside
Baby Bust,
10th Anniversary Edition
New Choices for Men and Women in Work and Family
Stewart D. Friedman

Ten years ago a groundbreaking cross-generational study revealed that greater freedom and new constraints were leading fewer young people to choose parenthood. In the intervening years, the decision to have a family has not gotten easier.

Stew Friedman, founding director of The Wharton School’s Work/Life Integration Project, studied two generations of Wharton college students as they graduated: Gen Xers in 1992 and Millennials in 2012. The cross-generational study produced a stark discovery—the rate of graduates who planned to have children had dropped by nearly half over those 20 years. While some might wonder what this privileged group can tell us about broader trends in the United States, Friedman argues that they were “the canaries in the coal mine . . . if they could not see a way to make their careers and families work, how could those with fewer opportunities and resources square this circle?”

In a new preface to this 10th anniversary edition of Baby Bust, Friedman observes that the birth rate in the United States has continued to decline in the years since. He offers new insights into why fewer people are choosing to have children, how the pandemic affected these trends, and what can be done about it.

Stew Friedman is an organizational psychologist at the Wharton School, where he has been since 1984 and is now Emeritus Practice Professor of Management. In 1991 he founded both the Wharton Leadership Program and the Wharton Work/Life Integration Project.

He was listed among HR Magazine’s most influential thought leaders, chosen by Working Mother as one of America’s most influential men who have made life better for working parents, and presented with the Families and Work Institute’s Work Life Legacy Award.

Following his stint as worldwide head of leadership development at Ford (1999–2001), Friedman founded Total Leadership, a management training and consulting company. He is a tireless advocate for family-supportive policies in the private and public sectors.

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Praise for the first edition

“These findings are a wake-up call that our social and economic institutions need to change so that people who want to be parents can see a path to becoming parents. In the final chapter of *Baby Bust*, [Friedman] makes a good case for providing world-class child care, expanding family leave for both mothers and fathers, and relieving student debt.”
—*The New York Times* Motherlode blog

“The good news is that millennial men are changing the way they define leadership and demanding work that fits around their families. And the seven policy changes Stew Friedman recommends would benefit all working Americans.”
—*Harvard Business Review*

“What a wonderful book. Stew Friedman stands out as one of the few male voices in the field. He understands better than anyone else how leadership, life, and business can fit together. *Baby Bust* offers a fascinating glimpse into how young people think about their work, their families, and their futures. It’s a succinct and invaluable read for managers, politicians, and all men and women seeking to better understand how the world is changing and to support greater freedom of choice.”
—Anne-Marie Slaughter, President and CEO, New America Foundation

“Baby Bust, based on Stew Friedman’s new groundbreaking study, documents the tremendous progress men and women have made in integrating work and life. Friedman’s insights and recommendations have generated thoughtful discussions in my household (two entrepreneurs with a young child). This is an essential read for business leaders who want to create an egalitarian workplace and contribute to the revolution in work and family choices.”
—Neil Blumenthal, Co-Founder and Co-CEO, Warby Parker

“Stew Friedman has always been a trailblazer, and he has done it again! The provocative finding that 2012 graduates of Wharton are much less likely to plan to have children than those 20 years ago will receive a great deal of attention. More importantly, Friedman has probed the complex reasons why, and these are even more significant and telling. A must-read for everyone—employees, employers, and families—so that we can be much more intentional in creating the workplaces and family lives of the future.”
—Ellen Galinsky, President, Families and Work Institute; and Author, *Mind in the Making*

“Stew Friedman’s unique cross-generational study finds both a triumphant new freedom for men and women and, at the same time, an indication of the deep conflicts between what we value and the lives to which we aspire. *Baby Bust* is a game-changing addition to the literature on work and family. Stew clearly and compassionately tells the story from the perspective of both men and women, echoing the challenges we all face as we seek to do meaningful work and have a meaningful life in today’s frenetic and tumultuous world.”
—Brad Harrington, Executive Director, Boston College Center for Work and Family

“Provocative and practical, Stew Friedman’s *Baby Bust* draws on his landmark study to document the metamorphosis in men’s and women’s views and expectations for work and family. As more women are leaning in to their careers, more men today want to be actively engaged in fatherhood. But both see conflicts between work and family life that are increasingly keeping them from choosing to be parents. Revelatory and rigorous, this urgent call to action is required reading for anyone who wants both men and women to be able to choose the world they want to live in.”
Marketplace Dignity
Transforming How We Engage with Customers Across Their Journey

Cait Lamberton, Neela A. Saldanha, and Tom Wein

In *Marketplace Dignity*, Cait Lamberton, Neela A. Saldanha, and Tom Wein introduce a tangible, practical way for brands and organizations to take a stand on the fundamental value of humans, and in so doing, be a force for good in a society that increasingly demands that they do so. Marketplace dignity is the idea that customers seek respect and recognition from the firms they interact with, not just rational or emotional benefits. Marketplace dignity appeals to humans’ sense of justice and goes to the essence of what makes customers human. It is also a powerful driver of their engagement, loyalty, and satisfaction.

Drawing on the authors’ rigorous research, as well as the successes and failures of companies around the world, *Marketplace Dignity* will empower you to diagnose, understand, and enhance the way that you engage with your customer base across the entirety of their journey with your organization.

Cait Lamberton is the Alberto I. Duran Distinguished Professor of Marketing at the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School and was named a Wharton and Penn Fellow. She has been retained as a consultant by the U.S. Departments of Labor and Education as well as pharmaceutical and financial services firms.

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Tom Wein is a Director at IDinsight, where he leads the Dignity Initiative. He has led Raising Voices’ work to prevent violence against children in schools in Uganda and has worked with the Busara Center for Behavioral Economics, where he built the CREME research agenda on culture, research ethics and methods.
Decision-Driven Analytics
Leveraging Human Intelligence to Unlock the Power of Data
Bart De Langhe and Stefano Puntoni

Challenging the conventional wisdom of data-driven decision-making, marketing professors and behavioral scientists Bart De Langhe and Stefano Puntoni argue that many analytics efforts flounder because data analyses are disconnected from the decisions to be made. In their important book, they offer a new approach they call decision-driven analytics. Counterintuitively, they argue that the key to making good decisions with data is to start by putting data in the background.

Drawing from their own research and teaching, as well as real-world business cases, De Langhe and Puntoni offer four pillars of decision-driven analytics and guide you around common mistakes that have held back many organizations from using data for impact.

A must-read for anyone who wants to harness the power of data for competitive advantage, Decision-Driven Analytics will equip you with the skills and tools you need to more effectively use data for business outcomes and to make better decisions in today’s complex and data-rich world.

**Bart De Langhe** is a Professor of Marketing at KU Leuven and at Vlerick Business School. He also founded Behavioral Economics and Data Analytics for Business (BEDAB), a consultancy that assists companies in using behavioral science and data analysis to make better decisions and improve performance. He has published articles in leading academic journals in business and psychology, such as *Journal of Marketing Research*, *Management Science*, *Journal of Consumer Research*, and *Journal of Experimental Psychology: General*. His work has also been featured in popular outlets, such as *Harvard Business Review*, *MIT Sloan Management Review*, *The Wall Street Journal*, and *The New York Times*.

**Stefano Puntoni** is the Sebastian S. Kresge Professor of Marketing at The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania. He is also the co-director of AI at Wharton, an initiative to foster, coordinate, and promote research and teaching on artificial intelligence across The Wharton School. His research has appeared in many leading journals, including *Journal of Consumer Research*, *Journal of Marketing Research*, *Journal of Consumer Psychology*, *Nature Human Behavior*, and *Management Science*. He also writes regularly for managerial outlets such as *Harvard Business Review* and *MIT Sloan Management Review*.
Terrence Malick and the Examined Life

Martin Woessner

Terrence Malick is one of American cinema’s most celebrated filmmakers. His films have been heralded for their artistry and lauded for their beauty, but what really sets them apart is their ideas. *Terrence Malick and the Examined Life* is the most comprehensive account to date of this unparalleled filmmaker’s intellectual and artistic development.

Utilizing newly available archival sources, Martin Woessner illuminates Malick’s early education in philosophy at Harvard and Oxford as well as his cinematic apprenticeship at the American Film Institute to show how a young student searching for personal meaning became a famous director of Hollywood films. Woessner’s book presents a rich, interdisciplinary exploration of the many texts, thinkers, and traditions that made this transformation possible—from the novels of Hamlin Garland, James Jones, and Walker Percy to the philosophies of Stanley Cavell, Martin Heidegger, and Søren Kierkegaard to road movies, Hollywood Westerns, and the comedies of Jean Renoir.

Martin Woessner is Associate Professor of History and Society at The City College of New York (CUNY), Center for Worker Education, and author of *Heidegger in America*.

In *Terrence Malick and the Examined Life*, Martin Woessner’s exploration of Terrence Malick and his work is profound, illuminating, and a delight to read. He puts this extraordinary philosopher-filmmaker in conversation with his contemporaries and understands him—not just in terms of film and philosophy—but within the wider intellectual and artistic context of his time. A fascinating book!

—Sarah Bakewell, author of *Humanly Possible: 700 years of Humanist Freethinking, Inquiry, and Hope*

“Terrence Malick finally has the interpreter he deserves in Martin Woessner, whose deep knowledge of modern philosophy and film history is evident on every page of this remarkable book. Woessner shows us how and why Malick turned to filmmaking to explore the moral and theological questions most mid-century academic philosophers had abandoned. In explaining how Malick ‘does philosophy’ through film, he demonstrates how to do intellectual history through the study of cinematic form. His book takes us to the wonder of Malick’s lifelong quest for meaning and communion with nature and the cosmos.”

—Casey Nelson Blake, Columbia University
The Driver’s Story
Labor and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery

Randy M. Browne

The story of the driver is the story of Atlantic slavery. Starting in the seventeenth-century Caribbean, enslavers developed the driving system to solve their fundamental problem: how to extract labor from captive workers who had every reason to resist. In this system, enslaved Black drivers were tasked with supervising and punishing other enslaved laborers. In *The Driver’s Story*, Randy M. Browne illuminates the predicament and harrowing struggles of these men—and sometimes women—at the heart of the plantation world. What did it mean, Browne asks, to be trapped between the insatiable labor demands of white plantation authorities and the constant resistance of one’s fellow enslaved laborers?

Compelling and unsettling, *The Driver’s Story* reveals that drivers were at the very center of enslaved people’s working lives, social relationships, and struggles against slavery.

Randy M. Browne is Associate Professor of History at Xavier University and author of *Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean*, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

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“This utterly captivating and unflinching book leads readers deep into the driver’s challenging world. It provides an unusually close-up view of enslaved people’s daily lives as they faced their enslavers and each other. Indispensable to anyone interested in slavery, colonialism, and racial capitalism.”

—Marjoleine Kars, author of *Blood on the River: A Chronicle of Mutiny and Freedom on the Wild Coast*

“A compelling account of drivers, who were at the very center of enslaved people’s working lives, social relationships, and struggles against slavery

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The First Last Man
Mary Shelley and the Postapocalyptic Imagination

Eileen M. Hunt

Beyond her most famous creation—the nightmarish vision of Frankenstein’s Creature—Mary Shelley’s enduring contribution to politics, literature, and culture stems perhaps from the legacy of her lesser-known novel, *The Last Man* (1826). This first major modern pandemic novel gives us the iconic image of a heroic survivor who narrates the history of an apocalyptic disaster in order to save humanity. The postapocalyptic figure of the “last man” has since transmogrified into the globally familiar filmic images of the “invisible man” and the “final girl.”

Reading Shelley’s fiction alongside her other writings, including journals of plague and other personal tragedies that Shelley kept from 1814 to 1844, Eileen M. Hunt reveals how Shelley helped shape the classics of science fiction and dystopian writing, from H. G. Wells and George Orwell to Octavia Butler and Margaret Atwood. In doing so, Shelley gave rise to a tradition of postapocalyptic thought that asks: What do humans do after disaster?

Eileen M. Hunt is Professor of Political Science at the University of Notre Dame. She is the author of *Artificial Life After Frankenstein* and *Mary Shelley and the Rights of the Child: Political Philosophy in “Frankenstein,”* both available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

“The final installment of Eileen M. Hunt’s magnificent trilogy of books about Mary Shelley, and the most profound. Studying *The Last Man* together with Shelley’s tragic journals and her hitherto unknown translation of Sophocles’s *Oedipus Rex,* Hunt uncovers a searing account of catastrophe, suited to our times, but also a constructive project of facing the worst with love, hope, and connection to others. Shelley now takes her rightful place as a major, indeed heroic, voice in the history of political thought.”

—Martha C. Nussbaum, The University of Chicago

“Eileen M. Hunt wears her deep learning lightly to pace a scholarly narrative that itself often reads like a novel, informed by her own autobiography, finding companionship in Shelley’s persistence through serial devastations to persevere with hope and purpose. *The First Last Man* is an unrivaled accomplishment of admirable scholarship and impassioned humanism.”

—Susan J. Wolfson, Princeton University
Beginning with Mary Shelley’s great novels, *Frankenstein* and *The Last Man*, Eileen M. Hunt’s *Artificial Life After Frankenstein* reveals the technopolitical stakes of modern political science fiction and brings them to bear upon the ethics and politics of making artificial life and intelligence in the twenty-first century.

“Addressing Shelley’s novel and the ethics of current artificial intelligence technology, Eileen Hunt poses provocative questions in *Artificial Life After ‘Frankenstein’* about the rights of the man-made robots that now can match humanity in many things but not-so far-consciousness. . . . Hunt alerts readers to the novel’s lessons for an age in which robots—the insensate descendants of Victor Frankenstein’s painstakingly assembled Creature—occupy an increasingly significant social position. . . . Against the mindless drive for technological progress, Hunt attempts to sum up the most important moral lesson that Shelley learned from her mother’s work: ‘The value of taking a generous and fearless attitude of love toward the whole world.’ . . . It may well be that the next cyber revolution will prove one of emergent moral choice, and—as Hunt’s absorbing book leads us to appreciate—of ethical responsibility both to and by the increasingly sophisticated machines that humankind has begun to create.”

—*The New York Review of Books*

“Hunt offers a thoughtful study of modern ethical issues concerning technology in the context of Mary Shelley’s novels *Frankenstein* and *The Last Man*. . . . Hunt’s literary study succeeds as an impressive and resounding challenge to technology-driven doomsday scenarios, replacing these with a vision of a gentler, kinder future in which humankind preserves both its existence and its best, most humane qualities.”

—*Publishers Weekly*

“In this learned examination of Shelley’s tragic life and her two novels, Hunt focuses not on the science but on the ethical and political issues raised by Shelley’s books. . . . Hunt’s use of references to literature (*Brave New World*), film (*Blade Runner, Gattaca*), and television (*Westworld*) makes for an appealing and engaging discussion. In sum, this is a thought-provoking analysis of ‘technological hubris’ and the necessity of coupling clear purpose, responsibility, and humanity to the awesome ability of constructing artificial life.”

—*Booklist*
Equality and the City
Urban Innovations for All Citizens
Enrique Peñalosa Londoño

As mayor of Bogotá, Enrique Peñalosa Londoño initiated development of the TransMilenio Rapid Bus Transit system, which carries 2.5 million passengers a day along dedicated bus lanes, bike paths, and a rapid metro line. Peñalosa Londoño’s efforts to create public space were similarly ambitious: over the course of his two terms, more than a thousand public parks were created or improved. Underlying these policies was a conviction of how cities should be—a compelling humanistic philosophy of sustainable urbanism. For Peñalosa Londoño, city design defines human happiness, dignity, and equality. “An advanced city is not one where the poor own a car,” Peñalosa Londoño writes, “but one where the rich use public transport.”

Equality and the City provides practical criteria for conceiving and constructing different and better cities, describes the obstacles that are confronted when doing so, and identifies ways to overcome them.

Enrique Peñalosa Londoño is a former two-term mayor of Bogotá, Colombia, and an internationally respected urban thinker.

“The City in the Twenty-First Century

“Enrique Peñalosa Londoño has been a powerful advocate for making better cities; cities that embrace the human experience and equality for all citizens. As Mayor of Bogotá, Peñalosa Londoño made that city inviting and accessible to people of all incomes through transformative achievements in public transport, green infrastructure, and neighborhood civic institutions. In this brilliant book, Peñalosa Londoño demonstrates how a vibrant pedestrian realm is at the heart of a healthier, more livable and truly equitable city.”

—Amanda M. Burden, former New York City Planning Commissioner

“For the last twenty years, Enrique Peñalosa Londoño has tirelessly campaigned for equitable cities. His message has been transformational at many levels, not just in his native Bogotá, but in cities worldwide. This book offers a charismatic mayor’s insights into how a city’s DNA can be shaped to promote greater social inclusion, environmental equity, and human well-being at a time when cities are at the frontline of planetary change.”

—Ricky Burdett, London School of Economics
Underground
Dreams and Degradations in Bucharest
Bruce O’Neill

This book gets to the bottom of the twenty-first-century city, literally. *Underground* moves beneath Romania’s capital, Bucharest, to examine how the demands of global accumulation have extended urban life not just upward into higher skylines, and outward to ever more distant peripheries, but also downward beneath city sidewalks. *Underground* details how developers and municipal officials have invested tremendous sums of money to gentrify and expand Bucharest’s constellation of subterranean Metro stations and pedestrian pathways, basements and cellars, bunkers and crypts to provide upwardly mobile residents with space to live, work, and play in an overcrowded and increasingly unaffordable city center.

*Underground* makes clear that scholars and practitioners of the twenty-first-century city will need to become ever more attuned to the cultural politics of urban verticality, asking not just who is included in the city and who has been pressed outside of it, but also who is on top and who is placed at the bottom.

Bruce O’Neill is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Saint Louis University and author of *The Space of Boredom: Homelessness in the Slowing Global Order.*

**THE CITY IN THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY**

“*Underground* tells the story of a changing global landscape where cities like Bucharest are turbo-charging longstanding inequalities by shifting the underclasses into new and increasingly uncomfortable spaces. Virtuoso writing renders this economic and political story of urban transformation in deeply human terms.”

—Bruce Grant, New York University

Reveals gentrification’s vertical dynamics, which place some “on top” and others “at the bottom” of the twenty-first-century city

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Fictions of Consent
Slavery, Servitude, and Free Service in Early Modern England
Urvashi Chakravarty

Winner of the Phyllis Goodhart Gordan Prize, granted by the Renaissance Society of America
Winner of the SAA First Book Award, granted by the Shakespeare Association of America
Shortlisted for the Shakespeare’s Globe Book Award

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. She argues that England laid the conceptual groundwork for racialized slavery as it interrogated the classical inheritances and contemporary contexts for bondage.

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

“Few academic books can be described as paradigm-shifting. This one is. . . . For years to come, a wide range of readers will benefit greatly from its theorization of the pedagogical, philosophical, and intellectual disciplines seeding, conditioning, and shaping the horrific project of trans-Atlantic slavery and its vicious economies.”
—Shakespeare Quarterly

“This book’s economic, social, and political range is tremendous; its theoretical apparatus sophisticated but unobtrusive. . . . Chakravarty has both solidified the early promise of early modern critical race studies and opened the door for a newly invigorated dialogue with early American studies, Black studies, and queer studies, to mention but a few pertinent fields.”
—Modern Philology
Scripts of Blackness
Early Modern Performance Culture and the Making of Race
Noémie Ndiaye

Winner of the Aldo and Jeanne Scaglione Prize for Comparative Literary Studies, granted by the Modern Language Association
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Winner of the David Bevington Award, granted by the Medieval and Renaissance Drama Society

Scripts of Blackness shows how the early modern mass media of theatre and performance culture at-large helped turn blackness into a racial category, that is, into a type of difference justifying emerging social hierarchies and power relations in a new world order driven by colonialism and capitalism.

Noémie Ndiaye is Associate Professor of English at the University of Chicago.

“Rich and thought-provoking. . . . This important book issues a compelling call to reassess early modern European performances of blackness in the harsh light of their effects on Afro-descendant subjects.”
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“Studies of blackface performance in the early modern world have focused mostly on English plays, masques, and pageants. As Noémie Ndiaye convincingly demonstrates, those performances did not exist in isolation, and the early modern formation of blackness as a racial category was a transnational European endeavor. Scripts of Blackness is original in that it goes beyond the cosmetics and prosthetics of blackface to consider the ways black characters were made to speak and to move.”
—Virginia Mason Vaughan, Clark University
Piracy and the Making of the Spanish Pacific World

Kristie Patricia Flannery

Piracy and the Making of the Spanish Pacific World offers a new interpretation of Spanish colonial rule in the Philippine islands. Drawing on the rich archives of Spain’s Asian empire, Kristie Patricia Flannery reveals that Spanish colonial officials and Catholic missionaries forged alliances with Indigenous Filipinos and Chinese migrant settlers in the Southeast Asian archipelago to wage war against waves of pirates, including massive Chinese pirate fleets, Muslim pirates from the Sulu Zone, and even the British fleet that attacked at the height of the Seven Years’ War. Anti-piracy alliances made Spanish colonial rule resilient to both external shocks and internal revolts that shook the colony to its core.

This revisionist study complicates the assumption that empire was imposed on Filipinos with brute force alone. Rather, anti-piracy also shaped the politics of belonging in the colonial Philippines. Real and imagined pirate threats especially influenced the fate and fortunes of Chinese migrants in the islands. They triggered genocidal massacres of the Chinese at some junctures, and at others facilitated Chinese integration into the Catholic nation as loyal vassals.

Piracy and the Making of the Spanish Pacific World demonstrates that piracy is key to explaining the surprising longevity of Spain’s Asian empire, which, unlike Spanish colonial rule in the Americas, survived the Age of Revolutions and endured almost to the end of the nineteenth century. Moreover, it offers important new insight into piracy’s impact on the trajectory of globalization and European imperial expansion in maritime Asia.

Kristie Patricia Flannery is a Research Fellow in the Institute for the Humanities and Social Sciences at Australian Catholic University.
The Creole Archipelago
Race and Borders in the Colonial Caribbean

Tessa Murphy

Winner of the James A. Rawley Prize, granted by the American Historical Association
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Winner of the FEEGI Book Prize, granted by the Forum on Early-Modern Empires and Global Interactions
Recipient of an Honorable Mention for the Gilbert Chinard Prize, granted by the Society for French Historical Studies

By approaching the colonial Caribbean as an interconnected region, Tessa Murphy recasts small islands as the site of broader contests over Indigenous dominion, racial belonging, economic development, and colonial subjection.

Tessa Murphy is Associate Professor of History at Syracuse University.

“By exploring this space through the lenses of creolization and cultural symbiosis, Murphy makes significant contributions to the literature on imperial formations, race, and subjecthood. . . . By seriously considering Indigenous and Black agency, she is better able to portray the Lesser Antilles’ complexity beyond the restrictive paradigms of the British West Indies and the French Antilles.”
—Hispanic American Historical Review

“Setting an ambitious research agenda while offering a rich and nuanced look into an understudied section of the Caribbean Sea, Tessa Murphy’s book is both meticulously researched and compellingly written—and should prove to be thought-provoking reading for any historian of the early modern Atlantic World.”
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The Root and the Branch
Working-Class Reform and Antislavery, 1790–1860

Sean Griffin

The Root and the Branch examines the relationship between the early labor movement and the crusade to abolish slavery between the early national period and the Civil War. Tracing the parallel rise of antislavery movements with working-class demands for economic equality, access to the soil, and the right to the fruits of labor, Sean Griffin shows how labor reformers and radicals contributed to the antislavery project, from the development of free labor ideology to the Republican Party’s adoption of working-class land reform in the Homestead Act.

Bridging the gap between the histories of abolitionism, capitalism and slavery, and the origins of the Civil War, The Root and the Branch recovers a long-overlooked story of cooperation and coalition-building between labor reformers and abolitionists and unearths new evidence about how artisan reformers, transatlantic radicals, free Black activists, and ordinary working men and women helped to lay the foundation for antislavery politics.

Sean Griffin is a historian of the nineteenth-century United States and has taught at the City University of New York and the College of Charleston.

Exceedingly well researched in an impressively wide range of source materials, The Root and Branch brings together histories of American antislavery and of nineteenth-century labor reform exceptionally well to show how these movements intersected more frequently and more meaningfully than is typically understood. This book offers an invaluable contribution to scholarship on both American antislavery activism and labor radicalism.”

—Corey Brooks, author of Liberty Power: Antislavery Third Parties and the Transformation of American Politics
Slavery in the North
Forgetting History and Recovering Memory
Marc Howard Ross

In Slavery in the North, Marc Howard Ross undertakes an exploration of the history of Northern slavery, visiting sites such as the African Burial Ground in New York, Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, the ports of Rhode Island, old mansions in Massachusetts, prestigious universities, and rediscovered burying grounds. Inviting the reader to accompany him on his own journey of discovery, Ross recounts the processes by which Northerners had collectively forgotten 250 years of human bondage and the recent—and continuing—struggles over recovering, and commemorating, what it entailed.

Marc Howard Ross is the William Rand Kenan, Jr., Emeritus Professor of Political Science at Bryn Mawr College. He is author of numerous books and is editor of Culture and Belonging in Divided Societies, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.

“Fascinating. . . . Ross engages with scholarship on collective memory and the sociology of culture in order to understand why the history of northern slavery has been forgotten for so long. . . . Ross’s book represents a starting, not an ending, point to our understanding of the forgotten past of African-American enslavement in the northern states.”
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“Slavery in the North is a thoughtful, accessible, and stimulating book. . . . This work will be of particular interest to those interested in the dynamics of contemporary cultural contestations over commemorative sites of slavery, especially those in Philadelphia.”
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A Home Away from Home
Mutual Aid, Political Activism, and Caribbean American Identity
Tyesha Maddox

At the turn of the twentieth century, New York City exploded with the establishment of mutual aid societies and benevolent associations. Caribbean immigrants, especially women, eager to find their place in a bustling new world, created these organizations, including the West Indian Benevolent Association of New York City, founded in 1884. They served as forums for discussions on Caribbean American affairs, hosted cultural activities, and provided newly arrived immigrants with various forms of support, including job and housing assistance, rotating lines of credit, help in the naturalization process, and its most popular function—sickness and burial assistance.

A Home Away from Home examines the significance of Caribbean American mutual aid societies and benevolent associations to the immigrant experience, particularly their implications for the formation of a Pan-Caribbean American identity and Black diasporic politics. Tyesha Maddox demonstrates how, in many ways, these institutions became proto-Pan-Africanist organizations.

Tyesha Maddox is Assistant Professor of African and African American Studies at Fordham University.

“In A Home Away from Home, historian Tyesha Maddox reconfigures our understanding of Black New York by centering the multiple roles that Caribbean immigrants’ institutional life played in recreating a political community in the city and abroad. Instead of Marcus Garvey we learn about Black Caribbean women like Elizabeth Hendrickson from Saint Croix, who was a leader in multiple Virgin Islands organizations and in the Harlem Tenants League. The political and organizational history that established the link between these island-specific organizations and community politics makes this book a must read.”

—Shannon King, author of Whose Harlem Is This, Anyway? Community Politics and Grassroots Activism During the New Negro Era
Only a Few Blocks to Cuba
Cold War Refugee Policy, the Cuban Diaspora, and the Transformations of Miami

Mauricio Castro

When Cuban refugees fleeing Communist revolution began to arrive in Miami in 1959, the city was faced with a humanitarian crisis it was ill-equipped to handle and sought to have the federal government solve what local politicians clearly viewed as a Cold War geopolitical problem. In response, the Eisenhower and Kennedy administrations, and their successors, provided an unprecedented level of federal largesse and freedom of transit to these refugees.

In Only a Few Blocks to Cuba, Mauricio Castro chronicles the changes to the city this federal investment wrought, which were as impactful and permanent as they were unintended. A growing and increasingly powerful Cuban community contested their place in Miami and navigated negotiations with Washington and Havana in the decades that followed. In this way, Miami serves as an example of both the lived effects of defense spending in urban spaces and the impact communities can have on national politics and international relations. American politics, foreign relations, immigration policy, and urban development all intersected on the streets of Miami.

Mauricio Castro is Assistant Professor of History at Centre College.

"Only a Few Blocks to Cuba offers a compelling new history of Miami, emphasizing context and contingency in a story we thought we knew. Mauricio Castro reveals the complex maneuvering among Cuban émigrés, South Florida officials, and Washington cold warriors that transformed a seasonal tourist destination into a global city and a national electoral powerhouse. In the process, he masterfully interprets the interplay between metropolitan governance and geopolitics to portray Miami not as an outlier, but as an exemplar of broader currents in American urban and political history."

—A. K. Sandoval-Strausz, author of Barrio America: How Latino Immigrants Saved the American City
Before the Religious Right
Liberal Protestants, Human Rights, and the Polarization of the United States

Gene Zubovich

In the same way that the rise of the New Right cannot be understood apart from the mobilization of evangelicals, Gene Zubovich shows that the rise of American liberalism in the twentieth century cannot be understood without a historical account of the global political mobilization of liberal Protestants.

Gene Zubovich is Assistant Professor of History at the University at Buffalo, SUNY.

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*Shaul Bar-Haim* is Senior Lecturer in the Department of Sociology at the University of Essex.

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“The ‘maternal turn’ in interwar psychoanalytic discourse in Britain, which was at the same time a turn from Freud to Klein, and its impact on postwar welfare policy, is the subject of Shaul Bar-Haim’s book. He argues that progressive ‘maternalistic’ thinkers from the interwar period involved in education, anthropology and the ‘psy’ professions connected new psychoanalytic ideas of motherhood to an ideal of the state as a maternal entity.”

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Predicting Disasters
Earthquakes, Scientists, and Uncertainty in Modern Japan

Kerry Smith

Japan is a place where powerful earthquakes have occurred more frequently and have caused more harm in the modern era than they have in all but a handful of other locations on the planet. Predicting Disasters is the first English-language book to explore how scientists convinced policy makers and the public in postwar Japan that catastrophic earthquakes were coming, and the first to show why earthquake prediction has played such a central role in Japan’s efforts to prepare for a dangerous future ever since.

Kerry Smith shows how, in the twentieth century, scientists struggled to make large-scale earthquake disasters legible to the public and to policy makers as significant threats to Japan’s future, and he explains why understanding those struggles matters. Predicting Disasters makes relevant elements of Japan’s past more accessible to readers interested in the histories of disaster and scientific communities, as well as to those who want to gain a better understanding of the risk and uncertainty surrounding natural phenomena.

Kerry Smith is Associate Professor of History and East Asian Studies at Brown University.

“An authoritative study that documents far more than Japan’s chimerical quest to master earthquake prediction. Kerry Smith beautifully illustrates how seismic vulnerability and risk, science and speculation, personal ambition and politics, anticipation and fear, have all shaped Japan’s modern approach to earthquakes and thus the nation we know today. Innovative, imaginative, and provocative, Predicting Disasters is a thoroughly compelling read.”

—J. Charles Schencking, author of The Great Kantō Earthquake and the Chimera of National Reconstruction in Japan
The End of Peacekeeping
Gender, Race, and the Martial Politics of Intervention
Marsha Henry

In The End of Peacekeeping, Marsha Henry makes use of feminist, post-colonial and anti-militarist frameworks to expose peacekeeping as an epistemic power project in need of abolition. Drawing from critical theory and Black feminist thought, along with more than fifteen years of ethnographic fieldwork on peacekeeping missions and training centers around the world, Henry shows how contemporary peacekeeping produces gender and racial inequalities through increasingly militarized strategies. In order to understand and address these inequalities, Henry contends, we must recover critical theoretical contributions that have been sidelined within the field of peacekeeping studies. Focus on the policy and practice of peacekeeping has obscured the geopolitical knowledge project at peacekeeping’s root, allowing its harms to persist unquestioned by mainstream scholarship. Revealing that peacekeeping is not the benign, apolitical project it is often purported to be, this book encourages readers to imagine and enact alternative futures to peacekeeping.

Marsha Henry is the Secretary Hillary Rodham Clinton Chair in Women, Peace, Security and Justice at the Senator George J Mitchell Institute for Global Peace, Security and Justice at Queen's University, Belfast.

“An important, timely, and courageous book that invites us to think differently about the future of peace. Marsha Henry challenges dominant assumptions about peacekeeping as a peaceful response to war, and urges readers to imagine the prospect of an end to peacekeeping and its legacies of colonialism, militarism, and patriarchy.”

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Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy

Adam Lovett

In Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy, political philosopher Adam Lovett argues that when it comes to democratic ideals, the United States is a failed democracy. Specifically, he contends that American democracy has failed to advance equality and self-rule for its citizens—qualities he identifies as essential components of democracy's intrinsic value. Drawing on rich empirical research, Lovett locates democratic failures at both the level of political elites and at the level of the masses. However, he does not conclude that American democracy is doomed—he instead proposes reforms that are vital for compelling the state to act on behalf of all citizens, not just the partisan or the powerful. Democratic Failures and the Ethics of Democracy sheds light on an increasingly troubled democratic ethos and proposes solutions for how ordinary citizens can work to save it.

Adam Lovett is a Fellow at the London School of Economics. He is the author of articles in Philosophy & Public Affairs and Politics, Philosophy & Economics, among other journals.

DEMOCRACY, CITIZENSHIP, AND CONSTITUTIONALISM

“I in this singular synthesis of political science and political philosophy, Adam Lovett exposes how institutions that we call ‘democratic’ fall short of their own democratic ideals and convinces us that we should all care.”

—Niko Kolodny, author of The Pecking Order: Social Hierarchy as a Philosophical Problem
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Edited by James L. Perry. Foreword by Paul A. Volcker

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James L. Perry is Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the Paul H. O’Neill School of Public and Environmental Affairs at Indiana University, Bloomington.

Paul A. Volcker (1927–2019) was Founder and Chairman of the Volcker Alliance. He was Chairman of the Federal Reserve under Presidents Jimmy Carter and Ronald Reagan from 1979 to 1987.

“[This book] is a worthy reminder that the parts of government make a whole, progress is uneven, and forward movement happens one step at a time, with backsliding in between. In this edited volume, contributors offer approaches for strengthening government, and in the process, increasing government’s capacity to deal with the complexity of interrelated administrative, social, demographic, and economic challenges.”

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In *Trump, White Evangelical Christians, and American Politics*, political scientists Anand Edward Sokhey and Paul A. Djupe bring together a wide range of scholars and writers to examine the relationship between former President Donald Trump and white American evangelical Christians. They argue that, while this relationship—which saw evangelicals supporting a famously unfaithful, materialistic, and irreligious candidate despite self-defining in opposition to these characteristics—prompted many to wonder if Trump transformed American evangelical religion in politics, this alliance reflected change and the outcome of dynamics that were in place or building for decades.

Contributors contextualize the Trump presidency within religious demographic change, the growth of politicized religion, nationalistic religious expression, and the ways religion in the United States is enmeshed in the politics of race. This collection reveals the religious dimensions of Trump’s rise, the reasons evangelicals become political activists, and the multifaceted alliances between secular politicians and conservative religious subcultures.


**Anand Edward Sokhey** is Professor of Political Science and a faculty fellow at the Institute for Behavioral Science at the University of Colorado at Boulder.

**Paul A. Djupe** is Professor of Political Science and director of the Data for Political Research program at Denison University.
Moral Victories in the Battle for Congress
Cultural Conservatism and the House GOP
Marty Cohen

*Moral Victories in the Battle for Congress* tells the story of the growing importance of moral issues in U.S. House elections. Christian conservative activists worked to nominate friendly candidates and get them elected. The result was a Republican House delegation that cared as much about abortion and gay rights as it did smaller government and lower taxes.

*Marty Cohen* is Professor of Political Science at James Madison University. He is coauthor, with David Karol, Hans Noel, and John Zaller, of *The Party Decides: Presidential Nominations Before and After Reform*.

"A rich analysis of the religious right’s influence on the U.S. House of Representatives. . . . Cohen’s book occupies a once-empty niche in the literature on congressional polarization. . . . Using a balanced mix of qualitative and quantitative methods, Cohen meticulously documents how attitudes about moral issues became increasingly polarized—and predictive of vote choice—once the religious right came onto the political scene."

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—*Clyde Wilcox, Georgetown University*
José Ortega y Gasset's Liberalism Against Populism

Brendon Westler

José Ortega y Gasset (1883–1955) was a Spanish philosopher and essayist best known for *The Revolt of the Masses*, first translated into English in 1932. In it, Ortega critiques a populist deformation of democracy by the rise of a “mass mentality” characterized by selfishness, a lack of curiosity, and a general indifference to the opinions and attitudes of others. However, as Brendon Westler makes clear, we need to look beyond Ortega’s arguments about populism and democracy in his most famous work to recover the philosopher’s expansive political outlook and to identify his valuable contributions to the history and advancement of liberalism.

Westler’s book reconstructs Ortega’s political theory, underscoring its distinctive historical origins as well as the ways in which it might be instructive to us today. Through an exploration of works less familiar to an English-speaking audience, such as *Concord and Liberty*, “Vieja y nueva política,” “De Europa meditatio Quaedam,” and “Democracia morbosa,” combined with a sensitivity to larger social and political ideas circulating within Spain, *The Revolting Masses* traces the contours of Ortega’s approach to politics. Westler argues that reading texts written over the course of the philosopher’s entire career, in combination with *The Revolt of the Masses*, offers a more complete picture of Ortega’s political thought—one that advocates for a liberal ethos as an answer to populism and promotes both individual freedom and the preservation of community bonds.

As *The Revolting Masses* shows, Ortega was, above all, a philosopher who reflected on what it would take for people of differing beliefs to live together. His unique conception of liberalism, grounded in the Spanish tradition, not only emphasizes pluralism and diversity of thought and institutions but also serves as a potential antidote to the populism of our present moment.

Brendon Westler is Assistant Professor of Philosophy at St. Olaf College.
Between Utopia and Realism
The Political Thought of Judith N. Shklar
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The essays collected in Between Utopia and Realism reflect on and refract Judith N. Shklar’s major preoccupations throughout a lifetime of thinking and demonstrate the ways in which her work illuminates contemporary debates across political theory, international relations, and law.


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Andreas Hess is Professor of Sociology at University College Dublin.

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Coterie Poetics and the Beginnings of the English Literary Tradition
From Chaucer to Spenser

R. D. Perry

In *Coterie Poetics and the Beginnings of the English Literary Tradition*, R. D. Perry reveals how poetic coteries formed and maintained the English literary tradition. Perry shows that, from Geoffrey Chaucer to Edmund Spenser, the poets who bridged the medieval and early modern periods created a profusion of coterie forms as they sought to navigate their relationships with their contemporaries and to the vernacular literary traditions that preceded them. Rather than defining coteries solely as historical communities of individuals sharing work, Perry reframes them as products of authors signaling associations with one another across time and space, in life and on the page. By forming coteries, both real and virtual, based on shared appreciation of a literary tradition, these authors redefine what should be valued in that tradition, shaping and reshaping it accordingly. Perry shows how our notion of the English literary tradition came to be and how it could be imagined otherwise.

R. D. Perry is Assistant Professor of English and Literary Arts at the University of Denver.

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In Heroines and Local Girls, Pamela L. Cheek explores the rise of women's writing as a distinct, transnational category in Britain and Europe between 1650 and 1810. Starting with an account of a remarkable tea party that brought together Frances Burney, Sophie von La Roche, and Marie Elisabeth de La Fite in conversation about Stéphanie de Genlis, she excavates a complex community of European and British women authors. Cheek argues that women's writing offered an invitation to group membership through a literary project of self-transformation. In so doing, she contends, women's writing was the first modern literary category to capitalize transnationally on the virtue of identity.

Pamela L. Cheek is Professor of French and Comparative Literature at the University of New Mexico and author of Sexual Antipodes: Enlightenment Globalization and the Placing of Sex.

“Cheek interweaves familiar texts with a great many others that few of us have read to illuminate how networks of women writers in the long eighteenth century involved each other in literary projects of female identity. This book opens so many roads of discovery that we will profit from it for a long time.”
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Songs and Their Uses
Jennifer Rushworth

In Proust’s Songbook, Jennifer Rushworth analyzes and theorizes the presence and role of songs in Marcel Proust’s novel À la recherche du temps perdu (In Search of Lost Time). Instead of focusing on instrumental music and large-scale forms such as symphonies and opera, as is common in Proust musical studies, Rushworth argues for the centrality of songs and lyrics in Proust’s opus. Her work analyzes the ways in which the author inserted songs at key turning points in his novel and how he drew inspiration from contemporary composers and theorists of song. Rushworth presents detailed readings of five moments of song in À la recherche du temps perdu, highlighting the songs’ significance by paying close attention to their lyrics, music, composers, and histories.

Rushworth interprets these episodes through theoretical reflections on song and voice, drawing particularly from the works of Reynaldo Hahn and Roland Barthes. She argues that songs in Proust’s novel are connected and resonate with one another across the different volumes yet also shows how song for Proust is a solo, amateur, and intimate affair. In addition, she points to Proust’s juxtapositions of songs with meditations on the notion of “mauvaise musique” (bad music) to demonstrate the existence of a blurred boundary between songs that are popular and songs that are art.

According to Rushworth, a song for Proust has a special relation to repetition and memory due to its typical brevity and that song itself becomes a mode of resistance in À la recherche—especially on the part of characters in the face of family and familial expectations. She also defines the songs in Proust’s novel as songs of farewell—noting that to sing farewell is a means to resist the very parting that is being expressed—and demonstrates how songs, in formal terms, resist the forward impetus of narrative.

Jennifer Rushworth is Associate Professor in French and Comparative Literature at University College London.

SOUND IN HISTORY
Rhetoric, Poetics, and Literary Historiography
The Formation of a Discipline at the Turn of the Nineteenth Century
Stefan H. Uhlig

In *Rhetoric, Poetics, and Literary Historiography*, Stefan H. Uhlig offers a new account of the emergence of literary studies. Most histories of the early years of the field search for unifying origins of literature as a discipline and object of study. Turning to the decades around 1800, Uhlig reveals that the inception of the literary field was instead defined by intellectual diversity and contestation. He draws on an array of European writers to show how three schools of literary study—rhetoric teaching, theories of poetry, and literary history—emerged and clashed during this time, offering near-contemporaneous, yet divergent, visions of how to understand literature. Rhetoric and poetics thwarted criticism, to different ends, while literary historiography proved institutionally reassuring, yet less useful as a tool for textual understanding. *Rhetoric, Poetics, and Literary Historiography* traces current debates in literary studies back to this formative moment, serving as a guide to past and present controversies.

Stefan H. Uhlig is Associate Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of California, Davis.

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In Christian Images and Their Jewish Desecrators, historian Katherine Aron-Beller analyzes folk tales, legal proceedings, and religious art to identify narratives alleging that Jews committed violence against images of Christ, Mary, and the disciples, which flourished between the fifth and seventeenth centuries. She then explores how these narratives manifested differently across the continent and over centuries, finding that their potency reflected not Jewish actions, but Christians’ own concerns about slipping into idolatry when viewing religious art.

By examining how desecration allegations affected Jewish individuals and communities spanning Byzantium, medieval England, France, Germany, and early modern Spain and Italy, Katherine Aron-Beller demonstrates that this charge was a powerful expression of the Christian majority’s anxiety around committing idolatry and their eagerness to participate in practices of veneration that revolved around visual images—an anxiety that evolved through the centuries and persists to this day.

Katherine Aron-Beller is a lecturer in Jewish History at the Rothberg International School of the Hebrew University and at Tel Aviv University. She is the author of Jews on Trial: The Papal Inquisition in Modena 1598–1638 and the co-editor of The Roman Inquisition: Centre versus Peripheries. Since 2020 she has been a Visiting Scholar of the Stephen Roth Institute for the Study of Contemporary Antisemitism and Racism.
Between the Bridge and the Barricade
Jewish Translation in Early Modern Europe
Iris Idelson-Shein

*Between the Bridge and the Barricade* explores how translations of non-Jewish texts into Jewish languages impacted Jewish culture, literature, and history from the sixteenth century into modern times. Offering a comprehensive view of early modern Jewish translation, Iris Idelson-Shein charts major paths of textual migration from non-Jewish to Jewish literatures, analyzes translators’ motives, and identifies the translational norms distinctive to Jewish translation. Through an analysis of translations hosted in the Jewish Translation and Cultural Transfer (JEWTACT) database, Idelson-Shein reveals for the first time the liberal translational norms that allowed for early modern Jewish translators to make intensely creative and radical departures from the source texts—from “Judaizing” names, places, motifs, and language to mistranslating and omitting material both deliberately and accidently. Through this process of translation, Jewish translators created a new library of works that closely corresponded with the surrounding majority cultures yet was uniquely Jewish in character.

As a site of intense negotiation between different cultures, communities, religions, readers, genres, and languages, these translations become an ideal entry point into the complex relationships between early modern Christians and Jews. At the same time, they also pose a significant challenge for modern-day scholars. But, for the careful reader, who can navigate the labyrinth of unacknowledged translations of non-Jewish sources into Jewish languages, there awaits a terrain of surprising intercultural encounters between Jews and Christians. *Between the Bridge and the Barricade* uncovers the hitherto hidden non-Jewish corpus that, Idelson-Shein contends, played a decisive role in shaping early modern Jewish culture.

Iris Idelson-Shein is Associate Professor of Jewish History at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev. She is author of *Difference of a Different Kind: Jewish Constructions of Race During the Long Eighteenth Century*, also available from the University of Pennsylvania Press.
And the Sages Did Not Know
Early Rabbinic Approaches to Intersex

Sarra Lev

Although the rabbis of the first two centuries CE divided the world into men and women, they recognized that some people are born with characteristics that do not fit these categories. In And the Sages Did Not Know, Sarra Lev analyzes seven different rabbinic responses to this conflict of their own making. Through their rulings on how intersex people should conduct themselves in multiple circumstances, the early rabbis treat intersex people as unidentifiable males or females, as indeterminate, as male, as non-gendered, as sui generis, as part-male/part-female, as a sustainable paradox, and, finally, as a way for them to think about gender, having nothing to do with intersex people themselves.

Lev demonstrates these materials offer us a window into how one small group of people approached intersex bodies, and how those approaches were both similar to and different from those we recognize today.

Sarra Lev is Professor of Rabbinics and Chair of the Department of Rabbinic Civilization at Reconstructionist Rabbinical College and Jewish Reconstructionist Communities.

“With this meticulous and erudite study of the early rabbinic texts about the figure of the nonbinary body, the androginos, Sarra Lev offers a compelling case for using the late ancient material in the contemporary conversation about intersex embodiment. Lev beautifully weaves together the rabbinic legal discourse with contemporary intersex voices, thereby crafting a space of possibility for a different future for these late ancient Jewish texts. A critical contribution toward contending with the Jewish and—by implication—with the U.S. binary sex/gender system of law.”

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Circumventing the Law
Rabbinic Perspectives on Loopholes and Legal Integrity

Elana Stein Hain

Circumventing the Law probes the rabbinic logic behind the use of loopholes, the legal phenomenon of finding and using gaps within Jewish law to achieve otherwise illegal outcomes. Such logic underpins both well-known circumventions, such as selling leaven before Passover, and lesser-known mechanisms, such as designating an animal intended for sacrifice “blemished” before its birth to allow it to be slaughtered for food instead. Such logic appears throughout rabbinic literature, with different rabbis adding nuance and context to specific cases over time. Elana Stein Hain shows how, instead of consistently accepting or rejecting loopholes, rabbis judged loopholes’ permissibility by the value of the outcome and the legal integrity of the process. Additionally, rabbinic attitudes toward loopholing changed as a more subjective sense of both intentionality and the self ascended within rabbinic thought. This evolution shifted understandings of the definition of integrity, a term that influences study of religious and secular law to this day.

Elana Stein Hain is the Rosh Beit Midrash and a Senior Fellow at the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America, where she leads research and curriculum development in the Kogod Research Center for Contemporary Jewish Thought and serves as lead faculty for the Institute’s educational programming.

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Jews and Finance in England, 1650–1830
Avinoam Yuval-Naeh

One of the most persistent, powerful, and dangerous notions in the history of the Jews in the diaspora is the prodigious talent attributed to them in all things economic. This association has become so natural that we often overlook the history behind its development.

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Avinoam Yuval-Naeh is a post-doctoral fellow at the University of Haifa. He is the author of articles in The Journal of Early Modern History and Historia.

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Modernism, Philosemitism, and Jews in a Postwar City
Frances Tanzer

In *Vanishing Vienna*, Frances Tanzer traces the reconstruction of Viennese culture from the 1938 German annexation through the early 1960s. Rather than presenting the Nazi, exile, and postwar periods as discrete chapters of Vienna's history, the book demonstrates that they are part of a continuous spectrum of cultural evolution.

As Tanzer shows, antisemitism and philosemitism were not contradictory forces in post-Nazi Austrian culture, but deeply interconnected aspirations in a city where nostalgia for the past dominated cultural reconstruction efforts. Viennese nostalgia at times concealed the perpetuation of antisemitic fantasies of the city without Jews. At the same time, the postwar desire to return to a pre-Nazi past relied upon notions of Austrian culture that had been perfected in exile, as well as on the symbolic remigration of a mostly imagined "Jewish" culture. *Vanishing Vienna* reveals the foundational role philosemitism played in the effort to reimagine urban culture after the Holocaust.

Frances Tanzer is Rose Professor of Holocaust Studies and Modern Jewish Culture at Clark University. She is the author of articles in *Contemporary European History* and *The Leo Baeck Institute Year Book*.

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Ambiguity, Hermeneutics, and the Formations of Religious Identity in Islam
Tehseen Thaver

In this groundbreaking book, Tehseen Thaver offers a fundamental reevaluation of how one should think about the relationship between the Qur’an, Shi’ism, and religious identity. Beyond Sectarianism focuses on the literary Arabic Qur’an exegesis of the highly influential yet less studied poet, historian, and exegete al-Sharif al-Radi (d. 1015). Al-Radi’s fascinating interpretations sought to resolve Qur’anic ambiguities or mutashabihat.

Although he was marked as a Shi’i scholar, the interpretive and political horizons that informed al-Radi’s scholarly endeavors could not be reduced to predetermined templates of sectarian identity. Rather, Thaver argues, al-Radi was an active participant and beneficiary of critical intellectual currents and debates that animated the wider Muslim humanities during his life, especially on questions of language, poetry, and theology. Thaver thus leads her readers to reconsider their assumptions about the interaction of sectarian identity and scriptural interpretation in the study of Islam and religion.

Tehseen Thaver is Assistant Professor of Religion/Islam at Princeton University. She is author of articles in journals such as the Journal of Qur’anic Studies and the Journal of the Royal Asiatic Society.

“One of the best works to appear in Islamic studies recently. Tehseen Thaver offers a profound, theoretically engaging study of medieval Islamic identity and hermeneutics. This is a must for any reader of Islamic intellectual history.”
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Omer Aijazi is a critical disaster studies scholar and decolonial ethnographer with long-term commitments in Kashmir and Northern Pakistan. He is a Lecturer in Disasters and Climate Crisis at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute, University of Manchester.

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