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In the tradition of *Maus*, *Persepolis*, *Palestine*, and *The Breadwinner*, *Vanni* is a graphic novel documenting the human side of the conflict between the Sri Lankan government and the “Tamil Tigers.” Told from the perspective of a single family, it takes readers through the otherwise unimaginable struggles, horrors, and life-changing decisions families and individuals are forced to make when caught up in someone else’s war.

Set in Vanni, the northern region of Sri Lanka that was devastated by the civil war, this graphic novel follows the Ramachandran family as they flee their home after the 2004 tsunami and move from one displacement camp to the next, seeking an ever-elusive safe haven and struggling to keep each other alive. Inspired by Benjamin Dix’s experience working in Sri Lanka for the United Nations during the war, *Vanni* draws on more than four years of meticulous research, official reports, and first-hand interviews with refugees.

It depicts heroic acts of kindness and horrific acts of violence, memorializing the experiences of the Tamil civilians against the forces that seek to erase their memory. Elegantly drawn by Lindsay Pollock, this exceptionally moving graphic novel portrays the personal experiences of modern warfare, the process of forced migration, and the struggles of seeking asylum in Europe.

**Dr. Benjamin Dix** is Senior Fellow at SOAS, University of London, as well as the founder and director of the nonprofit PositiveNegatives, which produces literary comics that explore complex social and humanitarian issues.

**Lindsay Pollock** is Senior Artist at PositiveNegatives. His work has appeared on the BBC, Channel 4, and in multiple languages across Europe, Asia, and Africa.
Us Two Together
Ephameron, translated by Michele Hutchison

“Words are like bricks.” This is how the author’s fifty-eight-year-old father defined his losing battle with primary progressive aphasia (PPA)—a rare form of dementia that advanced slowly and ultimately ended his days as an engaged university professor, leaving him unable to speak or to coordinate his thoughts and actions. In this beautifully illustrated graphic novel, artist Ephameron narrates her father’s slow descent into early-onset dementia, layering sequential images under text to depict her father’s decline and her family’s experience of caring for him.

The paper collage illustrations present visual snapshots of how Ephameron’s father and family were affected by the illness; the text inscribes words and sentences her father managed to communicate when he was ill, along with Ephameron’s own narrative observations pulled from her memories and her journal. Image, rhythm, and text work together to express human emotion and to frame illness in its context. Us Two Together is a poetic and melancholic depiction of how dementia quietly robs the body of its soul. In the end, Ephameron avoids closure, choosing not to acknowledge the fact that she was losing her father, who passed away only a few weeks after the publication of the original Dutch-language edition.

Ephameron is an artist, teacher, and doctoral candidate based in Belgium. Her illustrations have appeared in The New York Times and many leading Belgian newspapers and magazines.
“The Book of Sarah is an extraordinary treasure. The paintings and drawings are luscious and incredibly evocative, with the visceral quality of the thick paint and the layered graphite. The writing is heartfelt and honest, searching and tender. In The Book of Sarah art and words come together to chronicle a self-in-becoming: precarious and sometimes delicate, but, like a tenacious plant sending out tendrils of new growth, this memoir is simultaneously filled with powerful, gripping revelations of strength.”

—MAUREEN BURDOCK, author of Feminist Fables for the Twenty-First Century: The F Word Project

The Book of Sarah
Sarah Lightman

There is no “Book of Sarah” in the Bible, so artist Sarah Lightman sets out to make her own. In this quietly subversive graphic autobiography, Lightman follows the urge to find herself in the midst of training to become an artist, observing her faith, navigating family and romantic relationships, and learning to be a mother.

Drawings of a Jewish children’s Bible, a package of crackers, a Lower East Side walk-up, Columbia University, and the outside of St. Paul’s Girls’ School; books and streets, buildings, objects, and portraits of people fill this coming-of-age story set in northwest London and New York City. The Book of Sarah traces the author’s journey from modern Jewish orthodoxy to a feminist Judaism, as she searches between the complex layers of family and family history that she inherited and inhabited. While the act of drawing came easily to Sarah, letting go of past failures, attachments, and expectations did not. These are the focus of her astonishingly beautiful pages, as we bear witness to her making the world her own.

Poignantly narrated and illustrated with charcoal, pencil, watercolor, and oil, this is an intimate story of a self-in-becoming.

Sarah Lightman is a London-based artist, curator, editor, and writer. She is an Honorary Research Fellow in the School of Arts at Birkbeck College, University of London, and editor of the award-winning book Graphic Details: Jewish Women’s Confessional Comics.
The Return of Carvajal
A Mystery
Ilan Stavans
Etchings by Eko

In 2017, the New York Times announced that the long-lost memoir of Luis de Carvajal the Younger had been rediscovered. Considered the first autobiography by a Jew in the Americas, the book had been stolen decades earlier from Mexico’s National Archives. Here, Ilan Stavans recounts the extraordinary and entertaining story of the reappearance of this precious object and how its discovery opened up new vistas onto the world of secret Jews escaping the Spanish Inquisition.

Called el Mozo (the Younger) to distinguish him from an uncle of the same name who was governor of Nuevo León, Luis de Carvajal learned of his Jewishness after being raised a Catholic. He came to recognize himself as a messiah for fellow crypto-Jews, and he was burned at the stake on December 8, 1596, in the biggest auto-da-fé in all of Latin America. His memoir—a 180-page manuscript written by a crypto-Jew targeted by the Holy Office of the Inquisition for unlawful proselytizing activities—was not only distinct but also of enormous value.

With characters such as conniving academics embroiled in a scholarly feud, a magnanimous philanthropist, naïve booksellers, and a secondary cast that could be taken from a David Lynch film, The Return of Carvajal portrays the global intrigue that placed crypto-Jewish culture at the heart of contemporary debates on religion and identity.

Ilan Stavans is Lewis-Sebring Professor of Humanities and Latin American and Latino Culture at Amherst College, publisher of Restless Books, host of NPR’s podcast In Contrast, and a columnist for the New York Times en Español. The recipient of numerous international awards and honors, his books have been translated into twenty languages. He is the author, with Marcelo Brodsky, of Once@9:53am: Terror in Buenos Aires and, with Roberto Weil, of Don Quijote of La Mancha, both published by Penn State University Press.
Hebrew Melodies
Heinrich Heine
Illustrated by Mark Podwal
Translated by Stephen Mitchell and Jack Prelutsky
Foreword by Elisheva Carlebach

Arguably one of the most important German poets of the nineteenth century, Heinrich Heine was a convert without conviction. He chose Christianity over Judaism as a means of securing an academic career, but when his conversion failed to yield the hoped-for job opportunities, he devoted himself to writing instead. This volume presents a new translation of Hebrew Melodies, the third cycle of poems in Heine’s late masterpiece, Romanzero, which many critics have interpreted as Heine’s return to his Jewish roots.

As Elisheva Carlebach explains in her introduction, Heine’s “return to God” in his final years was motivated not by faith but rather by a deep admiration of the Jewish people—a sentiment that is clearly reflected in the poems that make up Hebrew Melodies. This edition presents the original German alongside new English translations by Stephen Mitchell, widely known for his ability to make old classics thrillingly new, and Jack Prelutsky, the author of more than fifty poetry collections for children and adults. Mark Podwal’s illustrations beautifully portray the joyous, playful elements of Jewish tradition and hint at what Carlebach calls the “menacing edges of history’s nightmares,” echoing Heine’s position as a poet “caught between worlds.”

Mark Podwal has illustrated numerous books in collaboration with such luminaries as Elie Wiesel and Harold Bloom. His art is represented in the collections of The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Victoria and Albert Museum, among many other venues. You can view his work at markpodwal.com.

Stephen Mitchell is a scholar and award-winning translator of such works as the Tao Te Ching, the Iliad, the Bhagavad Gita, and Gilgamesh.

Jack Prelutsky was named the first U.S. Children’s Poet Laureate in 2006.

“A lovely, lucid translation by masters Mitchell and Prelutsky, not only of the sense but of the spirit of these beloved and beautiful poems. And an equally delightful feast for the eyes: Mark Podwal’s profound, wry, evocative drawings imbue Heine’s verse with fresh, new life.”

— Marc Michael Epstein, author of Skies of Parchment, Seas of Ink: Jewish Illuminated Manuscripts

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The Human Spirit
Beginnings from Genesis to Science
Marjorie O’Rourke Boyle

In this volume, Marjorie O’Rourke Boyle probes significant concepts of the human spirit in Western religious culture across more than two millennia, from the book of Genesis to early modern science.

The Human Spirit treats significant interpretations of human nature as religious in political, philosophical, and physical aspects by tracing its historical subject through the Priestly tradition of the Hebrew Bible and the writings of the apostle Paul among the Corinthians, the innovative theologians Augustine and Aquinas, the reformatory theologian Calvin, and the natural philosopher and physician William Harvey. Boyle analyzes the particular experiences and notions of these influential authors while she contextualizes them in community. She shows how they shared a conviction, although distinctly understood, of the human spirit as endowed by or designed by a divine source of everything animate.

A rich, synthetic, and nuanced investigation. This is a highly original piece of work that draws on an astounding array of primary sources as well as the author’s incredible knowledge of rhetoric and philology, archaeology, ornithology, the science of avian flight, ancient crafts of tent-making, Greek earthenware, and metallurgy. This is an erudite tour de force that requires but will also reward patient reading.

—Barbara Pitkin, author of What Pure Eyes Could See: Calvin’s Doctrine of Faith in Its Exegetical Context

Marjorie O’Rourke Boyle is the author of eight other books, including three volumes on Erasmus and Petrarch’s Genius: Pentimento and Prophecy. She was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship in religion in 1979.
Milton and the Parables of Jesus
Self-Representation and the Bible in John Milton’s Writings
David V. Urban

In Milton and the Parables of Jesus, David V. Urban examines Milton’s self-referential use of figures from the New Testament parables in his works of poetry and prose.

Urban’s informative introduction explores the history of parable interpretation and the writings of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century Reformed biblical commentators, including John Calvin, Matthew Poole, and John Trapp, whose approaches to interpreting the parables resemble Milton’s own. Urban then analyzes Milton’s early poetry and prose; his great epic, Paradise Lost; and his final major poetic works, Paradise Regained and Samson Agonistes. By chronologically tracing Milton’s habit of identifying himself both directly and indirectly with figures represented in Jesus’s parables, Urban delves deeply into the development of Milton’s attitudes toward himself, God, and society.

This comprehensive study opens up a new avenue of inquiry regarding Milton’s hermeneutic of parables and his writings as a whole. Urban’s insightful analysis will be invaluable to scholars and students of John Milton, early modern Christianity and literature, and the Reformation.


Polemical Encounters
Christians, Jews, and Muslims in Iberia and Beyond
Edited by Mercedes García-Arenal and Gerard Wiegers

“This multi-authored volume brings detailed philological and historical research to bear on the unusually complex spiritual, cultural, and linguistic relations among Muslims, Jews, and Christians during Spain’s troubled and incomplete transition from medieval diversity to early modern uniformity. Readers from a wide range of scholarly disciplines will be rewarded with novel perspectives on the remarkable textual evidence that emerged from this conflictive yet productive encounter.”

—James S. Amelang, author of Parallel Histories: Muslims and Jews in Inquisitorial Spain

This collection takes a new approach to understanding religious plurality in the Iberian Peninsula and its Mediterranean and northern European contexts. Focusing on polemics—works that attack or refute the beliefs of religious Others—the essays in this volume challenge the problematic characterization of Iberian Jews, Muslims, and Christians as homogeneous groups and expose how this mischaracterization obscures the diversity within those religious communities as well as the growing ranks of skeptics and outright unbelievers.

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Gerard Wiegers is Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Amsterdam.
The Letters of Mary Penry
A Single Moravian Woman in Early America
Edited by Scott Paul Gordon

“Mary Penry’s letters as edited and introduced by Scott Paul Gordon offer a valuable glimpse into one woman’s experiences in early America, but this particular woman’s letters illuminate an unexpected and unique range of perspectives on eighteenth-century life.”
—THERESA GAUL, editor of Cherokee Sister: The Collected Writings of Catharine Brown, 1818–1823

This vast collection of letters—compiled, transcribed, and annotated by Scott Paul Gordon—introduces readers to Mary Penry, an unmarried woman who worked, worshiped, and wrote about her experience of living in Moravian religious communities at the time of the American Revolution and early republic. Penry’s letters broaden perspectives on early America and the eighteenth-century Moravian Church by providing a sustained look at the spiritual and social life of a single woman at a time when singleness was extraordinarily rare. This book makes an important contribution to the recovery of women’s voices in early America, amplifying views on politics, religion, and social networks from a time when few women’s perspectives on these subjects have been preserved.

Scott Paul Gordon is Professor of English and Andrew W. Mellon Chair at Lehigh University.

Passing to América
Antonio (Née María) Yta’s Transgressive, Transatlantic Life in the Twilight of the Spanish Empire
Thomas A. Abercrombie

“Approaching the story of Don Antonio Yta, and the María he was before, is bound to pull us into a thicket of contemporary debates about gender and sexual identities. Thomas Abercrombie is a skillful guide, letting the reader get tangled where necessary by including primary sources and playing in ambiguities but also pointing to ways out.”
—BIANCA PREMO, author of The Enlightenment on Trial: Ordinary Litigants and Colonialism in the Spanish Empire

Passing to América is at once a historical biography and an in-depth examination of the sex/gender system in an era before “gender” had been divorced from “sex.” In 1803 in the colonial South American city of La Plata, Doña Martina Vilvado y Balverde presented herself to church and crown officials to denounce her husband, Don Antonio Yta, as a “woman in disguise.” This book presents readers with the original court docket, including Don Antonio’s extended confession, in which he tells his life story, and the equally extraordinary biographical sketch offered by Felipa Ybarnez of her “son María,” both in English translation and the original Spanish. Thomas A. Abercrombie’s analysis of these texts not only grapples with how to understand the sex/gender system within the Spanish Atlantic empire at the turn of the nineteenth century but also explores what Antonio/María and contemporaries can teach us about the complexities of the relationship between sex and gender today.

Thomas A. Abercrombie (1951–2019) was Associate Professor of Anthropology and Latin American and Caribbean Studies at New York University. He authored Pathways of Memory and Power: Ethnography and History Among an Andean People.
**Projecting Citizenship**  
*Photography and Belonging in the British Empire*  
Gabrielle Moser

“This book obviously speaks to scholars of art history and imperial history and to students of books and printing, yet the complex tapestries unraveled and rewaoven in each chapter speak as well to questions of national identity, anti-imperialism, artistic autonomy, and originality and borrowing. Summing up: Essential.”

—G. W. McDonogh, *Choice*

In this volume, Gabrielle Moser gives a comprehensive account of an unusual project produced by the British government’s Colonial Office Visual Instruction Committee at the beginning of the twentieth century—a series of lantern slide lectures that combined geography education and photography to teach schoolchildren around the world what it meant to look and to feel like an imperial citizen. Through detailed archival research and close readings, Moser shows how the Visual Instruction Committee pictured citizenship within an everyday context; decenters the preoccupation with trauma, violence, atrocity, and conflict that characterizes much of the theoretical literature on visual citizenship; and demonstrates that the relationship between photography and citizenship emerged not in the dismantling of modern colonialism but in its consolidation.

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**Mediterranean Encounters**  
*Artists Between Europe and the Ottoman Empire, 1774–1839*  
Elisabeth A. Fraser

“This fine new book invites the admiration of those who value superb scholarship and a presentation worthy of bibliophilic tradition.”

—Roger Benjamin, *H-France*

In this volume, Elisabeth Fraser shows that artists and the works they created in the Mediterranean during the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries were informed by mutual dependence and reciprocity between European nations and the Ottoman Empire. Theoretically informed and rigorously researched, this cross-cultural approach to European and Ottoman art sheds much-needed critical light on the widely disseminated travel images of the era—important cultural artifacts in their own right—and challenges the dominant historiographical tradition that sees Ottoman artists adopting European modes of art in a one-sided process of “Europeanization.”

Elisabeth A. Fraser is Professor of Art History at the University of South Florida and the author of *Delacroix, Art, and Patrimony in Post-Revolutionary France.*
A Feeling of Wrongness
Pessimistic Rhetoric on the Fringes of Popular Culture
Joseph Packer and Ethan Stoneman

“A new and important perspective on pessimistic appeals. This book’s value lies in its connection of the old theme of pessimism to today’s dominant forms of culture and entertainment. This is a fruitful new approach and will interest people in rhetorical studies, philosophy, film studies, and other disciplines.”
—BARRY BRUMMETT, author of Contemporary Apocalyptic Rhetoric

In A Feeling of Wrongness, Joseph Packer and Ethan Stoneman confront the rhetorical challenge inherent in the concept of pessimism by analyzing how it is represented in an eclectic range of narratives on the fringes of popular culture, from adult animated cartoons to speculative fiction. While philosophers and polemicists argue for pessimism in accord with the inherently optimistic structures of expressive thought or rhetoric, Packer and Stoneman show how popular texts such as True Detective, Rick and Morty, Final Fantasy VII, Lovecraftian weird fiction, and the pop ideology of transhumanism are able to communicate their pessimism in ways that are paradoxically freed from the restrictive tools of optimism. A Feeling of Wrongness thus presents uncharted rhetorical possibilities for narrative, making visible the rhetorical efficacy of alternate ways and means of persuasion.

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Ethan Stoneman is Assistant Professor of Rhetoric and Public Address at Hillsdale College.

Advocating Weapons, War, and Terrorism
Technological and Rhetorical Paradox
Ian E. J. Hill

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—DAVID HENRY, Sanford Berman Professor, University of Nevada, Las Vegas

Advocating Weapons, War, and Terrorism is the first study of its kind, revealing how the combination of weapons and rhetoric facilitated the magnitude of killing in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and illuminating how humanity understands and acts upon its propensity for violence. Examining Thomas R. Malthus’s Essay on the Principle of Population, the courtroom address of accused Haymarket bomber August Spies, the army textbook Chemical Warfare by Major General Amos A. Fries and Clarence J. West, the life and letters of Manhattan Project physicist Leo Szilard, and the writings of Ted “Unabomber” Kaczynski, Ian E. J. Hill shows how contemporary societies are equipped with abundant rhetorical means to describe and debate the extreme capacities of weapons to both destroy and protect. This book will be invaluable for scholars of rhetoric, scholars of science and technology, and the study of warfare.

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After Gun Violence
Deliberation and Memory in an Age of Political Gridlock
Craig Rood

“Written with passion, insight, and eloquence, After Gun Violence is a compelling exploration of a tragically American problem—regular, mass gun violence. Aligning himself with readers as a horrified witness to these deadly recurring events, Craig Rood balances outrage with perspective, weariness with resolve, sadness with hope that Americans may achieve mutual understanding on a topic that has produced mistrust and frustration. Rood respects the complexity of people’s different beliefs about guns while articulating a clear vision of a way forward. A stunning achievement.”
—ROBERT ASEN, author of Democracy, Deliberation, and Education

Mass shootings have become the “new normal” in American life. The same can be said for the public debate that follows a shooting: blame is cast, political postures are assumed, but no meaningful policy changes are enacted. In After Gun Violence, Craig Rood argues that this cycle is the result of a communication problem. Without advocating for specific policies, Rood examines how Americans talk about gun violence and suggests how we might discuss the issues more productively and move beyond our current tragic impasse.

Exploring the ways advocacy groups, community leaders, politicians, and everyday citizens talk about gun violence, Rood reveals how the gun debate is about far more than just guns. He details the role of public memory in shaping the discourse, showing how memories of the victims of gun violence, the Second Amendment, and race relations influence how gun policy is discussed. In doing so, Rood argues that forgetting and misremembering this history leads interest groups and public officials to entrenched positions and political failure and drives the public further apart.

Timely and innovative, After Gun Violence advances our understanding of public discourse in an age of gridlock by illustrating how public deliberation and public memory shape and misshape one another. It is a search to understand why public discourse fails and how we can do better.

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“Grounded on a careful reading of Dewey’s social thought and philosophy of education, this book shows the relevance of Dewey’s ideas on the true ‘national emergency’ today in the USA: we are sliding into fascism and away from democratic communication. Crick lays out the habits needed for a more democratic culture and the means to obtain it via teaching logic, rhetoric, and aesthetics in a certain way. Dewey for a New Age of Fascism will be of interest to teachers and scholars in American philosophy, communication studies, pedagogy, and political theory.”
—GREGORY FERNANDO PAPPAS, author of John Dewey’s Ethics: Democracy as Experience

During the rise of fascism in the early twentieth century, American philosopher and educational reformer John Dewey argued that the greatest threat to democracy was not a political regime or even an aggressive foreign power, but rather a set of dispositions or attitudes. Though not fascist in and of themselves, these habits of thought—rugged individualism and ideological nationalism—lay the foundation for fascism. In this study, Nathan Crick uses Dewey’s social thought and philosophy of education to provide insight into and resources for transforming our present-day politics.

Through a close reading of Dewey’s political writings and educational theory, Crick elaborates Dewey’s vision of democratic social life and the education required for its foundation. He shows that for Dewey, communication is essential to cultivating sympathy, understanding, and goodwill—habits of thought that form the core of democratic culture. Crick then lays out a broad curriculum of logic, aesthetics, and rhetoric for inculcating these habits in the classroom, arguing that if we are to meet the challenge of fascism, we must teach these new arts as if our civilization depends on it—because in our new age of politics, it does.

Comprehensive and pragmatic, this book presents an experimental model of education that can be applied across the humanities curriculum. It will be of interest to teachers of writing, composition, and rhetoric as well as scholars and students of communication studies, pedagogy, and political theory.

Nathan Crick is Professor of Communication at Texas A&M University and the author of The Keys of Power: The Rhetoric and Politics of Transcendentalism; Rhetoric and Power: The Drama of Classical Greece; Rhetorical Public Speaking: Civic Engagement in the Digital Age; and Democracy and Rhetoric: John Dewey on the Arts of Becoming.

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Democracy as Fetish
Ralph Cintron

“Democracy as Fetish is necessary reading for today. Cintron demonstrates democracy’s fetishization in contemporary theorizing and guides readers through a new framework with the radical potential to explain the political maelström we live in. Cintron wildly blends fieldwork, theory, and textual analysis, constructing what reads like lively dialogue between conversationalists who are excited and invested and who care. Democracy as Fetish will stick with you long after you finish the final pages. Its ideas will return to you in random moments, you will mention it in conversation, and you will recommend it many times over to colleagues and acquaintances.”
—SARA MCKINNON, coeditor of Text + Field: Innovations in Rhetorical Method

Democracy has long been fetishized. Consequently, how we speak about democracy and what we expect from democratic governance are at odds with practice. With unflinching resolve, Democracy as Fetish probes the theory of democracy and how the left and right are fascinated by it.

In this innovative multidisciplinary study, Ralph Cintron provides sustained analysis of our political discourse. He shows not only how the rhetoric of democracy produces strong desires for social order, global wealth, and justice but also how these desires cannot be satisfied. Throughout his discussion, Cintron includes ethnographic research from fieldwork conducted over the course of twenty years in the Latino neighborhoods of Chicago, where he observes both citizens and the undocumented looking to democracy to fulfill their highest aspirations. Politicians hand out favors to the elite, developers strong-arm aldermen, and the disenfranchised have little redress. The problem, Cintron argues, is that the conditions required to put democracy into practice—territory, a bordered nation-state, citizens, property—are constituted by inequality and violence, because there is no inclusivity that does not also exclude.

Drawing on ethnography, economics, political theory, and rhetorical analysis, Cintron makes his case with tremendous analytic rigor. This challenge to reassess the discourses on democracy and to consider democratic politics as always compromised by oligarchy will be of particular interest to political and rhetorical theorists.

Ralph Cintron is Associate Professor of English and Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He is the author of Angels’ Town: Chero Ways, Gang Life, and the Rhetorics of the Everyday and coeditor of Culture, Catastrophe, and Rhetoric: The Texture of Political Action.

Robert Burton’s Rhetoric
An Anatomy of Early Modern Knowledge
Susan Wells

“Wells eloquently makes the case for Burton’s Anatomy as a key text that helps us rethink rhetoric in a number of ways: as an arbiter of narrative form, as a vehicle for cross-disciplinary learning, even as a model for education that has powerful implications today... [T]his kind of scholarly work on rhetoric feels deeply necessary, as we need to know much more about how we got here, and what to do now.”
—Daniel M. Gross, author of Uncomfortable Situations: Emotion Between Science and the Humanities

Published in five editions from 1621 to 1651, The Anatomy of Melancholy marks a unique moment in the development of disciplines, when fields of knowledge were distinct but not yet restrictive. In Robert Burton’s Rhetoric, Susan Wells analyzes the Anatomy, demonstrating how its early modern practices of knowledge and persuasion can offer a model for transdisciplinary scholarship today.

In the first decades of the seventeenth century, Robert Burton attempted to gather all the existing knowledge about melancholy, drawing from professional discourses including theology, medicine, and philology, as well as the emerging sciences. Examining this text through a rhetorical lens, Wells provides an account of these disciplinary exchanges in all their subtle variety and abundant wit, showing that questions of how knowledge is organized and how it is made persuasive are central to rhetorical theory. Ultimately, Wells argues that in addition to a book about melancholy, Burton’s Anatomy is a meditation on knowledge itself.

A fresh interpretation of The Anatomy of Melancholy, this volume will be welcomed by scholars of early modern English, and the rhetorics of health and medicine, as well as those interested in transdisciplinary work and rhetorical theory.

Susan Wells is Professor of English Emerita at Temple University. She is the author of Sweet Reason: Rhetoric and the Discourses of Modernity; Out of the Dead House: Nineteenth-Century Women Physicians and the Writing of Medicine; and Our Bodies, Ourselves and the Work of Writing.

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Ableism, a form of discrimination that elevates “able” bodies over those perceived as less capable, remains one of the most widespread areas of systematic and explicit discrimination in Western culture. Yet, in contrast to the substantial body of scholarly work on racism, sexism, classism, and heterosexism, ableism remains undertheorized and underexposed. In this book, James L. Cherney takes a rhetorical approach to the study of ableism to reveal how it has worked its way into our everyday understanding of disability.

Ableist Rhetoric argues that ableism is learned and transmitted by the ways we speak about those with disabilities. Through a series of textual case studies, Cherney identifies three rhetorical norms that help illustrate the widespread influence of ableist ideas in society. He explores the notion that “deviance is evil” by analyzing the possession narratives of Cotton Mather and the modern horror touchscreen The Exorcist. He then considers whether “normal is natural” in Aristotle’s Generation of Animals and in the cultural debate over cochlear implants. Finally, he shows how the norm “body is able” operates in Alexander Graham Bell’s writings on eugenics and in the legal cases brought by disabled athletes Casey Martin and Oscar Pistorius. These three simple equivalences play complex roles within the social institutions of religion, medicine, law, and sport. Cherney concludes by calling for a rhetorical model of disability, which, he argues, will provide a shift in orientation to challenge ableism’s epistemic, ideological, and visual components.

Accessible and compelling, this groundbreaking book will appeal to scholars of both rhetoric and disability studies, as well as to disability rights advocates.

James L. Cherney is an Associate Professor in the Department of Communication Studies at the University of Nevada, Reno.

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Uncanny Bodies
Superhero Comics and Disability
Edited by Scott T. Smith and José Alaniz

“A remarkably significant contribution to both disability studies and comics studies. The essays collected here interrogate how superhero comics have struggled with reconciling the fantasy of the superbody with a growing concern among producers and readers for more diverse and more adequate treatment of disabilities ranging from autism and dissociative identity disorder to deafness and progressive muscular dystrophy. A truly eye-opening book!”

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Superhero comics reckon with issues of corporeal control. And while they commonly deal in characters of exceptional or superhuman ability, they have also shown an increasing attention and sensitivity to diverse forms of disability, both physical and cognitive. The essays in this collection reveal how the superhero genre, in fusing fantasy with realism, provides a visual form for engaging issues of disability and intersectional identity (race, ethnicity, class, gender, and sexuality) and helps to imagine different ways of being in the world.

Working from the premise that the theoretical mode of the uncanny, with its interest in what is simultaneously known and unknown, ordinary and extraordinary, opens new ways to think about categories and markers of identity, Uncanny Bodies explores how continuums of ability in superhero comics can reflect, resist, or reevaluate broader cultural conceptions about disability. The chapters focus on lesser-known characters—such as Echo, Omega the Unknown, and the Silver Scorpion—as well as the famous Barbara Gordon and the protagonist of the acclaimed series Hawkeye, whose superhero uncanniness provides a counterpoint to constructs of normalcy. Thoughtful and challenging, this eye-opening examination of superhero comics breaks new ground in disability studies and scholarship in popular culture.

In addition to the editors, the contributors are Sarah Bowden, Charlie Christie, Sarah Gibbons, Andrew Godfrey-Meers, Marit Hanson, Charles Hatfield, Naja Later, Lauren O’Connor, Daniel J. O’Rourke, Daniel Pinti, Lauranne Poharec, and Deleasa Randall-Griffiths.

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Religion Around Mary Shelley
Jennifer L. Airey

“With remarkable clarity, energy, and scope, Airey performs a real service for students and scholars of Mary Shelley. Spanning the full range of her career, Religion Around Mary Shelley takes the reader beyond the biography and into the language and inner life of a writer profoundly engaged with skepticism and faith in a rapidly changing world unsettled by the disturbing possibility that God was absent.”
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Mary Shelley lived and wrote during an age of religious instability, one that witnessed the spread of atheism, millenarianism, Methodism, Unitarianism, and Evangelicalism, among other belief systems. In this book, Jennifer L. Airey foregrounds Shelley as an important religious thinker of the Romantic period, analyzing her creative engagement with the religious controversies around her and uncovering a belief system that was both influenced by and profoundly different from those of her male Romantic counterparts.

Previous assessments of religion in Shelley’s work have been limited in scope and, as Airey asserts, have tended to privilege the novels she wrote when she was married to the prominent atheist Percy Shelley and shortly after his death. Such readings imply that Shelley and her works are most interesting for what they can tell us about her husband and second-generation (and predominantly male) Romanticism. Airey’s analysis corrects this imbalance by giving equal weight to Shelley’s later work, which draws on Evangelical discourses elevating the mother as the theological and moral center of the household.

Nuanced and accessible, Religion Around Mary Shelley makes visible the valuable insight that Shelley’s works offer into the complexity of religious views prominent in her cultural moment. It will appeal to specialists and nonacademics interested in the Godwin-Wollstonecraft-Shelley circle.

Jennifer L. Airey is Associate Professor of English at the University of Tulsa.

Religion Around Bono
Evangelical Enchantment and Neoliberal Capitalism
Chad E. Seales

“Therefrom the parking lot of a Baptist church in the Florida Panhandle to Dublin, New York, Johannesburg, and the G-8 Summit at Gleneagles, Seales takes his readers on a tour of the evangelical grammar of humanitarian neoliberalism with Bono as his guide. Seales convincingly argues that when Bono speaks for Africa, he speaks for religious, cultural, and economic systems far more complex—and far less empowering—than his identity as a rock-and-roll saint may imply.”
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Engagingly written and bitingly critical, Religion Around Bono promises to transform our understanding of the rock star’s career and advocacy. Those interested in the intersection of rock music, religion, and activism will find Seales’s study provocative and enlightening.

Chad E. Seales is Associate Professor of Religious Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. He is the author of The Secular Spectacle: Performing Religion in a Southern Town.

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For many, U2’s Bono is an icon of both evangelical spirituality and secular moral activism. In this book, Chad E. Seales examines the religious and spiritual culture that has built up around the rock star over the course of his career and considers how Bono engages with that religion in his music and in his activism.

Looking at Bono and his work within a wider critique of white American evangelicalism, Seales traces Bono’s career, from his background in religious groups in the 1970s to his rise to stardom in the 1980s and his relationship with political and economic figures, such as Jeffrey Sachs, Bill Clinton, and Jesse Helms. In doing so, Seales shows us a different Bono, one who uses the spiritual meaning of church tradition to advocate for the promise that free markets and for-profits will bring justice and freedom to the world’s poor. Engaging with scholarship in popular culture, music, religious studies, blackface minstrelsy, and economic development, Seales makes the compelling case that neoliberal capitalism is a religion and Bono is its best-known celebrity revivalist.

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Virginia Woolf was not a religious person in any traditional sense, yet she lived and worked in an environment rich with religious thought, imagination, and debate. From her agnostic parents to her evangelical grandparents, an aunt who was a Quaker theologian, and her friendship with T. S. Eliot, Woolf’s personal circle was filled with atheists, agnostics, religious scholars, and Christian converts. In this book, Stephanie Paulsell considers how the religious milieu that Woolf inhabited shaped her writing in unexpected and innovative ways.

Beginning with the religious forms and ideas that Woolf encountered in her family, friendships, travels, and reading, Paulsell explores the religious contexts of Woolf’s life. She shows that Woolf engaged with religion in many ways, by studying, reading, talking and debating, following controversies, and thinking about the relationship between religion and her own work. Paulsell examines the ideas about God that hover around Woolf’s writings and in the minds of her characters. She also considers how Woolf, drawing from religious language and themes in her novels and in her reflections on the practices of reading and writing, created a literature that did, and continues to do, a particular kind of religious work.

A thought-provoking contribution to the literature on Woolf and religion, this book highlights Woolf’s relevance to our post-secular age. In addition to fans of Woolf, scholars and general readers interested in religious and literary studies will especially enjoy Paulsell’s well-researched narrative.

Stephanie Paulsell is Susan Shallcross Swartz Professor of the Practice of Christian Studies at Harvard Divinity School.
This book explores a series of powerful artifacts associated with King Solomon via legendary or extracanonical textual sources. Tracing their cultural resonance throughout history, art historian Allegra Iafrate delivers insights into these objects and interrogates the ways in which magic manifests itself at a material level.

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Thought-provoking and engaging, this study shows how ancient magic artifacts live on in our imagery, in items such as Sauron’s ring of power, Aladdin’s lamp, and the magic carpet. It will appeal to historians of art, religion, folklore, and literature.

Allegra Iafrate is the author of The Wandering Throne of Solomon: Objects and Tales of Kingship in the Medieval Mediterranean.

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David Stern is Harry Starr Professor of Classical and Modern Hebrew and Jewish Literature, Professor of Comparative Literature, and Director of the Center for Jewish Studies at Harvard University. He is the author, editor, or coeditor of fourteen books, including the first volume of *Jewish Literary Cultures* and *The Monk’s Haggadah*, both published by Penn State University Press.

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Irene Eber was Professor Emerita at Hebrew University’s Louis Freiberg Center for East Asian Studies. She is the author of eleven books, including *Chinese and Jews: Encounters Between Cultures*, and editor of *Jewish Refugees in Shanghai, 1933–1947: A Selection of Documents*. 264 pages | 6 x 9 | November

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Adriaan van Klinken is Associate Professor of Religion and African Studies at the University of Leeds. He is the author of Transforming Masculinities in African Christianity: Gender Controversies in Times of AIDS and coeditor of several books, including Public Religion and the Politics of Homosexuality in Africa and Christianity and Controversies over Homosexuality in Contemporary Africa.

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Elizabeth Young is Carl M. and Elsie A. Small Professor of English at Mount Holyoke College. She is the author of Black Frankenstein: The Making of an American Metaphor and Disarming the Nation: Women’s Writing and the American Civil War.

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Nicholas Hammond is Professor of Early Modern French Literature and Culture at the University of Cambridge.

Paul Verlaine
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Paul Verlaine
Translated by Samuel N. Rosenberg
Edited by Nicolas Valazza

“This anthology gives a fuller picture of Verlaine’s poetry than many translations have offered in the past by providing some of his most famous verse but also some political and scatological works for which he is less known. The translations capture and reproduce Verlaine’s variety of registers and style in lively renderings that are faithful to the spirit of the buoyant original verse.”

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Samuel N. Rosenberg is Professor Emeritus of French and Italian at Indiana University. He has edited and translated numerous works, including Robert the Devil, also published by Penn State University Press.

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In the thirty-five years since the publication of Barry Kent’s seminal book, Susquehanna’s Indians, new technologies, interpretive perspectives, and archaeological data have led to a reassessment of many aspects of Susquehannock life. This book presents these developments, bringing the study of the Susquehannocks into modern anthropological context.

An Iroquoian group that inhabited the lower Susquehanna River valley and portions of the Potomac River drainage, the Susquehannocks were key agents in the fur trade in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. They were consequently targets of sporadic warfare by the Iroquois Confederacy and attempted to seek refuge in a series of fortified villages near the Susquehanna River, but they were dispersed by the European colonizers, and in 1763 settlers massacred the remnants of the original nation. Drawing from evidence produced by new excavations, the eight essays in this volume provide original views on various aspects of the Susquehannocks’ history, including their origins, geographical spread, and contact with nonnative cultures. An important update to the history of the indigenous people of Pennsylvania, this collection will be welcomed by professional and avocational archaeologists interested in contact and colonialism as well as enthusiasts of Pennsylvania Native American history.

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Glenhill Farm
A History of a Family Estate, as Revealed in the Correspondence Between Brognard Okie and Ernst and Mary Behrend
Richard L. Hart

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Once called the “Yankee Da Vinci,” Rufus Porter was an itinerant portrait painter and muralist, a publisher and author, an inventor of mechanical improvements, and an impresario who engineered an airship that promised to fly gold rush prospectors from New York to California in three days.

Through his diverse interests in painting, mechanics, aeronautics, and publishing, Rufus Porter helped transform art and science in early America—not unlike his more famous peers, Samuel F. B. Morse and Robert Fulton. This nuanced picture of Porter restores him to the pantheon of great American artist-inventors and corrects common misconceptions about his life and work.

Meticulous and contemplative, this study presents a moving portrait of an American legend—a remarkable, but unlucky, man who worked across multiple disciplines to envision an interconnected nation.

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Iconoclasm in New York
Revolution to Reenactment
Wendy Bellion

“Vivid and visceral, Iconoclasm in New York weaves a brilliant tapestry of meanings from a moment of ritual violence in 1776 New York. Untangling the paradox of the always toppling, never quite vanquished King George III, Wendy Bellion plumbs a central mystery of American culture. To see the destructive creation of the United States through Bellion’s keen eyes is to witness the American Revolution transformed.”

—JANE KAMENSKY, author of A Revolution in Color: The World of John Singleton Copley

King George III will not stay on the ground. Ever since a crowd in New York City toppled his equestrian statue in 1776, burying some of the parts and melting the rest into bullets, the king has been riding back into American culture, raising his gilded head in visual representations and reappearing as fragments. In this book, Wendy Bellion asks why Americans destroyed the statue of George III—and why they keep bringing it back.

Locating the statue’s destruction in a transatlantic space of radical protest and material violence—and tracing its resurrection through pictures and performances—Bellion advances a history of American art that looks beyond familiar narratives of paintings and polite spectators to encompass a riotous cast of public sculptures and liberty poles, impassioned crowds and street protests, performative smashings and yearning re-creations. Bellion argues that iconoclasm mobilized a central paradox of the national imaginary: it was at once a destructive phenomenon through which Americans enacted their independence and a creative phenomenon through which they continued to enact British cultural identities.

Persuasive and engaging, Iconoclasm in New York demonstrates how British monuments gave rise to an American creation story. This fascinating cultural history will captivate art historians, specialists in iconoclasm, and general readers interested in American history and New York City.

Wendy Bellion is Professor and Sewell C. Biggs Chair of American Art History at the University of Delaware. She is the author of the award-winning Citizen Spectator: Art, Illusion, and Visual Perception in Early National America.

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Drawing Degree Zero
The Line from Minimal to Conceptual Art
Anna Lovatt

“Anna Lovatt makes a compelling argument for the centrality of drawing to Minimal and Conceptual art in the 1960s. Through a series of illuminating case studies, Lovatt reveals the ways in which artists reconfigured the terrain of drawing as dynamic, critical, and utterly contemporary.”

Drawing Degree Zero examines a pivotal moment in the history of drawing, when the medium was disengaged from its connoisseurial associations and positioned at the forefront of contemporary art. From Mel Bochner’s seminal exhibition Working Drawings and Other Visible Things on Paper Not Necessarily Meant to Be Viewed as Art in 1966 to the Museum of Modern Art’s major survey Drawing Now ten years later, Anna Lovatt documents this important shift with significant ramifications for subsequent artistic practice.

Traditionally considered a preparatory or subsidiary practice, drawing’s notational, provisional, and incidental qualities accrued new value in the context of post-Minimal and Conceptual art. Considering the work of Bochner, Sol LeWitt, Rosemarie Castoro, Dorothea Rockburne, and Richard Tuttle, Lovatt explores the strategies these artists used to confound long-standing presumptions about drawing, rendering it systematic rather than autographic, public rather than private, and conceptually rigorous rather than manually dexterous. Drawing Degree Zero argues that these artists pursued a neutral, anonymous mode of inscription analogous to what Roland Barthes described in his appraisal of the New French Novel as a kind of “writing degree zero.”

A lively examination of the resurgence of interest in drawing, Drawing Degree Zero highlights the medium’s ability to foreground issues of authorship, process, location, and participation that remain fundamental to contemporary art. Scholars and art aficionados will welcome Lovatt’s insight.

Anna Lovatt is Assistant Professor of Art History at Southern Methodist University. She is the editor of Michelle Stuart: Drawn from Nature.

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Bells for America
The Cold War, Modernism, and the Netherlands Carillon in Arlington
Diederik Oostdijk

“In 1960, a 127-foot modernist bell tower called the Netherlands Carillon was dedicated in Arlington National Cemetery, a gift from the Dutch thanking the United States for its defense and liberation during World War II, and its aid and assistance under the Marshall Plan. Bells for America tells the story of commemoration, obligation, and political identity in the nation’s capital, and the complications of Cold War gift exchange.”
—ERIKA DOSS, author of Memorial Mania: Public Feeling in America

The Netherlands Carillon stands out in the American memorial landscape. Situated between Arlington National Cemetery and the Marine Corps War Memorial, the modernist design of this 127-foot steel bell tower is strangely at odds with its surroundings, much in the same way that its prominent place is at odds with its absence in American memory. In this book, Diederik Oostdijk reveals the intriguing history of this major monument hidden in plain sight.

Given to the United States in the 1950s by the Dutch government as a gesture of gratitude for America’s role in the Dutch liberation during World War II and for the Marshall Plan aid that helped rebuild the Dutch economy, the carillon owes its conspicuous placement to the Cold War. Oostdijk traces the history of this monument, from its creation and the pageantry surrounding its presentation through its fall into disrepair and plans for its renewal. In so doing, he resolves the paradox of the carillon’s placement in Arlington and unearths a fascinating and compelling story of diplomacy and humanity.

Interweaving art history, campanology, landscape architecture, literature, musicology, and diplomatic history, Bells for America recounts how the Netherlands and the United States reconstructed their national identities and fostered an international relationship in the postwar era through public art.

Diederik Oostdijk is Professor of English Literature at Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. He is the author of Among the Nightmare Fighters: American Poets of World War II and coeditor of Tales of the Great American Victory: World War II Politics and Poetics.
The arts drove a seismic cultural shift in mid-twentieth-century Tunis as women entered ateliers and workshops previously dominated by men and as collaborations across art schools destabilized the boundary between art and craft. This volume uses the “Tunisian École”—a configuration of artists, art students, professors, and artisans from the Tunis School, the School of Fine Arts, and the National Office of Handicraft engaged in the unity of “fine” and “decorative” art—to explore the ways in which these forces reworked colonial concepts to reimagine artistic categories and integrate feminized art forms in a program of social uplift.

Focusing on the gendering of tapestry and “decorative” arts, Jessica Gerschultz investigates how art and feminism were entwined with socialist modernizing projects, from the relationship between Tunisian nationalist discourses and the figure of the woman artist to the role of art education and industry in transforming and institutionalizing hierarchies among women. In doing so, she positions women’s weaving in the context of state feminism and Tunisian socialism, arguing that a shared aesthetic and political philosophy oriented toward female creativity not only underpinned multiple forms of art and textile production but also stood as a potent metaphor for statecraft.

Important and wholly original, this study of the artist-as-craftsperson, told from the standpoint of artists in an Arab African country, recuperates a feminized, marginalized category within aesthetic modernism and furthers our understanding of the relationships among labor, gender, and artistic and creative practices in modern Tunisia.

Jessica Gerschultz is Associate Professor of African and African-American Studies at the University of Kansas.

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—RICHARD L. KAGAN, author of Urban Images of the Hispanic World, 1493–1793

Jules Michelet
Writing Art and History in Nineteenth-Century France
Michèle Hannoosh

“History can be an aliment only when it is full as an egg,” according to Roland Barthes’s assessment of the romantic histories of the great nineteenth-century writer Jules Michelet. Michèle Hannoosh, in her own intellectual biography of the historian, picks up a crucial ingredient of this egg that Barthes had introduced but almost put aside: Michelet’s deep indebtedness to different periods and types of visual art. Hannoosh’s book remedies this ‘lack’ by offering us a most insightful, intelligent, and imaginative account of how dependent, in many ways, his historical vision was to works of art.”

—MICHAEL ANN HOLLY, author of The Melancholy Art

Jules Michelet, one of France’s most influential historians and a founder of modern historical practice, was a passionate viewer and relentless interpreter of the visual arts. In this book, Michèle Hannoosh examines the crucial role that art writing played in Michelet’s work and shows how it decisively influenced his theory of history and his view of the practice of the historian.

The visual arts were at the very center of Michelet’s conception of historiography. He filled his private notes, public lectures, and printed books with discussions of artworks, which, for him, embodied the character of particular historical moments. Michelet believed that painting, sculpture, architecture, and engraving bore witness to histories that frequently went untold, that they expressed key ideas standing behind events, and that they articulated concepts that would come to fruition only later.

This groundbreaking reevaluation of Michelet’s approach to history elucidates how writing about art provided a model for the historian’s relation to, and interpretation of, the past, and thus for a new type of historiography—one that acknowledges and enacts the historian’s own implication in the history he or she tells.

Michèle Hannoosh is Professor of French at the University of Michigan. She is the author of, among other books, Baudelaire and Caricature: From the Comic to an Art of Modernity and translator of Eugène Delacroix’s Journey to the Maghreb and Andalusia, 1832: The Travel Notebooks and Other Writings, both published by Penn State University Press.
Meyer Schapiro’s Critical Debates
Art Through a Modern American Mind
C. Oliver O’Donnell

“During a long and fabled career, Meyer Schapiro transformed the field of art history, influenced the development of modern art, and earned an honored place in the heady world of the New York intellectuals. In this incisive and judicious account of eight major controversies in which he participated, C. Oliver O’Donnell provides ample evidence that one of the giants of twentieth-century culture still has much to teach us in the twenty-first.”

—MARTIN E. JAY, author of Reason After Its Eclipse: On Late Critical Theory

Described in the New York Times as the greatest art historian America ever produced, Meyer Schapiro was both a close friend to many of the famous artists of his generation and a scholar who engaged in public debate with some of the major intellectuals of his time. This volume synthesizes his prolific career for the first time, demonstrating how Schapiro worked from the nexus of artistic and intellectual practice to confront some of the twentieth century’s most abiding questions.

Schapiro was renowned for pioneering interdisciplinary approaches to interpreting visual art. His lengthy formal analyses in the 1920s, Marxist interpretations in the 1930s, psychoanalytic critiques in the 1950s and 1960s, and semiotic explorations in the 1970s each helped to open new avenues for inquiry. Based on archival research, C. Oliver O’Donnell’s study is structured chronologically around eight defining debates in which Schapiro participated, including his dispute with Isaiah Berlin over the life and writing of Bernard Berenson, Schapiro’s critique of Martin Heidegger’s ekphrastic commentary on Van Gogh, and his confrontation with Claude Lévi-Strauss over the applicability of mathematics to the interpretation of visual art. O’Donnell’s thoughtful analysis of these intellectual exchanges not only traces Schapiro’s philosophical evolution but also relates them to the development of art history as a discipline, to central tensions of artistic modernism, and to modern intellectual history as a whole.

Comprehensive and thought-provoking, this study of Schapiro’s career pieces together the separate strands of his work into one cohesive picture. In doing so, it reveals Schapiro’s substantial impact on the field of art history and on twentieth-century modernism.

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Right Romance
Heroic Subjectivity and Elect Community in Seventeenth-Century England
Emily Griffiths Jones

“Right Romance will change how critics understand seventeenth-century English romance and its political investments. It challenges long-held opinions about canonical writers such as John Milton and brings into the conversation lesser-known pamphlets and the voices of early modern women writers. The book stresses the power of romance to nourish identity—whether personal, religious, Royalist, or Puritan—and to foster heroic narratives amongst newly elect communities despite national crisis, division, disappointment, suffering, and wandering.”

—TIFFANY JO WERTH, author of The Fabulous Dark Cloister: Romance in England After the Reformation

In this book, Emily Griffiths Jones examines the intersections of romance, religion, and politics in England between 1588 and 1688 to show how writers during this politically turbulent time used the genre of romance to construct diverse ideological communities for themselves.

Right Romance argues for a recontextualized understanding of romance as a multigenre narrative structure or strategy rather than a prose genre and rejects the common assumption that romance was a short-lived mode most commonly associated with royalist politics. Puritan republicans likewise found in romance strength, solace, and grounds for political resistance. Two key works that profoundly influenced seventeenth-century approaches to romance are Philip Sidney’s New Arcadia and Edmund Spenser’s The Faerie Queene, which grappled with romance’s civic potential and its limits for a newly Protestant state. Jones examines how these works influenced writings by royalists and republicans during and after the Civil War. Remaining chapters pair writers from both sides in order to illuminate the ongoing ideological struggles over romance. John Milton is analyzed alongside Margaret Cavendish and Percy Herbert, and Lucy Hutchinson alongside John Dryden. In the final chapter, Jones studies texts by John Bunyan and Aphra Behn that are known for their resistance to generic categorization in an attempt to rethink romance’s relationship to election, community, gender, and generic form.

Original and persuasive, Right Romance advances theoretical discussion about romance, pushing beyond the limits of the genre to discover its impact on constructions of national and communal identity.

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Anxious about the threat of Ottoman invasion and a religious schism that threatened Christianity from within, sixteenth-century northern Europeans increasingly saw their world as disharmonious and full of mutual contradictions. Examining the work of four unusual but influential northern Europeans as they faced Europe’s changing identity, Jennifer Nelson reveals the ways in which these early modern thinkers and artists grappled with the problem of cultural, religious, and cosmological difference in relation to notions of universals and the divine.

Focusing on northern Europe during the first half of the sixteenth century, this book proposes a complementary account of a Renaissance and Reformation for which epistemology is not so much destabilized as pluralized. Addressing a wide range of media—including paintings, etchings and woodcuts, university curriculum regulations, clocks, sundials, anthologies of proverbs, and astrolabes—Nelson argues that inconsistency, discrepancy, and contingency were viewed as fundamental features of worldly existence. Taking as its starting point Hans Holbein’s famously complex double portrait The Ambassadors, and then examining Philipp Melanchthon’s measurement-minded theology of science, Georg Hartmann’s modular sundials, and Desiderius Erasmus’s eclectic Adages, Disharmony of the Spheres is a sophisticated and challenging reconsideration of sixteenth-century Northern European culture and its discomforts.

Carefully researched and engagingly written, Disharmony of the Spheres will be of vital interest to historians of early modern European art, religious studies, and cultural history. Jennifer Nelson is Assistant Professor of Art History, Theory, and Criticism at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.

In this highly readable book, Solari sets the Virgin Mary within the firmament of the Maya sacred cosmos. As epidemics ravaged the peoples of colonial Yucatan, statues of Mary came forward to absorb evil afflictions. Mary borrowed this capacity, as Solari makes clear, from the very Maya deity images that were dismissed as “idols” by Catholic evangelizers. Offering a Maya ideology of images, Solari’s book adds to the growing decolonizing project of current art histories.

Amara Solari is Associate Professor of Art History and Anthropology at Penn State University. She is the author of Maya Ideologies of the Sacred: The Transfiguration of Space in Colonial Yucatan and coauthor of 2012 and the End of the World: The Western Roots of the Maya Apocalypse.

In the summer of 1648, yellow fever appeared for the first time on the Yucatán Peninsula, claiming the lives of roughly one third of the population. To combat this epidemic, Spanish colonial authorities carried a miracle-working Marian icon in procession from Itzmal to the capital city of Mérida and back again as a means of invoking divine intercession. Idolizing Mary uses this event and this icon to open a discussion about the early and profound indigenous veneration of the Virgin Mary.

Amara Solari argues that particular Marian icons, such as the Virgin of Itzmal, embodied an ideal suite of precontact numinous qualities, which Maya neophytes reframe for their community’s religious needs. Examining prints, paintings, and early modern writings about the Virgin of Itzmal, Solari takes up various topics that contributed to the formation of Yucatán Catholicism—such as indigenous Maya notions of sacrality, ritual purity, and the formal qualities of offering vessels—and demonstrates how these aligned with the Virgin of Itzmal in such a way that the icon came to be viewed by the native populations as a deity of a new world order.

Thoroughly researched and convincingly argued, Idolizing Mary will be welcomed by scholars and students interested in religious transformation and Marian devotion in colonial Spanish America.

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Art History/Latin American Studies
Chinoiserie—the use of motifs, materials, and techniques considered Chinese in ceramics, furniture, interior design, and landscape architecture—has often been associated with luxurious superficiality, shallow escapism, and courtly decadence. In *Siting China in Germany*, Christiane Hertel challenges conventional assumptions about this art form, demonstrating how it fomented reflections about cultural and historical difference in eighteenth-century Germany and beyond.

Considering collections, gardens, and literature, including the extraordinary porcelain palaces at Dresden and Rastatt, Hesse-Kassel’s Wilhelmsthal and Wilhelmshöhe palace gardens, and Thomas Mann’s historical novel Lotte in Weimar, Hertel chronicles and interprets the extensive history of chinoiserie during the long eighteenth century in Germany. In particular, Hertel’s study focuses on how the manifestation of chinoiserie made room in the initially courtly and then increasingly collective imaginary for an understanding of cultural and historical difference as well as identity.

Hertel’s erudite analysis of the cultural significance of German chinoiserie will interest art historians and scholars of orientalism and German Sinophilia as well as Sinophobia.

Christiane Hertel is Professor Emerita of History at Bryn Mawr College. She is the author of several books, including *Pygmalion in Bavaria: The Sculptor Ignaz Günther and Eighteenth-Century Aesthetic Art Theory*, also published by Penn State University Press.

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The Art and Culture of Scandinavian Central Europe, 1550–1720
Kristoffer Neville

“Kristoffer Neville has given early modern scholars a gift. He has presented a major, if often invisible, core of northern Central Europe, Scandinavia, as a coherent and productive cultural center. This book offers history of the richest kind: political, religious, and visual culture. Neville deftly introduces us to unfamiliar castles and palaces, churches, and tombs, as well as peripatetic Northern artists. All can now take their rightful place in early modern European art and architectural history, thanks to this revelatory volume.”

—LARRY SILVER, author of Peasant Scenes and Landscapes: The Rise of Pictorial Genres in the Antwerp Art Market

Politically and militarily powerful, early modern Scandinavia played an essential role in the development of Central European culture from the sixteenth to the eighteenth century. In this volume, Kristoffer Neville shows how the cultural ambitions of Denmark and Sweden were inextricably bound to those of other Central European kingdoms.

Tracing the visual culture of the Danish and Swedish courts from the Reformation to their eventual decline in the eighteenth century, Neville explains how and why they developed into important artistic centers. He examines major projects by figures largely unknown outside of Northern Europe alongside other, more canonical artists—including Cornelis Floris, Adriaen de Vries, and Johann Bernhard Fischer von Erlach—to propose a more coherent view of this part of Europe, one that rightly includes Scandinavia as a vital component.

The seventeenth century has long seemed a bleak moment in Central European culture. Neville’s authoritative and unprecedented study does much to change this perception, showing that the arts did not die in the Reformation and Thirty Years’ War but rather flourished in the Baltic region.

Kristoffer Neville is Associate Professor of Art History at the University of California, Riverside. He is the author of *Nicodemus Tessin the Elder: Architecture in Sweden in the Age of Greatness and coeditor of* Queen Hedwig Eleonora and the Arts: Court Culture in Seventeenth-Century Northern Europe.

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In this book, Megan Cassidy-Welch challenges the notion that using memories of war to articulate and communicate collective identity is exclusively a modern phenomenon. War and Memory at the Time of the Fifth Crusade explores how and why remembering war came to be culturally meaningful during the early thirteenth century.

By the 1200s, discourses of crusading were deeply steeped in the language of memory: crusaders understood themselves to be acting in remembrance of Christ’s sacrifice and following in the footsteps of their ancestors. At the same time, the foundational narratives of the First Crusade began to be transformed by vernacular histories and the advent of crusading romance. Examining how the Fifth Crusade was remembered and commemorated during its triumphs and immediately after its disastrous conclusion, Cassidy-Welch brings a nuanced perspective to the prevailing historiography on war memory, showing that remembering war was significant and meaningful centuries before the advent of the nation-state.

This thoughtful and novel study of the Fifth Crusade shows it to be a key moment in the history of remembering war and provides new insights into medieval communication. It will be invaluable reading for scholars interested in the Fifth Crusade, medieval war memory, and the use of war memory.

Megan Cassidy-Welch is Professor of History at the University of Queensland, Australia. She is the editor of Remembering the Crusades and Crussading and coeditor of Crusades and Memory.

Pygmalion’s Power
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