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How Technology, Politics, Finance, and Race Reshaped the City

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The people, plans, and purposes behind the second great era of the Chicago skyscraper

“A worthy successor to the pathbreaking work of Carl Condit, this deeply researched volume explores the architectural design, structure and equipment of tall buildings in Chicago from the 1930s into the 1980s in their full and complex relationship to changing economic, social, and political realities in the city.”

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From skyline-defining icons to wonders of the world, the second period of the Chicago skyscraper transformed the way Chicagoans lived and worked. Thomas Leslie’s comprehensive look at the modern skyscraper era views the skyscraper idea, and the buildings themselves, within the broad expanse of city history. As construction emerged from the Great Depression, structural, mechanical, and cladding innovations evolved while continuing to influence designs. But the truly radical changes concerned the motivations that drove construction. While profit remained key in the Loop, developers elsewhere in Chicago worked with a Daley political regime that saw tall buildings as tools for a wholesale recasting of the city’s appearance, demography, and economy. Focusing on both the wider cityscape and specific buildings, Leslie reveals skyscrapers to be the physical results of negotiations between motivating and mechanical causes.

Illustrated with more than 140 photographs, Chicago Skyscrapers, 1934–1986 tells the fascinating stories of the people, ideas, negotiations, decision-making, compromises, and strategies that changed the history of architecture and one of its showcase cities.

THOMAS LESLIE is an architect, educator, and author. His books include Beauty’s Rigor: Patterns of Production in the Work of Pier Luigi Nervi and Chicago Skyscrapers, 1871–1934.
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A New History of the 1673 Expedition

MARK WALCZYNSKI

Broadening our view of the explorers, their travels, and their time

“An authoritative and long-overdue treatment of the historic Jolliet-Marquette voyage of discovery. Walczynski reaffirms and explains what is good in past scholarship while demonstrating where the established histories went off the track. The guiding of the reader up the Illinois River on Marquette and Jolliet’s return trip is unparalleled and priceless.”

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Often viewed in isolation, the Jolliet and Marquette expedition in fact took place against a sprawling backdrop that encompassed everything from ancient Native American cities to French colonial machinations. Mark Walczynski draws on a wealth of original research to place the explorers and their journey within seventeenth-century North America. His account takes readers among the region’s diverse Native American peoples and into a vanished natural world of treacherous waterways and native flora and fauna. Walczynski also charts the little-known exploits of the French-Canadian officials, explorers, traders, soldiers, and missionaries who created the political and religious environment that formed Jolliet and Marquette and shaped European colonization of the heartland.

A multifaceted voyage into the past, Jolliet and Marquette expands and updates the oft-told story of a pivotal event in American history.

MARK WALCZYNSKI is a retired faculty member at Illinois Valley Community College and the Park Historian for the Starved Rock Foundation. He is the author of The History of Starved Rock.
MADE IN CHICAGO
Stories Behind 30 Great Hometown Bites

MONICA ENG and DAVID HAMMOND

Go beyond deep-dish with a portable guide to neighborhood favorites

“This is a must-read for any local who wants to understand what it means to ‘eat like a Chicagoan,’ but it’s also a fascinating history lesson about how waves of immigration have shaped our local diet over the years.”

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Generously illustrated with full-color photos, Made in Chicago provides locals and visitors alike with loving profiles of a great food city’s defining dishes.

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His Life and Legacy

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The multifaceted biography of the composer’s relationships and epic achievement

“Richly detailed, beautifully written, and as humane as it is observant, Howard Pollack’s biography paints a convincing portrait not only of Samuel Barber himself, but of the unique milieu that shaped his music and character. Sam began as my mentor and later became my colleague and friend; I recognize him throughout this remarkable book.”

—JOHN CORIGLIANO, Pulitzer Prize–winning composer

A pivotal twentieth-century composer, Samuel Barber earned a long list of honors and accolades that included two Pulitzer Prizes for Music and the public support of conductors like Arturo Toscanini, Serge Koussevitzky, and Leonard Bernstein. Barber’s works have since become standard concert repertoire and continue to flourish across high art and popular culture.

Acclaimed biographer Howard Pollack (Aaron Copland, George Gershwin) offers a multifaceted account of Barber’s life and music while placing the artist in his social and cultural milieu. Born into a musical family, Barber pursued his artistic ambitions from childhood. Pollack follows Barber’s path from his precocious youth through a career where, from the start, the composer consistently received prizes, fellowships, and other recognition. Stylistic analyses of works like the Adagio for Strings, the Violin Concerto, Knoxville: Summer of 1915 for voice and orchestra, the Piano Concerto, and the operas Vanessa and Antony and Cleopatra, stand alongside revealing accounts of the music’s commissioning, performance, reception, and legacy. Throughout, Pollack weaves in accounts of Barber’s encounters with colleagues like Aaron Copland and Francis Poulenc, performers from Eleanor Steber and Leontyne Price to Vladimir Horowitz and Van Cliburn, patrons, admirers, and a wide circle of eminent friends and acquaintances. He also provides an eloquent portrait of the composer’s decades-long relationship with the renowned opera composer Gian Carlo Menotti.

Informed by new interviews and immense archival research, Samuel Barber is a long-awaited critical and personal biography of a monumental figure in twentieth-century American music.

HOWARD POLLACK is John and Rebecca Moores Professor of Music at the University of Houston. His books include the award-winning Aaron Copland: The Life and Work of an Uncommon Man; George Gershwin: His Life and Work; Marc Blitzstein: His Life, His Work, His World; and The Ballad of John Latouche: An American Lyricist’s Life and Work.

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STRINGBEAN
The Life and Murder of a Country Music Legend

TAYLOR HAGOOD

The artist’s impact on country music and how his death changed the genre

“Stringbean was one of the very first friends Doolittle, my husband, and I made when we first came to Nashville in 1960. He and his wife Estelle were some of the nicest folks you could find anywhere. . . . It was heartbreaking when we lost him and his wife.”

—LORETTA LYNN

A beloved member of the country music community, David “Stringbean” Akeman found nationwide fame as a cast member of Hee Haw. The 1973 murder of Stringbean and his wife forever changed Nashville’s sense of itself. Millions of others mourned not only the slain couple but the passing of the way of life that country music had long represented.

Taylor Hagood merges the story of Stringbean’s life with an account of murder and courtroom drama. Mentored by Uncle Dave Macon and Bill Monroe, Stringbean was a bridge to country’s early days. His instrumental savvy and old-time singing style drew upon a deep love for traditional country music that, along with his humor and humanity, won him the reverence of younger artists and made his violent death all the more shocking. Hagood delves into the unexpected questions and uneasy resolutions raised by the atmosphere of retribution surrounding the murder trial and recounts the redemption story that followed decades later.

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“In Welcome 2 Houston, Langston Collin Wilkins examines hip hop’s deep connections to space, place, and heritage by weaving interviews, observations, and his own Houston upbringing into a richly informative and emotionally resonant work about an essential part of Black Americana.”

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A vivid journey through a southern hip hop bastion, Welcome 2 Houston offers readers an inside look at a unique musical culture.

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A first-ever history of early baseball in Illinois, Ballists, Dead Beats, and Muffins adds the Prairie State game’s unique shadings and colorful stories to the history of the national pastime.


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How the World’s Savviest League Brings the Court to Our Couch

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Breaking down the global success of a sports entertainment colossus

“Secular convincingly argues that in many respects the NBA is a frontrunner regarding its global media strategies and thus—similar to Netflix for fictional content—can be taken as a lens into the wider marketization and mediatization of sport in a global multi-platform environment.”

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A timely look at a dynamic media landscape, The Digital NBA shows how the games we love became content first and sport a distant second.

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Shared spaces of filmmaking

“Marc Yamada reveals how Kore-eda’s films connect to global audiences through their focus on figures like children suffering from neglect and families surviving at the bottom of the socioeconomic ladder. Yamada provides new approaches toward understanding Kore-eda’s work in terms of a broader critique of neoliberalism.”

—MITSUYO WADA-MARCIANO, author of Nippon Modern: Japanese Cinema of the 1920s and 1930s

Films like Shoplifters and After the Storm have made Kore-eda Hirokazu one of the most acclaimed auteurs working today. Critics often see Kore-eda as a director steeped in the Japanese tradition defined by Yasujirō Ozu. Marc Yamada, however, views Kore-eda’s work in relation to the same socioeconomic concerns explored by other contemporary international filmmakers. Yamada reveals that a type of excess, not the minimalism associated with traditional aesthetics, defines Kore-eda’s trademark humanism. This excess manifests in small moments when a desire for human connection exceeds the logic of the institutions and policies formed by the neoliberal values that have shaped modern-day Japan. As Yamada shows, Kore-eda captures the shared spaces formed by bodies that move, perform, and assemble in ways that express the humanistic impulse at the core of the filmmaker’s expanding worldwide appeal.

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THE CINEMA OF BARBARA STANWYCK
Twenty-Six Short Essays on a Working Star

CATHERINE RUSSELL

An innovative from-all-sides look at the hardest-working actress in Hollywood

“Catherine Russell’s inventive study of Barbara Stanwyck’s long, fascinating career as a ‘working star’ offers a tantalizing model for other feminist histories of women’s work in the film industry. Achronological and essayistic, Russell’s approach weaves back and forth between Stanwyck’s onscreen roles, her star persona, and her working life to document what Russell calls ‘the structural misogyny of the industry.’”

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From The Lady Eve, to The Big Valley, Barbara Stanwyck played parts that showcased her multidimensional talents but also illustrated the limits imposed on women in film and television. Catherine Russell’s A to Z consideration of the iconic actress analyzes twenty-six facets of Stanwyck and the America of her times. Russell examines Stanwyck’s work onscreen against the backdrop of costuming and other aspects of filmmaking. But she also views the actress’s off-screen performance within the Hollywood networks that made her an industry favorite and longtime cornerstone of the moviemaking community. Russell’s montage approach coalesces into an engrossing portrait of a singular artist whose intelligence and savvy placed her center-stage in the production of her films and in the debates around women, femininity, and motherhood that roiled mid-century America.

Original and rich, The Cinema of Barbara Stanwyck is an essential and entertaining reexamination of an enduring Hollywood star.

CATHERINE RUSSELL is Distinguished University Research Professor of Cinema at Concordia University. Her books include Archiveology: Walter Benjamin and Archival Film Practices and Classical Japanese Cinema Revisited.
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Historical Trauma in Coal-Mining Communities

PAUL A. SHACKEL

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Once a busy if impoverished center for the anthracite coal industry, northeastern Pennsylvania exists today as a region suffering inexorable decline—racked by economic hardship and rampant opioid abuse, abandoned by young people, and steeped in xenophobic fear. Paul A. Shackel merges analysis with oral history to document the devastating effects of a lifetime of structural violence on the people who have stayed behind. Heroic stories of workers facing the dangers of underground mining stand beside accounts of people living their lives in a toxic environment and battling deprivation and starvation by foraging, bartering, and relying on the good will of neighbors. As Shackel reveals the effects of these long-term traumas, he sheds light on people’s poor health and lack of well-being. The result is a valuable on-the-ground perspective that expands our understanding of the social fracturing, economic decay, and anger afflicting many communities across the United States.

Insightful and dramatic, The Ruined Anthracite combines archaeology, documentary research, and oral history to render the ongoing human cost of environmental devastation and unchecked capitalism.

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LABOR HISTORY

THE WAY WE BUILD
Restoring Dignity to Construction Work

MARK ERLICH
The past, present, and future of construction work

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—JEFF GRABELSKY, The Worker Institute at Cornell ILR

The construction trades once provided unionized craftsmen a route to the middle class and a sense of pride and dignity often denied other blue-collar workers. Today, union members still earn wages and benefits that compare favorably to those of college graduates. But as union strength has declined over the last fifty years, a growing non-union sector offers lower compensation and more hazardous conditions, undermining the earlier tradition of upward mobility. Revitalization of the industry depends on unions shedding past racial and gender discriminatory practices, embracing organizing, diversity, and the new immigrant workforce, and preparing for technological changes.

Mark Erlich blends long-view history with his personal experience inside the building trades to explain one of our economy’s least understood sectors. Erlich’s multifaceted account includes the dynamics of the industry, the backdrop of union policies, and powerful stories of everyday life inside the trades. He offers a much-needed overview of construction’s past and present while exploring roads to the future.

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Reconciling Identity in Global Mormonism

HAZEL O’BRIEN

Latter-day Saints in Ireland’s fragmenting religious landscape

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is one of the international religions that have arrived from abroad to find adherents in Ireland. Drawing on fieldwork in two LDS communities, Hazel O’Brien explores how these adherents experience the Church in Ireland against the backdrop of the country’s increasingly complex religious identity. Irish Latter-day Saints live on the margins of the nation’s religious life and the worldwide LDS movement. Nonetheless, they create a sense of belonging for themselves by drawing on collective memories of both their Irishness and their faith. As O’Brien shows, Irish Latter-day Saints work to shift the understanding of Ireland’s religious landscape away from a predominant focus on Roman Catholicism. They also challenge Utah-based constructions of Mormonism in order to ensure their place in the Church’s powerful religious and cultural lineage.

Examining the Latter-day Saint experience against one nation’s rapid social and religious changes, Irish Mormons blends participant observation and interviews with analysis to offer a rare view of the Latter-day Saints in contemporary Ireland.

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Despite uncertain beginnings, public broadcasting emerged as a noncommercial media industry that transformed American culture. Josh Shepperd looks at the people, institutions, and influences behind the media reform movement and clearinghouse the National Association of Educational Broadcasters (NAEB) in the drive to create what became the Public Broadcasting Service and National Public Radio.

Founded in 1934, the NAEB began as a disorganized collection of under-supported university broadcasters. Shepperd traces the setbacks, small victories, and trial-and-error experiments that took place as thousands of advocates built a media coalition premised on the belief that technology could ease social inequality through equal access to education and information. The bottom-up, decentralized network they created implemented a different economy of scale and a vision of a mass media divorced from commercial concerns. At the same time, they transformed advice, criticism, and methods adopted from other sectors into an infrastructure that supported public broadcasting in the 1960s and beyond.

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Allen critically assesses the many new approaches and causes that Cooper championed: introducing celebrity news and colorful features to a service previously known for stodgy reliability, pushing through disruptive technological innovations like the instantaneous transmission of news photos, and leading a crusade to bring American-style press freedom—inseparable from private ownership, in Cooper’s view—to every country. His insistence on truthfulness and impartiality presents a sharp contrast to much of today’s fractured journalistic landscape.

Deeply researched and engagingly written, Mr. Associated Press traces Cooper’s career as he built a new foundation for the modern AP and shaped the twentieth-century world of news.

GENE ALLEN is a professor emeritus of journalism at Toronto Metropolitan University. He is the author of Making National News: A History of Canadian Press.
JUST ENOUGH TO PUT HIM AWAY DECENT

Death Care, Life Extension, and the Making of a Healthier South, 1900–1955

KRISTINE M. MCCUSKER

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In the aftermath of the Spanish-American War, the United States’ acquisition of an overseas empire compelled the nation to reconsider the boundary between domestic and foreign—and between nation and empire. William D. Riddell looks at the experiences of merchant sailors and labor organizations to illuminate how domestic class conflict influenced America’s emerging imperial system. Maritime workers crossed ever-shifting boundaries that forced them to reckon with the collision of different labor systems and markets. Formed into labor organizations like the Sailor’s Union of the Pacific and the International Seaman’s Union of America, they contested the U.S.’s relationship to its empire while capitalists in the shipping industry sought to impose their own ideas.

Sophisticated and innovative, On the Waves of Empire reveals how maritime labor and shipping capital stitched together, tore apart, and re-stitched the seams of empire.

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WHOSE AMERICA?
U.S. Immigration Policy since 1980

Edited by MARIA CRISTINA GARCIA and MADDALENA MARINARI

How decades of policy and practice reflect immigration priorities

“A truly significant contribution to the field, especially the chapters that offer historically grounded approaches to policies and events with great contemporary importance and interest. Very few other books accomplish that feat.”


A centerpiece of contemporary politics, draconian immigration policies have been long in the making. Maria Cristina Garcia and Maddalena Marinari edit works that examine the post-1980 response of legislation and policy to issues like undocumented immigration, economic shifts, national security, and human rights. Contributors engage with a wide range of ideas, including the effect of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act and other laws on the flow of migrants and forms of entry; the impact of neoliberalism and post–Cold War political realignment; the complexities of policing and border enforcement; and the experiences of immigrant groups in communities across the United States.

Up-to-date yet rooted in history, Whose America? provides a sophisticated account of recent immigration policy while mapping the ideological struggle to answer an essential question: which people have the right to make America their home or refuge?

MARIA CRISTINA GARCIA is the Howard A. Newman Professor of American Studies at Cornell University. She is the author of The Refugee Challenge in Post–Cold War America. MADDALENA MARINARI is an associate professor in history; gender, women, and sexuality studies; and peace studies at Gustavus Adolphus College. She is the author of Unwanted: Italian and Jewish Mobilization against Restrictive Immigration Laws, 1882–1965. Garcia and Marinari are two of the coeditors of A Nation of Immigrants Reconsidered: US Society in an Age of Restriction, 1924–1965.
MAKING THE IMMIGRANT SOLDIER
How Race, Ethnicity, Class, and Gender Intersect in the US Military

CRISTINA-IOANA DRAGOMIR
How the armed services naturalize immigrant enlistees

“An important work. The stories of Lily, Alexa, and Vikrant are extraordinarily compelling. By the time I arrived at the conclusions, I felt I knew them personally and had developed a sense of the lived experience of immigrant life in the military and after military service, including its complex trade-offs for socioeconomic mobility. We clearly need an intersectional lens to disentangle these experiences and their connection to citizenship.”

—NOELLE BRIGDEN, author of The Migrant Passage: Clandestine Journeys from Central America

Immigrants to the United States have long used the armed forces as a shortcut to citizenship. Cristina-Ioana Dragomir profiles Lily, Alexa, and Vikrant, three immigrants of varying nationalities and backgrounds who chose military service as their way of becoming American citizens. Privileging the trio’s own words and experiences, Dragomir crafts a human-focused narrative that moves from their lives in their home countries and decisions to join the military to their fraught naturalization processes within the service. Dragomir illuminates how race, ethnicity, class, and gender impacted their transformation from immigrant to soldier, veteran, and American. She also explores how these factors both eased their journeys and created obstacles that complicated their access to healthcare, education, economic resources, and other forms of social justice.

A compelling union of analysis and rich storytelling, Making the Immigrant Soldier traces the complexities of serving in the military in order to pursue the American dream.

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WORKERS OF ALL COLORS
UNITE
Race and the Origins of American Socialism

LORENZO COSTAGUTA

White supremacy versus colorblind internationalism during the Gilded Age

“Lorenzo Costaguta has produced an important book that reimagines the history of labor, racism and antiracism, socialism, and the post–Civil War United States. An extraordinary work.”

—ANGELA ZIMMERMAN, author of Alabama in Africa: Booker T. Washington, the German Empire, and the Globalization of the New South

As the United States transformed into an industrial superpower, American socialists faced the vexing question of how to approach race. Lorenzo Costaguta balances intellectual and institutional history to illuminate the clash between two major points of view. On one side, some believed labor should accept and apply the ascendant tenets of scientific theories of race. But others stood with International Workingmen’s Association leaders J. P. McDonnell and F. A. Sorge in rejecting the idea that racial and ethnic division influenced worker-employer relations, arguing instead that class played the preeminent role.

Costaguta charts the socialist movement’s journey through the conflict and down a path that ultimately abandoned scientific racism in favor of an internationalist class-focused American socialism. As he shows, the shift had a paradoxical effect: while distancing American socialism from the most hideous forms of white supremacy, it made the movement blind to the racist nature of American capitalism. The position that emerged out of the Gilded Age became American socialism’s most common approach to race in the twentieth century and beyond.

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CARCERAL LIBERALISM
Feminist Voices against State Violence

Edited by SHREEREKHA PILLAI
Foreword by Demita Frazier

Offering feminist carceral studies a valuable new analytical lens

“A uniquely valuable intervention. Those of us—and I would say that is the majority of us who live our lives ‘in freedom’—are importuned by the book’s address, to wake up, to care, because what we perceive as our ‘freedom’ made available, so we think, as a consequence of living in the crucible of liberal ideals and beliefs—is inextricably bound up with the logics of incarceration.”

—FAWZIA AFZAL-KHAN, author of Siren Song: Understanding Pakistan Through Its Women Singers

Carceral liberalism emerges from the confluence of neoliberalism, carcerality, and patriarchy to construct a powerful ruse disguised as freedom. It waves the feminist flag while keeping most women still at the margins. It speaks of a post-race society while one in three Black men remain incarcerated. It sings the praises of capital while the dispossessed remain mired in debt.

Shreerekha Pillai edits essays on carceral liberalism that continue the trajectory of the Combahee River Collective and the many people inspired by its vision of feminist solidarity and radical liberation. Academics, activists, writers, and a formerly incarcerated social worker look at feminist resurgence and resistance within, at the threshold of, and outside state violence; observe and record direct and indirect forms of carcerality sponsored by the state and shaped by state structures, traditions, and actors; and critique carcerality. Acclaimed poets like Honorée Fanonne Jeffers and Solmaz Sharif amplify the volume’s themes in works that bookend each section.

Cutting-edge yet historically grounded, Carceral Liberalism examines an American ideological creation that advances imperialism, anti-blackness, capitalism, and patriarchy.

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VIRGIN CROSSING BORDERS
Feminist Resistance and Solidarity in Translation

EMEK ERGUN

Bringing translation from the margins to the center of thinking on transnational feminism

“Ergun makes a convincing case for how essential translation is for transnational feminism and provides a unique, behind-the-scenes look at what translations can do. This book left me feeling inspired and even hopeful—a rare experience in these troubling times.”

—KATHY DAVIS, author of The Making of Our Bodies, Ourselves: How Feminism Travels across Borders

The Turkish-language release of Hanne Blank’s Virgin: The Untouched History is a politically engaged translation aimed at disrupting Turkey’s heteropatriarchal virginity codes. In Virgin Crossing Borders, Emek Ergun maps how she crafted her rendering of the text and draws on her experience and the book’s impact to investigate the interventionist power of feminist translation.

Ergun’s comparative framework reveals translation’s potential to facilitate cross-border flows of feminist theories, empower feminist interventions, connect feminist activists across differences and divides, and forge transnational feminist solidarities. As she considers hopeful and woeful pictures of border crossings, Ergun invites readers to revise their views of translation’s role in transnational feminism and examine their own potential as ethically and politically responsible agents willing to search for new meanings.

Sophisticated and compelling, Virgin Crossing Borders reveals translation’s vital role in exchanges of feminist theories, stories, and knowledge.

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CARE ACTIVISM

Migrant Domestic Workers, Movement-Building, and Communities of Care

ETHEL TUNGOHAN

Care-based activism in the words and experiences of people creating it and living it

“A fascinating read. The way the author tells the stories, braiding histories and contemporary resonances together, creates an imaginative and successful narrative of care activism in Canada and transnationally. Tungohan underscores that, regardless of the vision and underlying motives of migrant care worker movements, they are invested in caring for one another. Her book shows us that perhaps activism isn’t at all separate from caring and that perhaps radical care can and should be a part of radical movement building.”

—VALERIE FRANCISCO-MENCHAVEZ, author of The Labor of Care: Filipina Migrants and Transnational Families in the Digital Age

Care activism challenges the stereotype of downtrodden migrant caregivers by showing that care workers have distinct ways of caring for themselves, for each other, and for the larger transnational community of care workers and their families. Ethel Tungohan illuminates how the goals and desires of migrant care worker activists goes beyond political considerations like policy changes and overturning power structures. Through practices of subversive friendships and being there for each other, care activism acts as an extension of the daily work that caregivers do, oftentimes also instilling practices of resistance and critical hope among care workers. At the same time, the communities created by care activism help migrant caregivers survive and even thrive in the face of arduous working and living conditions and the pains surrounding family separation. As Tungohan shows, care activism also unifies caregivers to resist society’s legal and economic devaluations of care and domestic work by reaffirming a belief that they, and what they do, are important and necessary.

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WOMEN’S ACTIVIST THEATRE IN JAMAICA AND SOUTH AFRICA

Gender, Race, and Performance Space

NICOSIA SHAKES

Seeing theater as a crucible of feminist, womanist, and Black thought and creativity

“A provocative ethnographic look at some of the most influential Black women’s theatre collectives in the world. Focusing on Jamaica and South Africa, Shakes takes us on a journey into the world of theater for social change, emphasizing the ways that Black women have chosen use performance and embodiment to agitate for rights and speak out against multiple forms of violence.”

—CHRISTEN A. SMITH, author of Afro-Paradise: Blackness, Violence, and Performance in Brazil

Theater is an essential theoretical and practical site for forging Black radical thought, Africana feminisms, and womanism. Nicosia Shakes draws on ethnographic research in Jamaica and South Africa to analyze the vital relationship between activism and theater production. Concentrating on four performance events, Shakes situates the work of theater groups and projects within a trajectory of women-led social justice movements established in Jamaica, South Africa, and globally from the early 2000s to the present. Her analysis reveals movements driven by Black women’s artistic, intellectual, and organizational labor and focused on issues that range from sexual violence to reproductive justice to the spatial manifestations of racial, gender, and economic oppression. Shakes shows how theater’s political and pedagogical roles become entangled with histories and geographies of oppression and resistance; the identities and connections created by movements of people in the context of colonial and settler colonial histories; and ideas of womanism and feminism.

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CIRCLE OF WINNERS
How the Guggenheim Foundation Composition Awards Shaped American Music Culture

DENISE VON GLAHN
An in-depth look at an essential institution’s influence on twentieth-century American music

“Denise Von Glahn’s intricately researched new book deftly explains and exposes the inner workings of a culturally influential old boy’s network—one we think we know, but of which we actually still know too little—and reveals the potential advantages and disadvantages that this set of circumstances brought about. Circle of Winners is a timely historical narrative within our current moment of cultural reckoning.”

—AMY C. BEAL, author of Johanna Beyer

An essential high culture institution, the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation has both supported and molded American musical culture. Denise Von Glahn examines the Foundation and its immense influence from the organization’s prehistory and origins through the onset of World War II.

Funded by the Guggenheim mining fortune, the Foundation took early shape from the efforts of Carroll Wilson, Frank Aydelotte, and Henry Allen Moe—three Rhodes Scholars who initially struggled to envision and implement the organization’s ambitious goals. Von Glahn also examines the career of the longtime musical advisor Thomas Whitney Surette while profiling early awardees Aaron Copland, Ruth Crawford Seeger, William Grant Still, Roger Sessions, George Antheil, and Carlos Chávez. She examines the processes behind their selection, their values and aesthetics, and their relationships with the insiders and others who championed their work.

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DANZÓN DAYS
Age, Race, and Romance in Mexico

HETTIE MALCOMSON

An ethnography of danzón history and practice in Veracruz

“Malcomson provides a superb ethnographic study of ambivalence in lived experience: danzón is disciplinary and jealously competitive, yet it gives aficionados room to be creative and convivial, and to weave identities around narratives of blackness and race mixture, local histories, and personal trajectories. A brilliant exploration of how people navigate the contradictions of everyday life.”

—PETER WADE, coeditor of Against Racism: Organizing for Social Change in Latin America

Older people negotiating dance routines, intimacy, and racialized differences provide a focal point for an ethnography of danzón in Veracruz, the Mexican city closely associated with the music-dance genre. Hettie Malcomson draws upon on-site research with semi-professional musicians and amateur dancers to reveal how danzón connects, and does not connect, to blackness, joyousness, nostalgia, ageing, and romance. Challenging pervasive utopian views of danzón, Malcomson uses the idea of ambivalence to explore the frictions and opportunities created by seemingly contrary sentiments, ideas, sensations, and impulses. Interspersed with experimental ethnographic vignettes, her account takes readers into black and mestizo elements of local identity in Veracruz, nostalgic and newer styles of music and dance, and the friendships, romances, and rivalries at the heart of regular danzón performance and its complex social world.

Fine-grained and evocative, Danzón Days journeys to one of the genre’s essential cities to provide new perspectives on aging and romance and new explorations of nostalgia and ambivalence.

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FLACO’S LEGACY
The Globalization of Conjunto

ERIN E. BAUER

Charting the worldwide expansion of a regional music genre

A combination of button accordion and bajo sexto, conjunto originated in the Texas-Mexico borderlands as a popular dance music and became a powerful form of regional identity. Today, listeners and musicians around the world have embraced the genre and the work of conjunto masters like Flaco Jiménez and Mingo Saldívar.

Erin E. Bauer follows conjunto from its local origins through three processes of globalization—migration via media, hybridization, and appropriation—that boosted the music’s reach. As Bauer shows, conjunto’s encounter with globalizing forces raises fundamental questions. What is conjunto stylistically and socioculturally? Does context change how we categorize it? Do we consider the music to be conjunto based on its musical characteristics or due to its performance by Jiménez and other regional players? How do similar local genres like Tejano and norteño relate to ideas of categorization?

A rare look at a fascinating musical phenomenon, Flaco’s Legacy reveals how conjunto came to encompass new people, places, and styles.

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GRAYCEFUL RESISTANCE
How Capoeiristas Use Their Art for Activism and Community Engagement

LAUREN MILLER GRIFFITH

The potent connection between the Afro-Brazilian art form and social action in the United States

“Griffith provides a rich and convincing account of the often surprising connections between the practices, orientations and ‘affective habitus’ of capoeira and social justice struggles. This compelling argument is based on years of ethnographic observant participation and countless hours of interviews with diverse practitioners. The end result is an engaging, highly readable, thoroughly enjoyable, yet always seriously scholarly account of capoeira and its place and work in culture and society—an account that is as surprising, dynamic, and graceful as capoeira itself.”

—PAUL BOWMAN, author of The Invention of Martial Arts: Popular Culture between Asia and America

Capoeira began as a martial art developed by enslaved Afro-Brazilians. Today, the practice incorporates song, dance, acrobatics, and theatrical improvisation—and leads many participants into activism.

Lauren Miller Griffith’s extensive participant observation with multiple capoeira groups informs her ethnography of capoeiristas—both individuals and groups—in the United States. Griffith follows practitioners beyond their physical training into social justice activities that illuminate capoeira’s strong connection to resistance and subversion. As both individuals and communities of capoeiristas, participants march against racial discrimination, celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth, organize professional clothing drives for job seekers, and pursue economic and environmental justice in their neighborhoods. For these people, capoeira becomes a type of serious leisure that contributes to personal growth, a sense of belonging, and an overall sense of self, while also imposing duties and obligations.

An innovative look at capoeira in America, Graceful Resistance reveals how the practicing of an art can catalyze action and transform communities.

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PUBLIC WORKERS IN SERVICE OF AMERICA
A Reader
Edited by FREDERICK W. GOODING JR. and ERIC S. YELLIN

Groundbreaking research on a vital yet underappreciated workforce

“Public Workers in Service of America is a fascinating and consequential history of public sector-work that demonstrates how public employees from diverse backgrounds have fought to define their rights over time and in a wide variety of occupations. It contributes to an essential conversation about the need for a robust and inclusive public workforce in a nation that often uncritically embraces the private sector.”

—MARGARET C. RUNG, author of Servants of the State: Managing Diversity and Democracy in the Federal Workforce, 1933–1953

From white-collar executives to mail carriers, public workers meet the needs of the entire nation. Frederick W. Gooding Jr. and Eric S. Yellin edit a collection of essays on this understudied workforce. Part One begins in the late nineteenth- and early twentieth century to explore how questions of race, class, and gender shaped public workers, their workplaces, and their place in American democracy. In Part Two, essayists examine race and gender discrimination while revealing the subtle contemporary forms of marginalization that keep Black men and Black and white women underpaid and overlooked for promotion. The historic labor actions detailed in Part Three illuminate how city employees organized not only for better pay and working conditions but to seek recognition from city officials, the public, and the national labor movement. Part Four focuses on nurses and teachers to address the thorny question of whether certain groups deserve premium pay for their irreplaceable work and sacrifices or if serving the greater good is a reward unto itself.

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TRANSNATIONAL COMMUNISM ACROSS THE AMERICAS

Edited by MARC BECKER, MARGARET POWER, TONY WOOD, and JACOB A. ZUMOFF

How transnational connections between and among communist parties influenced the Latin American left

“An important contribution for those interested in studying the Latin American politics of the twentieth century and for those who study the global history of communism. These works develop different transnational perspectives that inspire us to think about the exchanges of ideas and people between the communist world and the Latin American left, and the challenges and dilemmas that these experiences faced.”

—ALDO MARCHESI, author of Latin America’s Radical Left: Rebellion and Cold War in the Global 1960s

Transnational Communism across the Americas offers an innovative approach to the study of Latin American communism. It convincingly illustrates that communist parties were both deeply rooted in their own local realities and maintained significant relationships with other communists across the region and around the world. The essays in this collection use a transnational lens to examine the relationships of the region’s communist parties with each other, their international counterparts, and non-communist groups dedicated to anti-imperialism, women’s rights, and other causes. Topics include the shifting relationship between Mexican communists and the Comintern, Black migrant workers in the Caribbean, race relations in Cuba, Latin American communists in the USSR, Luis Carlos Prestes in Brazil, the U.S. and Puerto Rican communist and nationalist parties, peace activist networks in Latin America, communist women in Guatemala, transnational student groups, and guerrillas in El Salvador.

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WITH FREEDOM IN OUR EARS
Histories of Jewish Anarchism
Edited by ANNA ELENA TORRES and KENYON ZIMMER

New ideas about a little-known area of radical history

“This is the first book of its kind in English and each contribution is original and important. Not only does the collection add to the quantity of studies, it steers research on the subject in new directions. Traditionally, anarchism’s connections to religious thought have been ignored, the presumption being they have nothing to do with one another. These authors show otherwise.”

—TONY MICHELS, author of Jewish Radicals: A Documentary History

Jewish anarchism has long been marginalized in histories of anarchist thought and action. Anna Elena Torres and Kenyon Zimmer edit a collection of essays that recovers many aspects of this erased tradition.

Contributors bring to light the presence and persistence of Jewish anarchism throughout histories of radical labor, women’s studies, political theory, multilingual literature, and ethnic studies.

These essays reveal an ongoing engagement with non-Jewish radical cultures, including the translation practices of the Jewish anarchist press. Jewish anarchists drew from a matrix of secular, cultural, and religious influences, inventing new anarchist forms that ranged from mystical individualism to militantly atheist revolutionary cells.

With Freedom in Our Ears brings together more than a dozen scholars and translators to write the first collaborative history of international, multilingual, and transdisciplinary Jewish anarchism.

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WESTERN EDGE
The Roots and Reverberations of Los Angeles Country-Rock

By the STAFF OF THE COUNTRY MUSIC HALL OF FAME AND MUSEUM
Foreword by Linda Ronstadt
Main Essay by Randy Lewis

An examination of the growth and flowering of country-rock in L.A.

“The sound that upended Linda Ronstadt’s life in 1965 and brought her to Los Angeles a few months later also would soon alter the course of music of the late 1960s and explode as a dominant force in the pop world through the 1970s: L.A. country-rock.”

—RANDY LEWIS, Los Angeles music journalist, from the book’s main essay

In Los Angeles, from the early 1960s through the late 1980s, young musicians and singers formed tight-knit musical communities anchored by nightclubs such as the Ash Grove, the Troubadour, and the Palomino. These musicians injected elements of folk, bluegrass, and country to enliven and reinvigorate the sounds of pop and rock.

The music flowing from these scenes exerted a lasting influence that would stretch the boundaries and alter the course of both rock and country music. This book, a companion to a major multi-year exhibition at the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, traces a musical evolution beginning with California folk and bluegrass groups, which led to the country-rock sounds of the Byrds; Linda Ronstadt; Emmylou Harris; the Eagles; Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young; and many more. In the 1980s, a new wave of L.A. roots-rock ushered in Dwight Yoakam, Los Lobos, and Lone Justice.

Richly illustrated with photographs of key musicians on the scene along with treasured items loaned to the museum for the exhibition, Western Edge takes readers on a dazzling journey to a time and place when the beat and grit of rock met the harmonies and the twang of country to produce sounds that reverberate to this day.

Along with the staff of the Country Music Hall of Fame and Museum, a cadre of expert journalists, music researchers, and musicians tell the story of this musical movement—often from personal experience. They include Grammy-winning recording artist LINDA RONSTADT, former Los Angeles Times music reporter RANDY LEWIS, author HOLLY GEORGE-WARREN, record-label executive JAMES AUSTIN, researcher MARY KATHERINE ALDIN, and musicians DAVE ALVIN, ALISON BROWN, and STEVE FISHELL.
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