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Out in Central Pennsylvania
The History of an LGBTQ Community
William Burton with Barry Loveland


Largely associated with metropolises such as New York City and Los Angeles—and rarely considered in rural areas—LGBTQ history and the continued fight for equality and acceptance are a fact across the nation. While the concentrated populations of large urban centers have presented opportunities for LGBTQ individuals to congregate and build communities, the same cannot be said for places such as central Pennsylvania, which lacks distinct neighborhoods and has comparatively few places for such marginalized people to gather. LGBTQ activists in the region instead had to find other, inventive ways to build community at home. This history records these efforts, from the 1960s to the present, recounting how leaders of grassroots support organizations built a far-reaching LGBTQ community network and organized to demand civil rights and improve their quality of life.

Full of compelling stories of individuals grappling with inequity, harassment, and discrimination, and featuring a unique trove of historical photographs, Out in Central Pennsylvania is a Pennsylvania story with national implications that both brings rural LGBTQ life out into the open and explores how LGBTQ identity and social advocacy networks form outside of a large urban environment.

William Burton is an author based in Provincetown, Massachusetts.

Barry Loveland is retired from the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission and is the cofounder and chair of the LGBT Center of Central PA History Project.
In the summer of 1876, Berlin anxiously awaited the arrival of what was billed as “the most gigantic ape known to zoology.” Described by European explorers only a few decades earlier, gorillas had rarely been seen outside of Africa, and emerging theories of evolution only increased the public’s desire to see this “monster with human features.” However, when he arrived, the so-called monster turned out to be a juvenile male less than thirty-two inches tall. Known as M’Pungu (Master Pongo), or simply Pongo, the gorilla was put on display in the Unter den Linden Aquarium in the center of Berlin. Expecting the horrid creature described by the news outlets of the time, the crowds who flocked to see Pongo were at first surprised and then charmed by the little ape. He quickly became one of the largest attractions in the city, and his handlers exploited him for financial gain and allowed doctors and scientists to study him closely. Throughout his time in Europe, Pongo was treated like a person in many respects. He drank beer, ate meat, slept at the head of the aquarium, and “visited” London and Hamburg. But this new lifestyle and foreign environment weren’t healthy for the little gorilla. Pongo fell ill frequently and died of “consumption” in November 1877, less than a year and a half after being brought to Europe.

An irresistible read and illustrated with contemporaneous drawings, this critical retelling of the expedition that brought Pongo to Berlin and of his short life in Europe sheds important light on human-animal interactions and science at a time in Western society when the theory of evolution was first gaining ground.

Mustafa Haikal is a historian and author of numerous nonfiction books in German.

Thomas Dunlap has translated more than fifteen works from German into English.
Like so many other issues surrounding women’s reproductive health, menopause has often been treated as a cultural taboo. On the rare occasions that menopausal and perimenopausal women are depicted in popular culture, they are stereotypically cast as the butt of demeaning jokes that encourage us to laugh at their deteriorating bodies and emotional volatility. The result is that women facing menopause often feel isolated and ashamed.

In a spirit of community and support, this collection of comics presents a different view of menopause that enables those experiencing it to be seen and to feel empowered, their experiences validated and shared.

Balancing levity with sincerity, these comics unapologetically depict menopause and all its attendant symptoms, from hot flashes and vaginal dryness to forgetfulness, social stigma, anxiety, and shame. Created from a variety of perspectives, they represent a range of life experiences, ages, gender identities, ethnicities, and health conditions. The common thread uniting these stories is the affirmation that, while we can and should laugh at ourselves, no one should be ashamed of menopause. The comics in this book encourage us to share our experiences and to support one another, and ourselves, through self-care and community.

Featuring works by Joyce Farmer, Lynda Barry, Mimi Pond, Ellen Forney, and a host of other pioneering and up-and-coming comics artists, Menopause is a perfect foil to the simplistic, cheap-joke approach society at large has taken to this much-derided women’s health issue. Readers will revel in the sly humor and universal truths found here.

MK Czerwiec, RN, MA, is Artist-in-Residence at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine and Senior Fellow of the George Washington School of Nursing Center for Health Policy and Media Engagement. She is the co-curator of GraphicMedicine.org and the author of the graphic memoir Taking Turns: Stories from HIV/AIDS Care Unit 371, also published by Penn State University Press.
The Third Population

Aurélien Ducoudray and Jeff Pourquié
Translated by Kendra Boileau

Founded in 1956, the French psychiatric clinic La Chesnaie is an open and welcoming facility that houses about one hundred people of all ages. It provides traditional forms of care for people with serious mental illness, but it does so in a uniquely supportive environment where patients and caregivers participate equally in the day-to-day operations of the clinic. The driving force of La Chesnaie is the “Club,” a nonprofit organization serving as a liaison between the clinic and the outside world. It arranges cultural and recreational outings for the patients as well as activities like concerts and exhibitions that bring the public to La Chesnaie. As a result, days at the clinic are quite lively and never routine.

Author Aurélien Ducoudray and illustrator Jeff Pourquié immersed themselves for a time in the culture of La Chesnaie. Like everyone there, including the patients, supervisors, and caregivers, they took part in the daily chores of the clinic, cooking and cleaning. They participated in group events and even led a comics workshop to teach the residents about their craft. The Third Population is the engaging, inspiring, and often poignantly funny result of this project.

The Third Population is a sensitive and uncompromising portrayal of daily life in this singular psychiatric health facility where patients are encouraged to build human relationships in spite of the difficulties that mental illness can pose. As the supervisors and caregivers take part in the daily activities of their patients, differences are erased and empathic bonds are formed, with the result that sometimes it is difficult to distinguish the patients from the caregivers.

Aurélien Ducoudray is the author of numerous documentary comics and graphic novels, including the prize-winning Amère Russie, Clichés de Bosnie, and Championzé: Une histoire de Battling Siki.

Jeff Pourquié is an artist and a gypsy jazz guitarist. He is the illustrator of a number of comics and graphic novels in French.
The Algerian War of Independence (1954–62), also known as the Algerian Revolution, was a messy and vicious conflict that took place between France and the Algerian National Liberation Front. Waged primarily in Algeria, it severely traumatized citizens on both sides of the Mediterranean. In France, it is known as “the war without a name,” and it has had a troubled legacy in both France and Algeria to this day. In other parts of the world, it remains something of a mystery.

Inspired by real events, Algériennes tells the story of this confrontation, with a special focus on the largely overlooked role of women. Following the investigative efforts of Beatrice, the child of a French soldier who wants to know more about the war, this poignantly narrated and beautifully illustrated graphic novel tells the stories of the women who fought with the National Liberation Front. The “Moudjahidates,” as they were called, were soldiers; they were victims of bombings, rape, and torture; they were French women born in Algeria and later scorned as “pieds-noirs” (black feet) when they returned to the mainland. Taken from sworn testimony, their stories intersect and complete one another over the course of the narrative. Algériennes depicts women from all backgrounds who were motivated by very real experiences—the loss of a family member, a genuine desire to help, feelings of exile, love. Together, these stories create a powerful and compelling narrative that shines a light on the unseen women’s war within the larger war between men in Algeria.

Swann Meralli is the author of L’Homme, with Ulric Stahl; Fermons les yeux, with Laura Deo; and the series Le petit livre qui dit, with Carole Crouzet.

Deloupy published the award-winning Love Story à l’iranienne, with Jane Deuxard, and Pour la peau, with Sandrine Saint-Marc.
Since its construction, Notre Dame Cathedral has played a central role in French cultural identity. In the wake of the tragic fire of 2019, questions of how to restore the fabric of this quintessential French monument are once more at the forefront. This all-too-prescient book, first published in French in 2013, takes a central place in the conversation.

The Gothic cathedral par excellence, Notre Dame set the architectural bar in the competitive years of the third quarter of the twelfth century and dazzled the architects and aesthetes of the Enlightenment with its structural ingenuity. In the nineteenth century, the cathedral became the touchstone of a movement to restore medieval patrimony to its rightful place at the cultural heart of France: it was transformed into a colossal laboratory in which architects Jean-Baptiste Lassus and Eugène-Emmanuel Viollet-le-Duc anatomized structures, dismembered them, put them back, or built them anew—all the while documenting the work with scientific precision. Taking as their point of departure a three-dimensional laser scan of the cathedral created in 2010, architectural historians Dany Sandron and the late Andrew Tallon tell the story of the construction and reconstruction of Notre Dame in visual terms. With over a billion points of data, the scan supplies a highly accurate spatial map of the building, which is dismembered and rebuilt virtually. Fourteen double-page images represent the cathedral at specific points in time, while the accompanying text sets out the history of the building, addressing key themes such as the fundraising campaign, the construction of the vaults, and the liturgical function of the choir.

Featuring 170 full-color illustrations and elegantly translated by Andrew Tallon and Lindsay Cook, Notre Dame Cathedral is an enlightening history of one of the world’s most treasured architectural feats.

Dany Sandron is Professor of Art and Archaeology at Sorbonne Université.

Andrew Tallon (1969–2018) was Associate Professor of Art at Vassar College.
**Study in Black and White**

*Photography, Race, Humor*

Tanya Sheehan

“Working at the intersection of race, humor, and photography studies, this important new book supplies a new lens through which to view all of these disciplines. Tanya Sheehan has taken the field of racialized humor in an original direction through a rigorous and nuanced examination of the impact of photography upon visual humor from the nineteenth century to the present. Particularly fascinating is Sheehan’s consideration of camera comedy and the minstrel stage, both in America and abroad. Eminently readable, *Study in Black and White* is both appealing and illuminating.”

—Henry Louis Gates Jr., Alphonse Fletcher University Professor, Harvard University

In this volume, Tanya Sheehan takes humor seriously in order to trace how photographic comedy was used in America and transnationally to express evolving ideas about race, black emancipation, and civil rights in the mid-1800s and into the twentieth century. Employing a trove of understudied materials, Sheehan writes a new history of photography that encompasses the rise of the commercial portrait studio in the 1840s, the popularization of amateur photography around 1900, and the mass circulation of postcards and other photographic ephemera in the twentieth century. She then places these historical discourses in relation to contemporary art that critiques racism through humor, including the work of Genevieve Grieves, Adrian Piper, Lorna Simpson, Kara Walker, and Fred Wilson.

Tanya Sheehan is William R. Kenan Jr. Associate Professor of Art at Colby College. She is the author of *Doctored: The Medicine of Photography in Nineteenth-Century America*, also published by Penn State University Press.

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**The Prado**

*Spanish Culture and Leisure, 1819–1939*

Eugenia Afinoguénova

“Afinoguénova’s harrowing story of the Prado museum and its role in creating a more inclusive Spain is both engaging and an important reminder of the role of public institutions, such as museums, in promoting pluralism in liberal democracies even despite often complicated origins.”

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Focusing on the Prado as a space of urban leisure, Eugenia Afinoguénova highlights the political history of the museum’s relation to the monarchy, the church, and the liberal nation-state as well as its role as an extension of Madrid’s social center, the Prado Promenade. Based on extensive archival research on the museum’s displays and policies as well as the attitudes of visitors and city-dwellers, *The Prado* unfolds the museum’s many political and propagandistic roles and examines its complicated history as a monument to the tension between culture and leisure.

Eugenia Afinoguénova is Professor of Spanish and Spanish Culture at Marquette University. She is the coeditor of *Spain Is (Still) Different: Tourism and Discourse in Spanish Identity* and the author of *El idiota superviviente: Artes y letras españolas frente a la “muerte del hombre,”* 1969–1990.
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Jo Applin is Lecturer at the Courtauld Institute of Art, London. Her recent books include Eccentric Objects: Rethinking Sculpture in 1960s America and Yayoi Kusama: Infinity Mirror Room—Phalli’s Field.

Catherine Spencer is Lecturer in Art History at the University of St. Andrews. She is the author of British Art in the Nuclear Age.

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Djuna Barnes’s Modernism
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Cathryn Setz is Associate Visiting Research Fellow at the Rothermere American Institute at the University of Oxford and the founder of the Djuna Barnes Research Seminar.

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Silvia Z. Mitchell is Assistant Professor of Early Modern European History at Purdue University.

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**Christians in Caesar’s Household**

*The Emperors’ Slaves in the Makings of Christianity*

Michael Flexsenhar III

“Debunking a popular view that Christians in the days of Paul had already infiltrated the inner circles of imperial power, Flexsenhar argues instead that stories about the household of Caesar helped Christians map their identity through late antiquity. This book deftly demonstrates the importance of material culture for the interpretation of literary sources.”

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Scholarship in early Christianity has for centuries viewed Roman emperors’ slaves and freedmen as responsible for ushering Christianity onto the world stage, traditionally using Paul’s allusion to “the saints from Caesar’s household” in Philippians 4:22 as a core literary lens. Merging textual and material evidence with diaspora and memory studies, Michael Flexsenhar III expands on this narrative to explore new and more nuanced representations of this group, showing how the long-accepted stories of Christian slaves and freepersons in Caesar’s household should not be taken at face value but should instead be understood within the context of Christian myth- and meaning-making.

Michael Flexsenhar III is Visiting Assistant Professor of Religious Studies at Rhodes College.

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Gender, Crime, and Punishment in Antebellum Pennsylvania
Erica Rhodes Hayden

This book traces the lived experiences of women lawbreakers in the state of Pennsylvania from 1820 to 1860 through the records of more than six thousand criminal court cases. By following these women from the perpetration of their crimes through the state’s efforts to punish and reform them, Erica Rhodes Hayden places them at the center of their own stories.

Women constituted a small percentage of those tried in courtrooms and sentenced to prison terms during the nineteenth century, yet their experiences offer valuable insight into the era’s criminal justice system. Hayden illuminates how criminal punishment and reform intersected with larger social issues of the time, including questions of race, class, and gender, and reveals how women prisoners actively influenced their situation despite class disparities. Hayden’s focus on recovering the individual experiences of women in the criminal justice system across the state of Pennsylvania marks a significant shift from studies that focus on the structure and leadership of penal institutions and reform organizations in urban centers.

Troublesome Women advances our understanding of female crime and punishment in the antebellum period and challenges preconceived notions of nineteenth-century womanhood. Scholars of women’s history and the history of crime and punishment, as well as those interested in Pennsylvania history, will benefit greatly from Hayden’s thorough and fascinating research.

Erica Rhodes Hayden is Associate Professor of History at Trevecca Nazarene University.

Joan of Arc in the English Imagination, 1429–1829
Gail Orgelfinger

“Orgelfinger’s work is a thoroughly researched and welcome addition to the scholarship on the post-medieval reception of Joan of Arc. She offers valuable new insights by focusing on British views of Joan before the performance of Shaw’s Saint Joan, and by challenging oversimplified narratives of England’s rehabilitation of her former adversary.”
—MICHAEL EVANS, Medievally Speaking

The variety of epithets attached to Joan of Arc—from “witch” and “Medean virago” to “missioned Maid” and “shepherd’s child”—attests to England’s complicated relationship with the saint. Focusing primarily on descriptions of Joan of Arc’s captivity, trial, and execution, Gail Orgelfinger shows how the exigencies of politics and the demands of genre shaped English retellings of her military successes, gender transgressions, and execution at the hands of her English enemies. Orgelfinger’s research illuminates how and why English writers and artists used the memory of Joan of Arc to grapple with issues such as England’s relationship with France, emerging protofeminism in the early modern era, and the sense of national guilt over her execution.

Gail Orgelfinger is Senior Lecturer Emerita at the University of Maryland, Baltimore County.
Textual Spaces
French Renaissance Writings on the Italian Voyage
Richard E. Keatley

“Advancing the notion of ‘performed leisure,’ Richard Keatley smartly situates French travel within a rich context of political, social, economic, and learned textual impulses. His study of Montaigne’s voyage, in particular, proves a tour de force.”
—George Hoffmann, author of Reforming French Culture: Satire, Spiritual Alienation, and Connection to Strangers

This volume digs beneath the façade of leisurely travel literature to unearth a complex web of rhetorical, sociological, and political values that conditioned and informed the experiences of French travelers in Italy during the Renaissance. Utilizing period maps and geographical sources, Richard E. Keatley combines philological mapping of travelers’ itineraries with analyses of the tensions that undergird the rewriting of space. Through texts such as Montaigne’s Journal de voyage, Du Bellay’s Regrets, and Jacques de Villamont’s Voyages, Keatley traces how the creation of “textual spaces” allowed travelers to transform territories lost to France through warfare into spaces of desire.

An erudite study linking the fields of literary and cultural studies, history and art history, and spatial and landscape theory, Textual Spaces presents an engaging vision into the early history of travel that will interest historians, literary scholars, and anyone keen to understand why we venture abroad.

Richard E. Keatley is an independent scholar from Tucker, Georgia.
Queering Mennonite Literature
Archives, Activism, and the Search for Community
Daniel Shank Cruz

Though the terms “queer” and “Mennonite” rarely come into theoretical or cultural contact, over the last several decades writers and scholars in North America have built a body of queer Mennonite literature that shifts these identities into conversation. Daniel Shank Cruz brings this growing genre into a critical focus, bridging the gaps between queer theory, literary criticism, and Mennonite literature through analysis of recent Mennonite-authored literary texts that espouse queer theoretical principles, including Christina Penner’s Widows of Hamilton House, Wes Funk’s Wes Side Story, and Sofia Samatar’s Tender. Arguing for engagement between these two identities and highlighting the aspects of Mennonitism that are inherently “queer,” Cruz gives much-needed attention to an emerging subfield of Mennonite literature and makes a new and substantial contribution to the fields of queer theory, literary studies, Mennonite studies, and religious studies.

Daniel Shank Cruz is Associate Professor of English at Utica College in New York.

Embodiment, Relation, Community
A Continental Philosophy of Communication
Garnet C. Butchart

“Unlike work that has been published in cultural studies, Butchart’s study is not ‘post-phenomenology’ or in any way antagonistic to the tradition of thought that preceded it. It is, simply, the future of the field.”

—FRANK J. MACKE, author of The Experience of Human Communication: Body, Flesh, and Relationship

In this volume, Garnet C. Butchart shows how human communication can be understood as embodied relations and not merely as a mechanical process of transmission. Expanding on contemporary philosophies of speech and language, self and other, and community and immunity, Butchart challenges many common assumptions, constructs, and problems of communication theory while offering compelling new resources for future study. His accessibly written argument is relevant for researchers and advanced students of communication, cultural studies, translation, and rhetorical studies, especially those who work with a humanistic or interpretive paradigm.

Garnet C. Butchart is Associate Professor of Communication and Rhetorical Studies at Duquesne University.
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By the mid-1930s, Pennsylvania’s anthracite coal industry was facing a steady decline. Mining areas such as the Wyoming Valley around the cities of Wilkes-Barre and Pittston were full of willing workers (mainly women) who proved irresistibly attractive to New York City’s “runaway shops”—ladies’ apparel factories seeking lower labor and other costs. The International Ladies’ Garment Workers’ Union (ILGWU) soon followed, and the Valley became a thriving hub of clothing production and union activity. This volume tells the story of the area’s apparel industry through the voices of men and women who lived it.

Drawing from an archive of over sixty audio-recorded interviews within the Northeastern Pennsylvania Oral and Life History Collection, Sewn in Coal Country showcases sixteen stories told by workers, shop owners, union leaders, and others. Robert P. Wolensky places the narratives in the larger context of American clothing manufacturing during the period and highlights their broader implications for the study of labor, gender, the working class, and oral history.

Highly readable and thoroughly enlightening, this significant contribution to the study of labor history and women’s history will appeal to anyone interested in the relationships among workers, unions, management, and the community; the effects of economic change on an area and its residents; the role of organized crime within the industry; and Pennsylvania history—especially the social history of industrialization and deindustrialization during the twentieth century.

Robert P. Wolensky is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Wisconsin–Stevens Point and Adjunct Professor of History at King’s College, Wilkes-Barre. He is a coauthor of Fighting for the Union Label: The Women’s Garment Industry and the ILGWU in Pennsylvania, also published by Penn State University Press.

Sewn in Coal Country
Edited by Robert P. Wolensky

“A detailed yet readable study of the lives of the garment industry. This is a fine social history of ordinary people that brings the past to life.”
—RICHARD A. GREENWALD, author of The Triangle Fire, the Protocols of Peace and Industrial Democracy in Progressive Era New York

Pennhurst and the Struggle for Disability Rights
Edited by Dennis B. Downey and James W. Conroy
Foreword by Dick and Ginny Thornburgh

Conceived in the era of eugenics as a solution to what was termed the “problem of the feeble-minded,” state-operated institutions subjected people with intellectual and developmental disabilities to a life of compulsory incarceration. One of nearly 300 such facilities in the United States, Pennhurst State School and Hospital was initially hailed as a “model institution” but was later revealed to be a nightmare, where medical experimentation and physical and psychological abuse were rampant. At its peak, more than 3,500 residents were confined at Pennhurst, supervised by a staff of fewer than 600.

Using a blended narrative of essays and first-person accounts, this history of Pennhurst examines the institution from its founding during an age of Progressive reform to its present-day exploitation as a controversial Halloween attraction. In doing so, it traces a decades-long battle to reform the abhorrent school and hospital and reveals its role as a catalyst for the disability rights movement. Beginning in the 1950s, parent-advocates, social workers, and attorneys joined forces to challenge the dehumanizing conditions at Pennhurst. Their groundbreaking advocacy, accelerated in 1968 by the explosive televised exposé Suffer the Little Children, laid the foundation for lawsuits that transformed American jurisprudence and ended mass institutionalization in the United States. As a result, Pennhurst became a symbolic force in the disability civil rights movement in America and around the world.

Extensively researched and featuring the stories of survivors, parents, and advocates, this compelling history will appeal both to those with connections to Pennhurst and to anyone interested in the history of institutionalization and the disability rights movement.

Dennis B. Downey is Emeritus Professor of History at Millersville University. He is the author or coauthor of numerous books, including A Season of Renewal: The Columbian Exposition and Victorian America and Coatesville and the Lynching of Zachariah Walker: Death in a Pennsylvania Steel Town.

James W. Conroy is President of the Center for Outcome Analysis and President of the Pennhurst Memorial and Preservation Alliance. He is the author of more than a dozen longitudinal studies, including one on Pennhurst.

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Across the world, animals are being domesticated at an unprecedented rate and scale. But what exactly is domestication, and what does it tell us about ourselves? In this book, Marcus Baynes-Rock seeks the common thread linking stories about the domestication of Australia’s native animals, arguing that domestication is part of a process by which late modernity threatens to undo the world.

In a deeply personal account, the author tells of his encounters with crocodiles and emus behind fences, dingoes and kangaroos crossing boundaries, and native bees producing honey in his suburban backyard. Drawing on comparisons between Aboriginal and colonial Australians, Baynes-Rock reveals how the domestication of Australia’s fauna is a process of “unmaking.” As an extension of late modernity, the connections that tie humans and other animals to wider ecologies are being severed, threatening to isolate us and our domesticates from the rest of the world. It is here that Baynes-Rock reveals a key difference between Aboriginal and colonial Australian modes of landscape management: while one is focused on a systemic approach and sees humans as integral to ecological integrity, the other seeks to sever domesticates from ecological processes. The question that emerges is: How might we reconfigure and maintain these connections without undoing humanity?

Written in the author’s characteristically frank, passionate, and humorous style, Crocodile Undone takes the reader on a journey across both physical and philosophical landscapes. This fascinating narrative will appeal to anyone interested in the vital connections between humans and animals.

Marcus Baynes-Rock is the author of Among the Bone Eaters, also published by Penn State University Press.

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Found in two-thirds of the world, rabies is a devastating infectious disease with no effective cure once symptoms appear and a 99.9 percent case-fatality rate. Rabies in the Streets tells the compelling story of the relationship between people, street animals, and rabies in urban India, where one-third of human rabies deaths occur. In this book, Deborah Nadal makes the case that only a One Health approach of “interspecies camaraderie” can save people and animals from the horrors of rabies and almost certain death.

Using the methods of multispecies ethnography, this book leads the reader through the streets and slums of Delhi and Jaipur, where people and animals, such as dogs, cats, and macaques, interact intimately and sometimes violently. Nadal explores the intricate web of factors that brings people into contact with animals in these spaces, creating favorable conditions for the rabies virus to infect across species. She shows how and why the sociocultural conditions that contribute to the spread of rabies—including poverty, a limited awareness of rabies and bite treatment, trust in traditional medicines, inadequate health and sanitation facilities, political ambivalence, and religious customs—are so numerous that they overwhelm the biological factors.

Despite technical medical progress, infectious diseases are now emerging and reemerging in ways we did not expect. This original story of rabies challenges conventional approaches of separation and extermination, proving that a One Health approach is our best chance at fostering mutual survival in a world increasingly overpopulated by humans, animals, and deadly pathogens.

Deborah Nadal is Visiting Postdoctoral Researcher at the Center for One Health Research in the School of Public Health at the University of Washington.

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Gothic Architecture and Sexuality in the Circle of Horace Walpole
Matthew M. Reeve

“This book makes a brilliant and substantive contribution to research on eighteenth-century Gothic. In keeping with Walpole’s own interdisciplinary leanings, Reeve cuts through the disciplinary boundaries that have tended to shape previous studies of Walpole and his circle. Rightly, he treats Walpolean Gothic as a thoroughly multimedia enterprise. In so doing, Reeve raises the critical discourse on medievalism and queer aesthetics to a new level of sophistication.”
—ROBERT MILLS, author of Suspended Animation: Pain, Pleasure, and Punishment in Medieval Culture

Framing the Church
The Social and Artistic Power of Buttresses in French Gothic Architecture
Maile S. Hutterer

“From the commercial zones flying buttresses defined on the ground to the protective gargoyles they held up against the sky, Maile Hutterer’s lucid, beautifully illustrated book illuminates the many roles and meanings of this most characteristically Gothic architectural invention. Apart from their structural importance, Hutterer expertly demonstrates how, through their distinctive formal design and figural embellishments, flying buttresses shaped urban space and declared the church’s efficacy both within and far beyond the cathedral precinct.”
—JACQUELINE E. JUNG, author of The Gothic Screen: Space, Sculpture, and Community in the Cathedrals of France and Germany, c. 1200–1400

Framing the Church takes a nontraditional approach to the study of the hallmark of French Gothic architecture: the buttress. In a series of case studies spanning approximately five hundred years and incorporating some of Gothic France’s most significant monuments, Maile S. Hutterer examines the aesthetics, social processes, and iconography of both flying and non-flying buttresses in order to explain how buttresses supported the church symbolically as well as structurally.

Surrounding all or part of a building with periodically spaced massive piers, the buttressing frame defines an edge that simultaneously maintains permeability, creating an intermediary space around the structure. Making extensive use of archival sources, Hutterer argues that the areas between the buttresses distinguished the consecrated, sacred ground of the church interior from its unconsecrated, non–sacred surroundings, a division that was of increasing concern to theologians in the High Middle Ages.

Original and persuasive, this book illuminates the buttresses’ social and religious meaning for medieval viewers by introducing architectural iconography to a form that is primarily understood in terms of its structural utility. It will be welcomed by students and scholars of medieval architecture and medieval French history.

Maile S. Hutterer is Assistant Professor of History of Art and Architecture at the University of Oregon.
Hailed upon its publication as “history at its finest” by H. Larry Ingle and called “the essential foundation to explore early Quaker history” by Sixteenth Century Journal, Rosemary Moore’s The Light in Their Consciences is the most comprehensive, readable history of the first decades of the life and thought of the Society of Friends. This twentieth–anniversary edition of Moore’s path-breaking work reintroduces the book to a new generation of readers.

Drawing on an innovative computer-based analysis of primary sources and Quaker anti-Quaker literature, Moore provides compelling portraits of George Fox, James Nayler, Margaret Fell, and other leading figures; relates how the early Friends lived and worshipped; and traces the path this radical group followed as it began its development into a denomination. In doing so, she makes clear the origins and evolution of Quaker faith, details how they overcame differences in doctrinal interpretation and religious practice, and delves deeply into clashes between and among leaders and lay practitioners.

Thoroughly researched, felicitously written, and featuring a new introduction, updated sources, and an enlightening outline of Moore’s research methodology, this edition of The Light in Their Consciences belongs in the collection of everyone interested in or studying Quaker history and the era in which the movement originated.

An active member of the Society of Friends since 1954, Rosemary Moore is an honorary staff member with the Centre for Research in Quaker Studies at Woodbrooke. She is the coauthor of The Quakers, 1666–1723: The Evolution of an Alternative Community, also published by Penn State University Press.

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PathoGraphics
Narrative, Aesthetics, Contention, Community
Edited by Susan Merrill Squier and Irmela Marei Krüger-Fürhoff

“This PathoGraphics advances discussions about how to read, visualize, and create comics about illness and disability in complex and welcome ways.”
—Ann Fox, Davidson College

Culturally powerful ideas of normalcy and deviance, individual responsibility, and what is medically feasible shape the ways in which we live with illness and disability. The essays in this volume show how illness narratives expressed in a variety of forms—biographical essays, fictional texts, cartoons, graphic novels, and comics—reflect on and grapple with the fact that these human experiences are socially embedded and culturally shaped.

This collection demonstrates what can emerge when scholars and artists interested in fiction, life-writing, and comics collaborate to explore how various media portray illness, medical treatment, and disability. Rather than stopping at the limits of genre or medium, the essays talk across fields, exploring together how works in these different forms craft narratives and aesthetics to negotiate contention and build community around those experiences—and to discover how the knowledge and experiences of illness and disability circulate within the realms of medicine, art, the personal, and the cultural. Ultimately, they demonstrate a common purpose: to examine the ways comics and literary texts build an audience and galvanize not just empathy but also action.

In addition to the editors, the contributors to this volume include Einat Avrahami, Maureen Burdock, Elizabeth J. Donaldson, Ariela Freedman, Rieke Jordan, Stefan Jenk, Leah Misemer, Tahnee Oksman, Nina Schmidt, and Helen Spandler.

Susan Merrill Squier is Julia Gregg Brill Professor Emeritus of English and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at Penn State University, a founding member of the Graphic Medicine Collective, coeditor of the Graphic Medicine Series, and Einstein Visiting Fellow of the 2016–21 PathoGraphics Research Project. Her publications include Graphic Medicine Manifesto, also published by Penn State University Press.

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Michelangelo’s Inner Anatomies

Christian K. Kleinbub

This book challenges the notion that Michelangelo, renowned for his magnificent portrayals of the human body, was merely concerned with “superficial” anatomy—that is, the parts of the body that can be seen from the outside. Christian K. Kleinbub provides a fresh perspective on Michelangelo’s art of the human figure by investigating what he calls the artist’s “inner anatomical poetics,” revealing these beautiful bodies as objects of profound intellectual and spiritual significance.

Michelangelo’s Inner Anatomies illuminates how Renaissance discourses on anatomical organs and organ systems informed Michelangelo’s figures, linking the interior experiences of his subjects to physiological processes associated with sex, love, devotion, and contemplation, among other thoughts and feelings. Kleinbub presents new and compelling interpretations of some of Michelangelo’s most significant works of painting, sculpture, poetry, and architecture. The book’s case studies cover the full range of Michelangelo’s prodigious output—including such iconic works as the Sistine Ceiling, Dying Slave, and Last Judgment—and reconstructs what Michelangelo knew of internal anatomy and how he projected that knowledge into his most important works. Drawing upon theological, poetic, philosophical, and scientific texts, Michelangelo created a context-dependent, adaptable practice that could be adjusted according to the needs of an individual situation or commission and manipulated to embody, literally and figuratively, a variety of meanings.

Deeply researched and convincingly argued, this study heralds a significant shift in thinking about the Italian Renaissance body as it pertains not only to the work of Michelangelo but also to the era as a whole.

Christian K. Kleinbub is Professor of Italian Renaissance Art at The Ohio State University and Codirector of the New Foundation of Art History. He is the author of the award-winning Vision and the Visionary in Raphael, also published by Penn State University Press.

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Titian’s Icons

Tradition, Charisma, and Devotion in Renaissance Italy

Christopher J. Nygren

“In this groundbreaking investigation of Titian’s understudied small-scale religious paintings, Christopher Nygren convincingly demonstrates in his rich and erudite analysis that these were high-stakes painterly performances that prompted—even scripted—certain devotional responses from their sophisticated beholders. Provocatively referring to these polyvalent paintings as ‘icons,’ Nygren aligns Titian’s art with early modern understandings about miraculous agency, votive petition, vibrant matter, and spiritual comportment.”

—Megan Holmes, author of The Miraculous Image in Renaissance Florence

Titian, one of the most successful painters of the Italian Renaissance, was credited by his contemporaries with painting a miracle-working image, the San Rocco Christ Carrying the Cross. Taking this unusual circumstance as a point of departure, Christopher J. Nygren revisits the scope and impact of Titian’s life’s work. Nygren shows how, motivated by his status as the creator of a miracle-working object, Titian played an active and essential role in reorienting the long tradition of Christian icons over the course of the sixteenth century.

Drawing attention to Titian’s unique status as a painter whose work was viewed as a conduit of divine grace, Nygren shows clearly how the artist appropriated, deployed, and reconfigured Christian icon painting. Specifically, he tracks how Titian continually readjusted his art to fit the shifting contours of religious and political reformations, and how these changes shaped Titian’s conception of what made a devotionally efficacious image. The strategies that were successful in, say, 1516 were discarded by the 1540s, when his approach to icon painting underwent a radical revision. Therefore, this book not only tracks the career of one of the most important artists in the tradition of Western painting but also brings to light new information about how divergent agendas of religious, political, and artistic reform interacted over the long arc of the sixteenth century.

Original and erudite, this book represents an important reassessment of Titian’s approach to devotional subject matter. It will appeal to students and specialists as well as art aficionados interested in Titian and in religious painting.

Christopher J. Nygren is Assistant Professor of History of Art and Architecture at the University of Pittsburgh.

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Art History/Medieval and Early Modern Studies
The Hungarian-born French painter Simon Hantaï (1922–2008) is best known for abstract, large-format works produced using pliage: the painting of a crumpled, gathered, or systematically pleated canvas that the artist then unfolds and stretches for exhibition. In her study of this profoundly influential artist, Molly Warnock presents a persuasive historical account of his work, his impact on a younger generation of French artists, and the genesis and development of the practice of pliage over time.

Simon Hantaï and the Reserves of Painting covers the entirety of Hantaï’s expansive oeuvre, from his first aborted experiments with folding around 1950 to his post-pliage experiments with digital scanning and printing. Throughout, Warnock analyzes the artist’s relentlessly searching studio practice in light of his no less profound engagement with developments in philosophy, psychoanalysis, and critical theory. Engaging both Hantaï’s art and writing to support her argument and paying particular attention to his sustained interrogation of religious painting in the West, Warnock shows how Hantaï’s work evinces a complicated mixture of intentionality and contingency. Appendixes provide English translations of two major texts by the artist, “A Plantaneous Demolition” and “Notes, Deliberately Confounding, Accelerating, and the Like for a ‘Reactionary,’ Non-Reducible Avant-Garde.”

Original and insightful, this important new book is a central reference for the life, art, and theories of one of the most significant and exciting artists of the twentieth century. It will appeal to art historians and students of modernism, especially those interested in the history of abstraction, materiality and Surrealism, automatism, and theology and making.

Molly Warnock is Assistant Professor of History of Art at Johns Hopkins University and author of Pensée et peinture: Simon Hantaï.

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Decorative handcrafts are commonly associated with traditional femininity and unthreatening docility. However, the artists connected with interwar Vienna’s “female Secession” created craft-based artworks that may be understood as sites of feminist resistance. In this book, historian Megan Brandow-Faller tells the story of how these artists disrupted long-established boundaries by working to dislodge fixed oppositions between “art” and “craft,” “decorative” and “profound,” and “masculine” and “feminine” in art.

Tracing the history of the women’s art movement in Secessionist Vienna from its origins in 1897, at the Women’s Academy, to the Association of Austrian Women Artists and its radical offshoot, the Wiener Frauenkunst—Brandow-Faller tells the compelling story of a movement that reclaimed the stereotypes attached to the idea of Frauenkunst, or women’s art. She shows how generational struggles and diverging artistic philosophies of art, craft and design drove the conservative and radical wings of Austria’s women’s art movement apart. The book explores the ways female artists and crafts-women reinterpreted and extended the Klimt Group’s ideas in the interwar years and draws a direct connection to the themes that drove the better-known explosion of feminist art in 1970s America.

Engagingly told and featuring more than eighty representative illustrations, The Female Secession recaptures the radical potential of what Fanny Harlfinger-Zakucka referred to as “works from women’s hands.” It will appeal to art historians working in the decorative arts and modernism as well as historians of Secession-era Vienna and gender history.

Megan Brandow-Faller is Associate Professor of History at Kingsborough Community College, CUNY. She is the editor of Childhood by Design: Toys and the Material Culture of Childhood, 1700–Present.

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Simon Hantaï and the Reserves of Painting
Molly Warnock
“A beautifully written, deeply researched and comprehensive account of one of postwar Europe’s most significant artists. Far from the cliché of Simon Hantaï and his folded (‘pliage’) paintings as detached and impersonal, Molly Warnock reveals the artist’s full investment in a ‘deep context’ of ideas, historical issues, and major artistic movements, from surrealism to minimalism via abstract expressionism; traversing the terrain of the Catholic liturgy, philosophies of community and phenomenology, and questions of writing and legibility; while never forgetting the techniques and fundamentals of the practice of painting.”
—Natalie Adamson, coeditor of Material Imagination: Art in Europe, 1946–72
Contraband Guides
Race, Transatlantic Culture, and the Arts in the Civil War Era
Paul H. D. Kaplan

“Both a creative and a fastidious scholar, Paul Kaplan aims to shed fresh light on the dialogue concerning race, nationalism, and representation. In this well-argued volume, he deftly weaves together travel writing by Americans abroad becoming aware of Africans in Europe; racial representations by the talented mixed-race Louisiana sculptor Eugène Warburg and the German American painter Emanuel Leutze; a dialogue on racial matters between two major intellectuals, Charles Norton and John Ruskin; and the relevance of the Old European Masters whose racial representations made an impact on African Americans.”
—PATRICIA HILLS, author of Painting Harlem Modern: The Art of Jacob Lawrence

In his best-selling travel memoir, The Innocents Abroad, Mark Twain punningly refers to the black man who introduces him to Venetian Renaissance painting as a “contraband guide,” a term coined to describe fugitive slaves who assisted Union armies during the Civil War. By means of this and similar case studies, Paul H. D. Kaplan documents the ways in which American cultural encounters with Europe and its venerable artistic traditions influenced nineteenth-century concepts of race in the United States.

Taking up the work of both well- and lesser-known artists and writers—such as the travel writings of Mark Twain and William Dean Howells, the paintings of German American Emanuel Leutze, the epistolary exchange between John Ruskin and Charles Eliot Norton, newspaper essays written by Frederick Douglass and William J. Wilson, and the sculpture of freed slave Eugène Warburg—Kaplan lays bare how racial attitudes expressed in mid-nineteenth-century American art were deeply inflected by European traditions.

By highlighting the contributions people of black African descent made to the fine arts in the United States during this period, along with the ways in which they were represented, Contraband Guides provides a fresh perspective on the theme of race in Civil War-era American art. It will appeal to art historians, African American and American studies scholars, and to general readers interested in American art and African American history.

Paul H. D. Kaplan is Professor of History at Purchase College, SUNY, and the author of The Rise of the Black Magus in Western Art.

From the Rooftops
John Sloan and the Art of a New Urban Space
Adam Thomas

The celebrated Ashcan School artist John Sloan produced a distinctive body of work depicting life on the rooftops of early twentieth-century New York City. Designed to accompany the major loan exhibition of the same name organized by the Palmer Museum of Art, From the Rooftops: John Sloan and the Art of a New Urban Space examines the allure of rooftop locales for Sloan, as well as for more than a dozen of his contemporaries.

From his early career as an illustrator in Philadelphia to the final years of his life, Sloan nurtured a fascination with what he called “the roof life of the metropolis.” Devoted to the importance of this setting in Sloan’s oeuvre, From the Rooftops features paintings, prints, and photographs by Sloan, alongside examples from other notable artists of the time, such as George Ault, William Glackens, Hughie Lee-Smith, Edward Hopper, and Reginald Marsh—artists who were likewise enthralled by “the city above the city.” In this book, art historian Adam Thomas explores the pivotal role that New York City’s rooftops played in Sloan’s thinking about urban space and places Sloan’s work within its broader artistic and cultural context. In his analysis, Thomas considers the liminal status of the rooftop and its complexities as both an extension of the domestic sphere and an escape from it during a period of profound social and architectural transformation in New York City.

Featuring insightful analysis and more than eighty full-color illustrations, this catalog will appeal to art historians and art enthusiasts alike.

Adam Thomas is Curator of American Art at the Palmer Museum of Art and Affiliate Assistant Professor of Art History at Penn State University.
In this critical edition of Edgar Degas’s correspondence, eminent Degas scholar Theodore Reff transcribes, dates, and elucidates more than 1,200 letters written by the artist. Presented both in the original French and in English translation, these letters reveal a range of the artist’s interests and opinions, preoccupations, and beliefs, some of which dramatically correct notions about Degas derived from anecdotal sources. The scope and variety of the texts build a complex, fascinating portrait of the artist and his work, providing new information on his artistic theories, his relations with both avant-garde and conservative artists, and his central role in the Impressionist exhibitions, as well as offering new insights into his private life and the social and intellectual milieu that he inhabited. Known for his finely wrought sonnets and scathing witticisms, Degas is also revealed to be an ambitious and inventive writer, for whom verbal expression was a major source of pleasure throughout his life. Expressions of his strong personality, the letters display features also seen in his visual style—they are verbal equivalents of his forceful, insightful, and trenchant draftsmanship.

Featuring an English translation of the artist’s original letters, extensive annotations and appendixes, and an engaging introduction, this is an indispensable reference for scholars and specialists of this major artist as well as anyone interested in French Impressionism and nineteenth-century art or French and European history and literature.


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The Creation of the French Royal Mistress
From Agnès Sorel to Madame Du Barry
Tracy Adams and Christine Adams

“Intensively researched and engagingly written, this innovative work traces the history of the royal mistress in France, demonstrating their impressive social, political, and cultural influence. The book examines the development of this unique position, which was a counterpart (and rival) to that of the queen—ultimately arguing that Marie Antoinette fell by trying to play the traditional roles of both queen and mistress, rocking the foundations of French queenship and the court itself.”

—Elena Woodacre, author of The Queens Regnant of Navarre: Succession, Politics and Partnership, 1274–1512

Kings throughout medieval and early modern Europe had extraconjugual sexual partners. Only in France, however, did the royal mistress become a quasi-institutionalized political position. This study explores the emergence and development of the position of French royal mistress through detailed portraits of nine of its most significant incumbents: Agnès Sorel, Anne de Pisseleu d’Heilly, Diane de Poitiers, Gabrielle d’Estrées, Françoise Louise de La Baume Le Blanc, Françoise Athénais de Rochechouart de Mortemart, Françoise d’Aubigné, Jeanne-Antoinette Poisson, and Jeanne Bécu.

Thoroughly researched and compellingly narrated, this important study explains why the tradition of a politically powerful royal mistress materialized at the French court, but nowhere else in Europe. It will appeal to anyone interested in the history of the French monarchy, women and royalty, and gender studies.

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History/Gender Studies/Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Judaism, Race, and Ethics
Conversations and Questions
Edited by Jonathan K. Crane

Recent political and social developments in the United States reveal a deep misunderstanding of race and religion. From the highest echelons of power to the most obscure corners of society, color and conviction are continually twisted, often deliberately for nefarious reasons, or misconstrued to stymie meaningful conversation. This timely book wrestles with the contentious, dynamic, and ethically complicated relationship between race and religion through the lens of Judaism.

Featuring essays by lifelong participants in discussions about race, religion, and society—including Susannah Heschel, Sander L. Gilman, and George Yancy—this vibrant book aims to generate a compelling conversation vitally relevant to both the academy and the community. Starting from the premise that understanding prejudice and oppression requires multifaceted critical reflection and a willingness to acknowledge one’s own bias, the contributors to this volume present surprising arguments that disentangle fictions, factions, and facts. The topics they explore include the role of Jews and Jewish ethics in the civil rights movement, race and the construction of American Jewish identity, rituals of commemoration celebrating Jewish and black American resilience, and the “Yiddish gaze” on lynchings of black bodies, and the portrayal of racism as a mental illness from nineteenth-century Vienna to twenty-first-century Charlottesville.

In addition to the editor, the contributors include Sander L. Gilman, Annalise E. Glauz-Todrank, Aaron S. Gross, Susannah Heschel, Sarah Imhoff, Willa M. Johnson, Judith W. Kay, Jessica Kirzane, Nichole Renée Phillips, and George Yancy.

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Hebrew Psalms and the Utrecht Psalter
Veiled Origins
Pamela Berger

“All scholars of early medieval art will want to read this book, along with anyone interested in cultural connections between late antiquity and the Carolingian age. It is the most important study of the Utrecht Psalter in a long time.”

—FREDERICK PAXTON, author of Anchoress and Abbess in Ninth-Century Saxony: The “Lives” of Liutbirga of Wendhausen and Hathumoda of Gandersheim

In a major departure from previous scholarship, this volume argues that the illustrations in the famous and widely influential Utrecht Psalter manuscript were inspired by a late antique Hebrew version of Psalms, rather than a Latin, Christian version of the text. Produced during the early ninth century in a workshop near Reims, France, the Utrecht Psalter is illustrated with pen-and-ink drawings in a lively style reminiscent of Hellenistic art. The motifs are largely literal renditions of words and phrases found in the book of Psalms. However, more than three dozen motifs cannot be explained by either the Latin text that accompanies the imagery or the commentaries of the church fathers. Through a close reading of the Hebrew Psalms, Pamela Berger demonstrates that these motifs can be explained only by the Hebrew text or the Jewish commentary. Drawing comparisons between the “Hellenistic” style of the Psalter images and the style of late antique Galilean mosaics and using evidence from recent archaeological discoveries, Berger argues that the model for those Psalter illustrations dependent on the Hebrew text was produced in the Galilee.

Pioneering and highly persuasive, this book resolves outstanding issues surrounding the origins of one of the most extensively studied illuminated manuscripts. It will be mandatory reading for many historians of medieval art and literature and for those interested in the Hebrew text of the book of Psalms.

Pamela Berger is Professor of Art History and Film at Boston College. She is the author of The Crescent on the Temple: The Dome of the Rock as Image of the Ancient Jewish Sanctuary; The Goddess Obscured: Transformation of the Grain Protectress from Goddess to Saint; and The Insignia of the “Notitia Dignitatum.”

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Baptism Through Incision
The Postmortem Cesarean Operation in the Spanish Empire
Martha Few, Zeb Tortorici, and Adam Warren

In 1786, Guatemalan priest Pedro José de Arrese published a work instructing readers on their duty to perform the cesarean operation on the bodies of recently deceased pregnant women in order to extract the fetus while it was still alive. Although the fetus’s long-term survival was desired, the overarching goal was to cleanse the unborn child of original sin and ensure its place in heaven. Baptism Through Incision presents Arrese’s complete treatise—translated here into English for the first time—with a critical introduction and excerpts from related primary source texts.

Inspired by priests’ writings published in Spain and Sicily beginning in the mid-eighteenth century, Arrese and writers like him in Peru, Mexico, Alta California, Guatemala, and the Philippines penned local medico-religious manuals and guides for performing the operation and baptism. Comparing these texts to one another and placing them in dialogue with archival cases and print culture references, this book traces the genealogy of the postmortem cesarean operation throughout the Spanish Empire and reconstructs the transatlantic circulation of obstetrical and scientific knowledge around childbirth and reproduction. In doing so, it shows that knowledge about cesarean operations and fetal baptism intersected with local beliefs and quickly became part of the new ideas and scientific-medical advancements circulating broadly among transatlantic Enlightenment cultures.

A valuable resource for scholars and students of colonial Latin American history, the history of medicine, and the history of women, reproduction, and childbirth, Baptism Through Incision includes translated excerpts of works by Spanish surgeon Jaime Alcalá y Martínez, Mexican physician Ignacio Segura, and Peruvian friar Francisco González Laguna, as well as late colonial Guatemalan instructions, and newspaper articles published in the Gazeta de México, the Gazeta de Guatemala, and the Mercurio Peruano.

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Radicals in Exile
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Freddy Cristóbal Domínguez

Facing persecution in early modern England, some Catholics chose exile over conformity. Some even cast their lot with foreign monarchs rather than wait for their own rulers to have a change of heart. This book studies the relationship forged by English exiles and Philip II of Spain. It shows how these expatriates, known as the “Spanish Elizabethans,” used the most powerful tools at their disposal—paper, pens, and presses—to incite war against England during the “messianic” phase of Philip’s reign, from the years leading up to the Grand Armada until the king’s death in 1598.

Freddy Cristóbal Domínguez looks at English Catholic propaganda within its international and transnational contexts. He examines a range of long-neglected polemical texts, demonstrating their prominence during an important moment of early modern politico-religious strife and exploring the transnational dynamic of early modern polemics and the flexible rhetorical approaches required by exile. He concludes that while these exiles may have lived on the margins, their books were central to early modern Spanish politics and are key to understanding the broader narrative of the Counter-Reformation.

Deeply researched and highly original, Radicals in Exile makes an important contribution to the study of religious exile in early modern Europe. It will be welcomed by historians of early modern Iberian and English politics and religion as well as scholars of book history.

Freddy Cristóbal Domínguez is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Arkansas.

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Daniel I. Wasserman-Soler

Truth in Many Tongues examines how the Spanish monarchy managed an empire of unprecedented linguistic diversity. Considering policies and strategies exerted within the Iberian Peninsula and the New World during the sixteenth century, this book challenges the assumption that the pervasiveness of the Spanish language resulted from deliberate linguistic colonization.

Daniel I. Wasserman-Soler investigates the subtle and surprising ways that Spanish monarchs and churchmen thought about language. Drawing from inquisition reports and letters; royal and ecclesiastical correspondence; records of church assemblies, councils, and synods; and printed books in a variety of genres and languages, he shows that Church and Crown officials had no single, unified policy either for Castilian or for other languages. They restricted Arabic in some contexts but not in others. They advocated using Amerindian languages, though not in all cases. And they thought about language in ways that modern categories cannot explain: they were neither liberal nor conservative, neither tolerant nor intolerant. In fact, Wasserman-Soler argues, they did not think predominantly in terms of accommodation or assimilation, categories that are common in contemporary scholarship on religious missions. Rather, their actions reveal a highly practical mentality, in which they considered each context carefully before deciding what would bring more souls into the Catholic Church.

Based upon original sources from more than thirty libraries and archives in Spain, Italy, the United States, England, and Mexico, Truth in Many Tongues will fascinate students and scholars who specialize in early modern Spain, colonial Latin America, Christian-Muslim relations, and early modern Catholicism.

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Songs of the Lisu Hills
Practicing Christianity in Southwest China
Aminta Arrington

“A compelling story about the contested Christianity embraced by the Lisu. The author shows how the Lisu have made translated Western hymns their own, how they express their faith in practices rather than in creeds, and how they perpetuate these practices, which serve as boundary markers that help maintain Lisu identity as one of fifty-five minorities in China.”

—MICHAEL RYNKIEWICH, author of Soul, Self, and Society: A Postmodern Anthropology for Mission in a Postcolonial World

The story of how the Lisu of southwest China were evangelized one hundred years ago by the China Inland Mission is a familiar one in mission circles. The subsequent history of the Lisu church, however, is much less well known. Songs of the Lisu Hills brings this history up to date, recounting the unlikely story of how the Lisu maintained their faith through twenty-two years of government persecution and illuminating how Lisu Christians transformed the text-based religion brought by the missionaries into a faith centered around an embodied set of Christian practices.

Based on ethnographic fieldwork as well as archival research, this volume documents the development of Lisu Christianity, both through larger social forces and through the stories of individual believers. It explores how the Lisu, most of whom remain subsistence farmers, have oriented their faith less around cognitive notions of belief and more around participation in a rhythm of shared Christian practices, such as line dancing, attending church and festivals, evangelizing, working in each other’s fields, and singing translated Western hymns. These embodied practices demonstrate how Christianity developed in the mountainous margins of the world’s largest atheist state.

A much-needed expansion of the Lisu story into a complex study of the evolution of a world Christian community, this book will appeal to scholars working at the intersections of World Christianity, anthropology of religion, ethnography, Chinese Christianity, and mission studies.

Aminta Arrington is Assistant Professor of Intercultural Studies at John Brown University.
The Word in the Wilderness
Popular Piety and the Manuscript Arts in Early Pennsylvania
Alexander Lawrence Ames

“Ames breaks new ground in the study of Pennsylvania German manuscript art by synthesizing the significance of the religious context with the artistic achievements of creating the pieces. This is also the first book to integrate research based on several collections of Pennsylvania German Fraktur across many regions. The Word in the Wilderness is a remarkable achievement reflecting years of study and an amazing breadth of research.”

—JEFF BACH, author of Voices of the Turtledoves: The Sacred World of Ephrata

The resplendent illuminated religious manuscripts commonly known as Fraktur have captivated collectors and scholars for generations. Yet fundamental questions about their cultural origins, purpose, and historical significance remain. Alexander Lawrence Ames addresses these by placing Fraktur manuscripts within a “Pietist paradigm,” grounded in an understanding of how their makers viewed “the Word,” or scripture. His analysis combines a sweeping overview of Protestant Christian religious movements in Europe and early America with close analysis of key Pennsylvania devotional manuscripts, revealing novel insights into the religious utility of calligraphy, manuscript illumination, and devotional reading as Protestant spiritual enterprises. Situating the manuscripts in the context of transatlantic religious history, early American spirituality, material culture studies, and the history of book and manuscript production, Ames challenges long-held approaches to Pennsylvania German studies and urges scholars to engage with these texts and with their makers and users on their own terms.

Featuring dozens of illustrations, this lively, engaging book will appeal to Fraktur scholars and enthusiasts, historians of early America, and anyone interested in the material culture and spiritual practices of the German-speaking residents of Pennsylvania.

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The Bonds of Humanity
Cicero’s Legacies in European Social and Political Thought, ca. 1100–ca. 1550
Cary J. Nederman

“An invaluable resource for early European political thought. Nederman’s careful reading and thorough scholarship fills an important gap in our understanding of the influence of Cicero in this neglected period.”

—DEAN HAMMER, author of Roman Political Thought: From Cicero to Augustine

Of the great philosophers of pagan antiquity, Marcus Tullius Cicero is the only one whose ideas were continuously accessible to the Christian West following the collapse of the Roman Empire. Yet, in marked contrast with other ancient philosophers, Cicero has largely been written out of the historical narrative on early European political thought, and the reception of his ideas has barely been studied. The Bonds of Humanity corrects this glaring oversight, arguing that the influence of Cicero’s ideas in medieval and early modern Europe was far more pervasive than previously believed.

In this book, Cary J. Nederman presents a persuasive counternarrative to the widely accepted belief in the dominance of Aristotelian thought. Surveying the work of a diverse range of thinkers from the twelfth to the sixteenth century, including John of Salisbury, Brunetto Latini, Marsiglio of Padua, Christine de Pizan, and Bartolomé de las Casas, Nederman shows that these men and women inherited, deployed, and adapted key Ciceronian themes. He argues that the rise of scholastic Aristotelianism in the thirteenth century did not supplant but rather supplemented and bolstered Ciceronian ideas, and he identifies the character and limits of Ciceronianism that distinguish it from other schools of philosophy.

Highly original and compelling, this paradigm-shifting book will be greeted enthusiastically by students and scholars of early European political thought and intellectual history, particularly those engaged in the conversation about the role played by ancient and early Christian ideas in shaping the theories of later times.

Cary J. Nederman is Professor of Political Science at Texas A&M University and the author of six books, including Worlds of Difference: European Discourses of Toleration, c. 1100–c. 1550, also published by Penn State University Press.

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Philosophy/Medieval and Early Modern Studies
Inspired by Machiavelli, modern philosophers held that the tension between the goals of biblical piety and the goals of political life needed to be resolved in favor of the political, and so they attempted to recast and delimit traditional Christian teaching to serve and stabilize political life accordingly. This volume examines the thought and arguments of those thinkers who worked to remake Christianity into a civil religion from the early modern through modern periods.

Beginning with Machiavelli and continuing through to Alexis de Tocqueville, the essays in this collection explain in detail the ways in which these philosophers used religious and secular writing to build a civil religion in the West. Early chapters examine topics such as Machiavelli’s comparisons of Christianity with Roman religion, Francis Bacon’s cherry-picking of Christian doctrines in service of scientific innovation, and Spinoza’s attempt to replace long-held superstitions with newer, “progressive” ones. Subsequent essays probe the scripture-based, anti-Christian argument that religion must be subordinate to politics espoused by René Descartes, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and David Hume, each of whom championed reason over divine authority. The book culminates in the study of civil religion in America, with chapters on John Locke, Montesquieu, and the American Founders probing the relation between religious and civil history, acts, and authority.

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Metanoia
Rhetoric, Authenticity, and the Transformation of the Self
Adam Ellwanger
With a foreword by Pat J. Gehrke

“Ellwanger offers an original and provocative contribution to the study of metanoia that extends our understanding of the relation between epistrophe and metanoia significantly and places metanoia in productive tension with the concept of ethos. Ellwanger is at his very best in his practice of “paratactical rhetorical analysis,” placing conceptions of metanoia side by side to facilitate a clearer understanding of personal transformation, and he is a master of creating a narrative of his analysis.”

—Lisa Storm Villadsen, coeditor of Contemporary Rhetorical Citizenship

Western culture is in a moment when wholly new kinds of personal transformations are possible, but authentic transformation requires both personal testimony and public recognition. In this book, Adam Ellwanger takes a distinctly rhetorical approach to analyzing how the personal and the public relate to an individual's transformation and develops a new vocabulary that enables the critical assessment of authenticity.

The concept of metanoia is central to this project. Charting the history of metanoia from its original use in the classical tradition to its adoption by early Christians as a term for religious conversion, Ellwanger shows that metanoia involves a change within a person that results in a truer version of him- or herself—a change in character or ethos. He then applies this theory to our contemporary moment, finding that metanoia provides unique insight into modern forms of self-transformation. Drawing on ancient and medieval sources, including Thucydides, Plato, Paul the Apostle, and Augustine, as well as contemporary discourses of self-transformation, such as the public testimonies of Caitlyn Jenner and Rachel Dolezal / Nkechi Amare Diallo, Ellwanger elucidates the role of language in signifying and authenticating identity.

Timely and original, Ellwanger’s study formulates a transhistorical theory of personal transformation that will be of interest to scholars working in social theory, philosophy, rhetoric, and the history of Christianity.

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Central to rhetorical theory, the enthymeme is most often defined as a truncated syllogism. Suppressing a premise that the audience already knows, this rhetorical device relies on the audience to fill in the missing information, thereby making the argument more persuasive. James Fredal argues that this view of the enthymeme is wrong. Presenting a new exegesis of Aristotle and classic texts of Attic oratory, Fredal shows that not only is the standard reading of Aristotle’s enthymeme inaccurate, but Aristotle himself distorts what enthymemes are and how they work.

From close analysis of the Rhetoric, Topics, and Analytics, Fredal finds that Aristotle’s enthymeme is, in fact, not syllogistic and is different from the enthymeme as it was used by Attic orators such as Lysias and Isaeus. Fredal argues that the enthymeme, as it was originally understood and used, is a technique of storytelling, primarily forensic storytelling, aimed at eliciting from the audience an inference about a narrative. According to Fredal, narrative rather than formal logic is the seedbed of the enthymeme and of rhetoric more broadly.

Groundbreaking in its scope, The Enthymeme reassesses a fundamental doctrine of rhetorical instruction, clarifies the viewpoints of the tradition, and presents a new form of rhetoric for further study and use. This book will be welcomed by scholars and students of classical rhetoric, the history of rhetoric, and rhetorical theory, as well as communications studies, classical studies, and classical philosophy.

James Fredal is Associate Professor of English at The Ohio State University. He is the author of Rhetorical Action in Ancient Athens: Persuasive Artistry from Solon to Demosthenes.

The Paradoxes of Posterity

Benjamin Hoffmann
Translated by Alan Singerman

The impetus for literary creation has often been explained as an attempt to transcend the mortality of the human condition through a work addressed to future generations. Failing to obtain literal immortality, or to turn their hope towards the spiritual immortality promised by religious systems, literary creators seek a symbolic form of perpetuity granted to the intellectual side of their person in the memory of those not yet born while they write. In this book, Benjamin Hoffmann illuminates the paradoxes inherent in the search for symbolic immortality, arguing that the time has come to find a new answer to the perennial question: Why do people write?

Exploring the fields of digital humanities and book history, Hoffmann describes posterity as a network of interconnected memories that constantly evolves by preserving a variable and continuously renegotiated place for works and authors of the past. In other words, the perpetual safeguarding of texts is delegated to a collectivity not only nonexistent at the moment when a writer addresses it, but whose nature is characterized by impermanence and instability.

Focus on key works by Denis Diderot, Étienne-Maurice Falconet, Giacomo Casanova, François-René de Chateaubriand, and Jean-Paul Sartre, Hoffmann considers the authors’ representations of posterity, the representation of authors by posterity, and how to register and preserve works in the network of memories. In doing so, Hoffmann reveals the three great paradoxes in the quest for symbolic immortality: the paradoxes of belief, of identity, and of mediation.

Theoretically sophisticated and convincingly argued, this book contends that there is only one truly serious literary problem: the transmission of texts to posterity. It will appeal to specialists in literature, in particular eighteenth-century French literature, as well as scholars and students of philosophy and book history.

Benjamin Hoffmann is Associate Professor of Early Modern French Studies at The Ohio State University. His recent publications include Posthumous America: Literary Reenactments of America at the End of the Eighteenth Century and a critical edition of Lezay-Marnésia’s Letters Written from the Banks of the Ohio, both published by Penn State University Press.

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The Enthymeme
Sylllogism, Reasoning, and Narrative in Ancient Greek Rhetoric
James Fredal
Electromagnetism and the Metonymic Imagination

Kieran Murphy

“A fascinating and convincing argument that treats the notion of magnetism in an original way. It will become indispensable reading for cultural historians who are interested in the connections between science and the broader literary or social culture in the eighteenth, nineteenth, and twentieth centuries.”

—David Bell, author of Real Time: Accelerating Narrative from Balzac to Zola

How does the imagination work? How can it lead to both reverence and scientific insight? In this book, Kieran M. Murphy sheds new light on these perennial questions by showing how they have been closely tied to the history of electromagnetism.

The discovery in 1820 of a mysterious relation between electricity and magnetism led not only to technological inventions such as the dynamo and telegraph that ushered in the “electric age,” but also to a profound reconceptualization of nature and the role the imagination plays in it. From the literary experimentations of Edgar Allan Poe, Honoré de Balzac, Villiers de l’Isle-Adam, and André Breton to the creative leaps of Michael Faraday and Albert Einstein, Murphy illuminates how electromagnetism legitimized imaginative modes of reasoning based on a more acute sense of interconnection and a renewed interest in how metonymic relations could reveal the order of things.

Murphy organizes his study around real and imagined electromagnetic devices ranging from Faraday’s world-changing induction experiment to new theories of chains and automata in order to demonstrate how they provided a material foundation for rethinking the nature of difference and relation in physical and metaphysical explorations of the world, human relationships, language, and binaries such as life and death. This overlooked exchange between science and literature brings a fresh perspective to the critical debates that shaped the nineteenth century.

Extensively researched and convincingly argued, this pathbreaking book addresses a significant lacuna in modern literary criticism and deepens our understanding of both the history of literature and the history of scientific thinking.

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“Louise Green has compiled an important collection of analyses, focusing on the problem of nature in the age of climate change, and relating this to cultural circumstances in colonial and postcolonial Africa. These fascinating, well-researched, and surprisingly original studies show how nature is produced as a cultural relic in late capitalist society. Her book is an important contribution to the fields of Anthropocene studies, African studies, and cultural studies.”

—John Noyes

The Anthropocene’s urgent message about imminent disaster invites us to forget about history and to focus on the present as it careens into an unthinkable future. To counter this, Louise Green engages with the theoretical framing of nature in concepts such as the “Anthropocene,” “the great acceleration,” and “rewilding” in order to explore what the philosophy of nature in the era of climate change might look like from postcolonial Africa.

Utilizing a practice of reading developed in the Frankfurt school, Green rearranges narrative fragments from the “global nature industry,” which subjugates all aspects of nature to the logic of capitalist production, in order to disrupt preconceived notions and habitual ways of thinking about how we inhabit the Anthropocene. Examining climate change through the details of everyday life, particularly the history of conspicuous consumption and the exploitation of Africa, she surfaces the myths and fantasies that have brought the world to its current ecological crisis and that continue to shape the narratives through which it is understood. Beginning with African rainforest exhibits in New York and Cornwall, Green discusses how these representations of the climate catastrophe fail to acknowledge the unequal pace at which humans consume and continue to replicate imperial narratives about Africa.

A sophisticated, carefully argued call to rethink how we approach relationships between and among humans and the world in which we live, Fragments from the History of Loss is a challenge to both the current era and the scholarly conversation about the Anthropocene.

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The Sculpted Ear
Aurality and Statuary in the West
Ryan McCormack

“The Sculpted Ear evidences a long and rich history of sounding and hearing associated with the apparently silent art of sculpture. The book tackles important questions in sound studies, musicology, philosophy, and art history from a fresh perspective. The case studies to be found in each chapter provide new, fascinating information to the scholar of sound as well as intriguing new perspectives on the history of hearing.”

—JAMES G. MANSELL, author of _The Age of Noise in Britain: Hearing Modernity_

Ryan McCormack

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