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Doctored
The Medicine of Photography in Nineteenth-Century America
Tanya Sheehan

“Doctored is a highly original and thoughtful study that illuminates the rich ties between nineteenth-century American portrait photography and medical practice. It illustrates how the nascent medium of photography gained legitimacy by forging ties to science and explores the deeply rooted belief in photography as a cure for social and even physical ills. The book makes a major contribution to our understanding of early photographic practice and its complex relationship to medicine, race, and class.”

—Martin A. Berger, University of California, Santa Cruz

In Doctored, Tanya Sheehan takes a new look at the relationship between photography and medicine in American culture, from the nineteenth century to the present. Focusing on Civil War and postbellum Philadelphia, Doctored explores the ways in which medical models and metaphors helped strengthen the professional legitimacy of the city’s commercial photographic community at a time when it was not well established. By reading the trade literature and material practices of portrait photography and medicine in relation to one another, this book further shows how their interaction defined the space of the urban portrait studio as well as the physical and social effects of studio operations. Integrating the methods of social art history, science studies, and media studies, Doctored thus reveals important connections between the professionalization of American photographers and the construction of photography’s cultural identity.

Tanya Sheehan is Assistant Professor of Art History at Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey.

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Photography/Art History/History

“This remarkable book combines close readings of periodicals with theoretical acumen and interpretive insights, revealing the central role that medical metaphors played in American photographic culture in the nineteenth century. Conveniently embodying the desires and anxieties of both photographers and their clients, these medical metaphors were made manifest as much in advertisements, cartoons, and articles as in actual photographic portraits. Casting doubt on any hard-and-fast distinction between the social and the physical body, Doctored will change the way you think about this period of American history.”

—Geoffrey Batchen, Victoria University

Also of Interest
The Making of English Photography: Allegories
Steve Edwards
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Passage into the modern world left the Russian icon profoundly altered. It fell into new hands, migrated to new homes, and acquired new forms and meanings. Icons were made in the factories of foreign industrialists and destroyed by iconoclasts of the proletariat. Even the icon’s traditional functions—whether in the feast days of the church or the pageantry of state power—were susceptible to the transformative forces of modernization. In Alter Icons: The Russian Icon and Modernity, eleven scholars of Russian history, art, literature, cinema, philosophy, and theology track key shifts in the production, circulation, and consumption of the Russian icon from Peter the Great’s Enlightenment to the post-Soviet revival of Orthodoxy. Alter Icons shows how the twin pressures of secular scholarship and secular art transformed the Russian icon from a sacred image in the church to a masterpiece in the museum, from a parochial craftwork to a template for the avant-garde, and from a medieval interface with the divine to a modernist prism for seeing the world anew.

In addition to the editors, the contributors are Robert Bird, Elena Boeck, Shirley A. Glade, John-Paul Himka, John Anthony McGuckin, Robert L. Nichols, Sarah Pratt, Wendy R. Salmond, and Vera Shevzov.

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Alter Icons
The Russian Icon and Modernity
Edited by Jefferson J. A. Gatrall and Douglas Greenfield

From Diversion to Subversion
Games, Play, and Twentieth-Century Art
Edited by David J. Getsy

“Far too often the seriousness of high art has been invoked at the expense of compelling art’s sheer gratuitousness, irrepressible impertinence, and spontaneous playfulness. A welcome and particularly bracing overturning of this staid approach is David J. Getsy’s From Diversion to Subversion, a collection of lucid essays by established and emerging scholars, which focuses insightfully on the oxymoronic turns of serious humor, games played in earnest, and ludic research.”

—Robert Hobbs, Virginia Commonwealth University

Games and play occupied a central, if misunderstood, role in modern art in the twentieth century. Many art-historical narratives have downplayed the ways in which artists returned to play and to games as analogues to art practice, as metaphors for creativity, or as models for art criticism. The essays collected in this volume investigate the fundamental importance of supposedly nonserious activity and attend to the ways in which artists used play and games in order to reconsider their practice and to expand their critical strategies. With subjects ranging from early twentieth-century manifestations of games and play in Surrealism, Duchamp, Picasso, and Bauhaus photography to their repercussions in Fluxus, performance, public practice, and new media, these essays establish the diversity and potential of games and play and point toward an alternate trajectory in the development of modern art.

Aside from the editor, the contributors are Florencia Bazzano-Nelson, Jon Cates, Mary Ann Caws, Susan Laxton, Claudia Mesch, Kevin Moore, Gavin Parkinson, Anne-Marie Schleiner, Owen F. Smith, Ellen Handler Spitz, Stephanie L. Taylor, and Debra Wacks.

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Art History/Religion/History
Laurette McCarthy, a specialist in early twentieth-century American art and its European background, has produced a detailed study of one of the neglected figures of the period—Walter Pach. Pach was a brilliant mirror of the age, an influential critic, essayist, historian, lecturer, dealer, agent, and, not least of all, painter. She has dealt convincingly with all these facets, drawing on a good deal of unpublished documentation that has never before been tapped. Her book is a compelling biography that deals not only with the facts of Pach’s life but also with his engagement with the aesthetic and social themes of his time.

—William Innes Homer, University of Delaware

Walter Pach (1883–1958)
The Armory Show and the Untold Story of Modern Art in America
Laurette E. McCarthy

“This book fills one of the most gaping lacunae in the literature on modern art, for it provides a vivid, enlivened, and accurate portrait of one of the most influential yet overlooked figures in the history of American art. Today, artists, critics, curators, and historians—indeed, anyone involved in the field of modern and contemporary art—are in one way or another indebted to the path Walter Pach charted for us, and specifically to the decisions that shaped our aesthetic future and contributed significantly to the advancement and understanding of modern art in America.”

—Francis M. Naumann, Francis M. Naumann Fine Art, LLC

With the centennial of the famed 1913 Armory Show in New York City approaching, now is the ideal time to examine fully, and for the first time, the life and work of Walter Pach, one of the prime movers behind this seminal event in the American art world. Pach was among the most influential figures in the history of twentieth-century art and culture, yet surprisingly little has been written about him—and much that has been written offers incorrect information. Pach was one of the earliest and most outspoken promoters of modern art and was Henri Matisse’s first agent in the United States. Through his multiple roles as critic, agent, liaison, and lecturer, Pach promoted modern European, American, and Mexican art and helped win its acceptance throughout the North American continent. Laurette McCarthy’s detailed account reintroduces us to this key figure in the world of modern art.

Laurette E. McCarthy is an independent scholar and curator.

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Biography/Art History

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Despite the fact that the Gothic is one of the best known and most studied of all the fields of medieval art history, much remains for us to learn. Stretching in time from the early thirteenth to the middle of the sixteenth century and in space from the western shores of Ireland to the eastern borders of Europe, it is a style with many subdivisions and dialects. These papers—the fruits of a two-day conference at Princeton University—bring together some of the foremost scholars in the field and celebrate Willibald Sauerländer, the doyen of Gothic studies. Covering a variety of media, from glass to manuscripts to ivories, and all of Europe, these papers deal with such issues as reception, methodology, nationalism, and scholasticism as well as historiography. Accompanying these studies are some innovative iconographical papers on topics as diverse as the Miracle at Cana and Synagoga and Ecclesia.

The contributors are Michelle P. Brown, Caroline Bruzelius, Madeline H. Caviness, Danielle Gaborit-Chopin, Charles T. Little, Richard Marks, Stephen Murray, Amy Neff, Bernd Nicolai, Nina Rowe, Rocío Sánchez Ameijeiras, Lucy Freeman Sandler, Dany Sandron, Willibald Sauerländer, Katherine H. Tachau, and Giuseppa Z. Zanichelli.

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Art History/Medieval Studies

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In Humanism and the Urban World, Caspar Pearson offers a profoundly revisionist account of Leon Battista Alberti’s approach to the urban environment as exemplified in the extensive theoretical treatise De re aedificatoria (On the Art of Building in Ten Books), brought mostly to completion in the 1450s, as well as in his larger body of written work. Past scholars have generally characterized the Italian Renaissance architect and theorist as an enthusiast of the city who envisioned it as a rational, Renaissance ideal. Pearson argues, however, that Alberti’s approach to urbanism was far more complex—that he was even “essentially hostile” to the city at times. Rather than proposing the “ideal” city, Pearson maintains, Alberti presents a variety of possible cities, each one different from another. This book explores the ways in which Alberti sought to remedy urban problems, tracing key themes that manifest in De re aedificatoria. Chapters address Alberti’s consideration of the city’s possible destruction and the city’s capacity to provide order despite its intrinsic instability; his assessment of a variety of political solutions to that instability; his affinity for the countryside and discussions of the virtues of the active versus the contemplative life; and his theories of aesthetics and beauty, in particular the belief that beauty may affect the soul of an enemy and thus preserve buildings from attack.

Caspar Pearson is Lecturer at the University of Essex.

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Architecture/Art History

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Roy Eriksen
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Translating Nature into Art
Holbein, the Reformation, and Renaissance Rhetoric
Jeanne Nuechterlein

Hans Holbein the Younger is best known for his work in Henry VIII’s England, where he painted portraits and designed decorative objects for courtly circles. England, however, only accounts for half of Holbein’s working life. He developed his artistic identity on the Continent, creating a diverse range of artworks for urban elites, scholars, and publishers. Translating Nature into Art argues that by the time Holbein reached England, he had developed two roughly alternative styles of representation: a highly descriptive and objective mode, which he used for most of his portraiture, and a much more stylized and inventive manner, which he applied primarily to religious, historical, and decorative subjects. Jeanne Nuechterlein contends that when Holbein used his stylized manner, he acknowledged that he was the inventor of the image; when Holbein painted a portrait or a religious work in the objective manner, he implied instead that he was observing something in front of him and reproducing what he saw. By establishing this dialectic, Holbein was actively engaging in one of the central debates of the Reformation era concerning the nature and validity of the visible world. Holbein explored how much art should look like the visible world, and in the process discovered alternative ways of making representation meaningful.

Jeanne Nuechterlein is Senior Lecturer of History of Art at the University of York.

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Art History

Vision and the Visionary in Raphael
Christian K. Kleinbub

“This with a rare combination of precise and probing visual analysis and searching historical and textual scholarship, Christian Kleinbub opens entirely new prospects on the artist who personifies our concept of High Renaissance. Vision and the Visionary in Raphael demonstrates the fuller dimensions of a profound pictorial intelligence. While focusing on Raphael, it inevitably involves the full Renaissance tradition, from Alberti’s articulation of the viewer to Renaissance responses to and commentaries on the visionary in theological literature from antiquity to Ficino and Savonarola, as well as theological commentary in a particularly Pauline tradition. Kleinbub discovers new and deeper aspects of Raphael as a thinking artist.”

—David Rosand, Columbia University

Although Raphael has long been recognized as one of the great innovators of visionary painting (images of supernatural phenomena, including apparitions and prophetic visions), the full measure of his achievement in this area has never been taken. Vision and the Visionary in Raphael redresses this oversight by offering an expansive reading of these works within their contemporary artistic and religious contexts. At the center of the book is Raphael’s engagement with one of the critical conflicts in the Renaissance understanding of vision. Whereas artistic theory emphasized painting’s engagement with the physical world by way of the bodily eyes, religious images were generally intended to inspire their viewers to move from sensible appearances to the use of their “spiritual eyes” for contemplation of their god. For Raphael and his contemporaries, this double commitment to physical appearances and the spiritual dimensions of the image presented one of the greatest challenges of Renaissance religious art.

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Art History

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Susan Dackerman

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Art History
Domenico Bernini

Gian Lorenzo Bernini (1598–1680), sculptor, architect, painter, and playwright, was the most influential artist of seventeenth-century Rome and, indeed, one of the leading creative forces in European art for most of that century. He is universally recognized as one of the creators of the vastly popular Roman Baroque style, which was quickly disseminated throughout all of Europe. His influence lasted well beyond his death, and the popularity of his numerous works—fountains, statues, churches, and public squares—is today as great as it was during his own lifetime, if not more so. Domenico Bernini (1657–1723) was the artist’s youngest child. Domenico’s full-length biography of his famous father represents one of the most important and most intimate primary sources for the artist’s life and work.

In this edition, Franco Mormando presents the first critical translation in any language of the complete Italian text, together with annotated translations of two other significant but brief biographical sketches. Mormando provides a lengthy Introduction that closely examines the author and his career, his editorial agenda and critical reception, Baroque biography as a literary genre, the other extant primary sources, and the artistic vocabulary of early modern Europe, among other relevant topics. Extensive commentary accompanies and illuminates the text from a multiplicity of historical, linguistic, and cultural perspectives. This edition is, in effect, a one-volume encyclopedia on the artist’s life and work. As such, it stands alone within the immense bibliography of Bernini scholarship.

Franco Mormando is Associate Professor of Italian at Boston College.

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Biography/Art History
Narrative, Emotion, and Insight
Edited by Noël Carroll and John Gibson

“...plenty to entertain and stretch the mind in these probing essays by prominent contemporary philosophers. Fresh insight is provided on intractable issues concerning narrative and emotion, with vivid discussion of actual cases from movies like Memento and Sunset Boulevard, to one of Goethe’s lyric poems, sad songs by the likes of Leonard Cohen, discovery plots in tragic drama, and multiple novels and plays. It is the detail of the examples that brings the topics to life and marks the distinctive contribution of this engaging book.”
—Peter Lamarque, University of York

While narrative has been one of liveliest and most productive areas of research in literary theory, discussions of the nature of emotional responses to art and of the cognitive value of art tend to concentrate almost exclusively on the problem of fiction: How can we emote over or learn from fictions? Narrative, Emotion, and Insight explores what would happen if aestheticians framed the matter differently, having narratives—rather than fictional characters and events—as the object of emotional and cognitive attention. The book thus opens up new possibilities for approaching questions about the ethical, educative, and cultural value of art. The nine essays in this volume introduce the study of narrative to contemporary aesthetics.

Aside from the editors, the contributors are Richard Eldridge, Susan L. Feagin, Berys Gaut, Peter Goldie, Derek Matravers, Amy Mullin, and Aaron Smuts.

Noël Carroll is Distinguished Professor in the Philosophy Program at the Graduate Center of the City University of New York.

John Gibson is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Louisville.

The Narrative Shape of Truth
Veridiction in Modern European Literature
Ilya Kliger

Its champions as well as detractors have often understood the novel as the genre par excellence of truthlessness. The Narrative Shape of Truth offers a revision of this widely accepted understanding of the novel. It instead argues that the novel has found new historically specific configurations of truth and narrative, and that the nineteenth-century novel in particular can be understood as responding to the emerging tendency to view truth as inseparable from, rather than opposed to, time. Ilya Kliger offers a nonreductive way of reading the histories of philosophy and the novel side by side. He identifies the crucial moment in the epistemological history of narrative where, at the end of the eighteenth century, a new structural affiliation between truth and time emerged.

The book examines novels by four authors—Balzac, Stendhal, Dostoevsky, and Tolstoy—as well as the writings of leading European intellectuals and philosophers. Kliger argues that the “realist” novel can be conceived as prompting us, and giving us the means, to think of truth differently, as immanent in a temporal shape rather than transcendent in a principle, a fact, or a higher order.

Ilya Kliger is Assistant Professor of Russian and Slavic Studies at New York University.

Also of Interest
The Self-Deceiving Muse: Notice and Knowledge in the Work of Art
Alan Singer

Philosophy
The Aroma of Righteousness
Scent and Seduction in Rabbinic Life and Literature
Deborah A. Green

“Deborah Green’s new book is an excellent and original contribution to religious studies in general, and to rabbinic thought and religion in late antiquity in particular. It is brimming with creative, interdisciplinary approaches—using concrete artifacts and their cultural transformations with many unexpected results. It will be welcomed by and of great interest to all students of religion in the Roman and Byzantine periods.”

—Michael Fishbane, University of Chicago

In The Aroma of Righteousness, Deborah Green explores images of perfume and incense in late Roman and early Byzantine Jewish literature. Using literary methods to illuminate the rabbinic literature, Green demonstrates the ways in which the rabbis’ reading of biblical texts as well as their intimate experience with aromatics build and deepen their interpretations. The study uncovers the cultural associations that are evoked by perfume and incense in both the Hebrew Bible and midrashic texts and seeks to understand the cultural, theological, and experiential motivations and impulses that lie behind these interpretations. Green accomplishes this by examining the relationship between the textual traditions of the Hebrew Bible and Midrash, the surviving evidence from the material culture of Palestine in the late Roman and early Byzantine periods, and cultural evidence as described by the rabbis and other Roman authors.

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Religion

Transcending Textuality
Quevedo and Political Authority in the Age of Print
Ariadna García-Bryce

“Transcending Textuality is exciting, outstanding scholarship with sophisticated concepts written in a clear and elegant style. Quevedo’s political prose is understudied and underappreciated, and frequently isolated or sidelined from studies of his poetry and prose fiction. But in this welcome book, Ariadna García-Bryce eloquently explores the common threads that unite Quevedo’s political tracts and satire with other facets of his work—his preoccupation with communication, his concern with the sociopolitical role of the spoken and written word, and his engagement with the changing monarchy in a time of tremendous transition. The author has done a splendid job of elucidating what she rightly characterizes as Quevedo’s conflicted relationship with the republic of letters, and in making intelligible Quevedo’s political theory, a daunting corpus of texts. Readers will find the range of Transcending Textuality breathtaking, embracing history, literature, political philosophy, the visual arts, and more. This book will change the way you think of Quevedo, imperial Spain, and the culture of the Baroque.”

—Marsha S. Collins, University of North Carolina

In Transcending Textuality, Ariadna García-Bryce provides a fresh look at post-Trent political culture and Francisco de Quevedo’s place within it by examining his works in relation to two potentially rival means of transmitting authority: spectacle and print. Quevedo’s highly theatrical conceptions of power are identified with court ceremony, devotional ritual, monarchical and spiritual imagery, and religious and classical oratory. At the same time, his investment in physical and emotional display is shown to be fraught with concern about the decline of body-centered modes of propagating authority in the increasingly impersonalized world of print. Transcending Textuality shows that Quevedo’s poetics are, in great measure, defined by the attempt to retain in writing the qualities of live physical display.

Ariadna García-Bryce is Professor of Spanish and Humanities at Reed College.

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Literature/History
“Positioning his study in response to both popular and learned riddling, Patrick J. Murphy brings a new theory to bear. He argues that the coherence of many of the Old English riddles is shaped by extended implicit metaphors, and he calls this shaping ‘focus.’ As he applies this theory to individual riddles, adding depth to old solutions and offering some new ones, he both advances the study of enigmatcs and makes the task of unriddling more engaging and intriguing than ever.”

—Marijane Osborn, University of California, Davis

Unriddling the Exeter Riddles
Patrick J. Murphy

“This is a dazzling book, sparkling with easy erudition and wit, and very well written. Patrick Murphy offers a fresh approach to a much-studied group of poems in Old English literature. Taking issue with the view that the riddles come from an entirely bookish tradition, Unriddling the Exeter Riddles demonstrates that these poems, though deeply imbued with monastic learning, also draw richly upon other traditions, most significantly those of popular oral culture. It will likely be seen as the most significant publication on the Old English riddles since Craig Williamson’s edition of 1977.”

—Hugh Magennis, Queen’s University, Belfast

“This is a wonderful new study of the Exeter Book riddles, packed full of insight. Its greatest strength lies in its innovative readings, which draw on an impressive knowledge of the range of analogues and insist that these riddles should be read both in the long folk tradition of oral riddling and through the literary tradition that was available in late Anglo-Saxon England. The whole study is presented in a lively, illustrated by useful translations of the Old English that go some way to match the appeal of the subject matter.”

—Jonathan Wilcox, University of Iowa

The vibrant and enigmatic Exeter Riddles (ca. 960–80) are among the most compelling texts in the field of medieval studies, in part because they lack textually supplied solutions. Indeed, these ninety-five Old English riddles have become so popular that they have even been featured on posters for the London Underground and have inspired a sculpture in downtown Exeter. Modern scholars have responded enthusiastically to the challenge of solving the riddles, but have generally examined them individually. Few scholars have considered the collection as a whole or in a broader context. In this book, Patrick Murphy takes a fresh approach, offering insights into the nature of the Exeter Riddles’ complexity, their intellectual foundations, and their lively use of metaphor. Murphy argues that in order to more fully understand the Riddles, we must step back from the individual puzzles and consider the group in light of the textual and oral traditions from which they emerged.

Patrick J. Murphy is Assistant Professor of English at Miami University.

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Literature/Medieval Studies
"Saint and Nation is a learned and lively investigation of the seventeenth-century battle to make Saint Teresa a co-patron of the Spanish nation. Erin Rowe has uncovered the larger intellectual and political concerns that bolstered loyalties to specific saints, and in the process revealed unexpected nuances in the imaginations of Spanish religious elites. It is a compelling piece of scholarship."
—Lu Ann Homza, College of William and Mary

In early seventeenth-century Spain, the Castilian parliament voted to elevate the newly beatified Teresa of Avila to co-patron saint of Spain alongside the traditional patron, Santiago. The event exploded into a theological, political, and ideological war, with participants including prelates, political writers, and literary figures from all parts of Castile. Teresa’s ascendancy to patron sainthood was the first substantial challenge to Santiago’s iconic status since the High Middle Ages, and it suggests a profound shift in the Spanish political, spiritual, and ideological world. Saint and Nation examines Spanish devotion to the cult of saints and the controversy over national patron sainthood to provide an original account of the diverse ways in which the early modern nation was expressed and experienced by monarch and town, center and periphery. By analyzing the dynamic interplay of local and extra-local, royal authority and nation, tradition and modernity, church and state, and masculine and feminine within the co-patronage debate, Erin Rowe reconstructs the sophisticated balance of plural identities that emerged in Castile during a central period of crisis and change in the Spanish world.

Erin Kathleen Rowe is Assistant Professor of History at the University of Virginia.

"Jane McLeod’s detailed research helps us see how interest groups like provincial printers helped construct the Old Regime’s regulatory mechanisms. Deeply enmeshed in local and national networks of patronage, these men—often members of family dynasties—had little reason to favor either free economic competition or subversive new ideas. Challenging widespread assumptions about the role of print media in subverting the monarchy, McLeod shows that the Revolution of 1789 would be a challenge for printers as much as for the officials charged with supervising them."
—Jeremy D. Popkin, University of Kentucky

In Licensing Loyalty, historian Jane McLeod explores the evolution of the idea that the royal government of eighteenth-century France had much to fear from the rise of print culture. She argues that early modern French printers helped foster this view as they struggled to negotiate a place in the expanding bureaucratic apparatus of the French state. Printers in the provinces and in Paris relentlessly lobbied the government, hoping to convince authorities that printing done by their commercial rivals posed a serious threat to both monarchy and morality. By examining the French state’s policy of licensing printers and the mutually influential relationships between officials and printers, McLeod sheds light on our understanding of the limits of French absolutism and the uses of print culture in the political life of provincial France.

Jane McLeod is Associate Professor of History at Brock University in Ontario, Canada.
Melancholy Politics
Loss, Mourning, and Memory in Late Modern France
Jean-Philippe Mathy

“Mathy has long been a lucid interpreter of French intellectual history. His new book is particularly timely, as it sheds a historian’s light on the current controversial politics of national identity in France. Mathy shows that it is best understood in the context of a national ‘depression’—and his reflections on ‘melancholy politics’ give precise meaning to what could otherwise be a vague notion.”
—Éric Fassin, École normale supérieure, Paris

The current cultural climate in France is often described as one of “déclinisme” or “sinistrose,” a mixture of pessimism about the national future, nostalgia for the past, and a sinister sense of irreversible decline concerning the present. The notion of “democratic melancholia” has become widely popular, cropping up time and again in academic papers and newspaper articles. In Melancholy Politics, Jean-Philippe Mathy examines the development of this disenchanted mood in the works of prominent French philosophers, historians, and sociologists since the beginning of the 1980s. This period represents a significant turning point in French intellectual life, as the legacy of major postwar and sixties theorists such as Lévi-Strauss, Derrida, and Foucault was increasingly challenged by a younger generation of authors who repudiated both Marxism and structuralism. The book is not a classic intellectual or cultural history of post-1968 France, but rather a contribution to the understanding of the present—a collection of soundings into what remains largely a complex, ongoing process.

Jean-Philippe Mathy is Professor of French and Comparative Literature at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

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History

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Theater and the Battle for the French Republic
Helen Solterer

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The experiment with neoliberal market-oriented economic policy in Latin America, popularly known as the Washington Consensus, has run its course. With left-wing and populist regimes now in power in many countries, there is much debate about what direction economic policy should be taking, and there are those who believe that state-led development might be worth trying again. Susan Gauss’s study of the process by which Mexico transformed from a largely agrarian society into an urban, industrialized one in the two decades following the end of the Revolution is especially timely and may have lessons to offer to policy makers today.

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Those who survived the brutal dictatorship of the Somoza family have tended to portray the rise of the women’s movement and feminist activism as part of the overall story of the anti-Somoza resistance. But this mythic depiction of heroic struggle conceals a much more complicated history, which Victoria González-Rivera unravels in this book. As early as 1837, she shows, some Nicaraguan women expressed interest in eliminating the tyranny of male domination, and this interest grew into full-fledged campaigns for female suffrage and access to education by the 1880s. By the 1920s a feminist movement emerged among urban, middle-class women and lasted for two more decades until it was eclipsed in the 1950s by a nonfeminist movement of mainly Catholic, urban, middle-class and working-class women who supported the liberal, populist, patron-clientelistic regime of the Somozas in return for the right to vote and various economic, educational, and political opportunities. Counterintuitively, it was actually the Somozas who encouraged the participation of women in the public sphere (as long as they remained loyal Somocistas), whereas their opponents, the Sandinistas and Conservatives, often appealed to women through their maternal identity. What emerges from this fine-grained analysis is a picture of a much more complex political landscape than that portrayed by the simplifying myths of current Nicaraguan historiography, and we can now see why and how the Somoza dictatorship did not endure by dint of fear and compulsion alone.

Victoria González-Rivera is Assistant Professor of Chicana and Chicano Studies at San Diego State University. She is the co-editor, with Karen Kampwirth, of *Radical Women in Latin America: Left and Right* (Penn State, 2001).

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Joel Horowitz is Professor of History at Saint Bonaventure University.

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Gwynn Thomas is Assistant Professor in the Department of Global Gender Studies at the University at Buffalo, State University of New York.

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Jody Pavilack is Associate Professor of History at the University of Montana.

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In the 1980s and 1990s, much of the developing world experienced transitions to democracy accompanied by economic liberalization and decentralization of power to subnational governmental bodies. The process of decentralization has been studied intensively, but little attention has been paid so far to the recentralization that has occurred in some countries in the past decade. In this book, J. Tyler Dickovick seeks to illuminate how the processes of decentralization and recentralization are interrelated and what the dynamics of each is. He argues that decentralization occurs as a result of the decline in the power of the presidency, whereas recentralization occurs when the president resolves an extraordinary economic crisis. The processes of decentralization and recentralization, Dickovick further argues, have the same dynamics whether they occur in federal or unitary states. To test the theory, Dickovick compares a strong federal system, Brazil, with a weak one, South Africa, and compares these in turn with two unitary regimes, Peru and Senegal. Decentralization and Recentralization in the Developing World provides a much more nuanced understanding of when and why decentralization and recentralization happen, and what their importance is to intergovernmental shifts in power.

J. Tyler Dickovick is Assistant Professor of Politics at Washington and Lee University.

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Most democratic theorists have taken Western political traditions as their primary point of reference, although the growing field of comparative political theory has shifted this focus. In Decolonizing Democracy, comparative theorist Christine Keating interprets the formation of Indian democracy as a progressive example of a “postcolonial social contract.” In doing so, she highlights the significance of reconfigurations of democracy in postcolonial polities like India and sheds new light on the social contract, a central concept within democratic theory from Locke to Rawls and beyond. Keating’s analysis builds on the literature developed by feminists like Carole Pateman and critical race theorists like Charles Mills that examines the social contract’s egalitarian potential. By analyzing the ways in which the framers of the Indian constitution sought to address injustices of gender, race, religion, and caste, as well as present-day struggles over women’s legal and political status, Keating demonstrates that democracy’s social contract continues to be challenged and reworked in innovative and potentially more just ways.

Christine Keating is Assistant Professor of Women’s Studies at The Ohio State University.

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The Colonels’ Coup and the American Embassy
A Diplomat’s View of the Breakdown of Democracy in Cold War Greece
Robert V. Keeley
Prologue by John O. Iatrides

The so-called Colonels’ coup of April 21, 1967, was a major event in the history of the Cold War, ushering in a seven-year period of military rule in Greece. In the wake of the coup, some eight thousand people affiliated with the Communist Party were rounded up, and Greece became yet another country where the fear of Communism led the United States into alliance with a repressive right-wing authoritarian regime. In military coups in some other countries, it is known that the CIA and other agencies of the U.S. government played an active role in encouraging and facilitating the takeover. The Colonels’ coup, however, came as a surprise to the United States (which was expecting a Generals’ coup instead). Yet the U.S. government accepted it after the fact, despite internal disputes within policymaking circles about the wisdom of accommodating the upstart Papadopoulos regime. Among the dissenters was Robert Keeley, then serving in the U.S. Embassy in Greece. This is his insider’s account of how U.S. policy was formulated, debated, and implemented during the critical years 1966 to 1969 in Greek-U.S. relations.

Robert V. Keeley was a U.S. Foreign Service officer from 1956 to 1989. His last assignment was as the U.S. ambassador in Athens from 1985 to 1989. From 1990 to 1995, he was president of the Middle East Institute in Washington. Since 2005, he has been chairman of the Council for the National Interest Foundation, working for peace in the Middle East.

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UN Peace Operations, International Security, and Democratization in the Post–Cold War Era
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The end of the Cold War created an opportunity for the United Nations to reconceptualize the rationale and extent of its peacebuilding efforts, and in the 1990s democracy and good governance became the legitimizing concepts for the expansion of its activities not only into democratizing disorderly states but also into taking on responsibility to protect people around the world from a range of dangers affecting their lives, including poverty, diseases, natural disasters, and gross violations of human rights. Sovereignty came to be considered less as an entitlement enforced by international law than as a privilege based on states’ satisfactory performance of their perceived obligations. In Governing Disorder, Laura Zanotti uses her first-hand experience of UN peacebuilding operations and her theoretical appreciation for the insights of Michel Foucault to examine the genealogy of post–Cold War discourses to promote international security, map the changes in legitimizing principles for intervention, explore the specific techniques of governance deployed in UN operations, and identify both the forms of resistance these operations encounter from local populations and the (often unintended) political consequences they produce. Case studies of UN interventions in Haiti and Croatia allow her to highlight the dynamics at play in encounters between local societies and international peacekeepers, which further demonstrates the insightful outcomes of applying a Foucauldian approach to the study of international relations.

Laura Zanotti is Associate Professor of Political Science at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

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Political Science
An Account of the Manners of the German Inhabitants of Pennsylvania, Written 1789
Benjamin Rush
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At a time in U.S. history when negative stereotypes and prejudices toward the Germans in Pennsylvania abounded, Benjamin Rush’s account sought to redeem their image in the eyes of Americans—both citizens and leaders. Rush uses sixteen points to discuss his observation of the habits and culture of the Pennsylvania Germans, portraying them as hard-working and industrious farmers, opposed to debt and excess.

Published in 1789, just one year after the ratification of the U.S. Constitution, this account remains as part of an eighteenth-century narrative that stressed the virtues of Jeffersonian Republican ideals, which Rush held strongly. His positive generalizations about Pennsylvania German diet, material culture, work ethic, religion, hospitality, and other manners came from experience working with the members of the community, and are put forth to reinforce the group as an example of citizenship to others. The volume concludes with a call to citizens of the United States, and national and state legislators, to see the Pennsylvania Germans as a model for upholding the republican virtues of industry and economy.

Benjamin Rush’s brief account is accompanied, in this reprint of an 1875 edition, by extensive notes, a preface, and appendixes written by the Pennsylvania historian I. Daniel Rupp.

Benjamin Rush (1746–1813) was a physician and signer of the Declaration of Independence and a member of the Second Continental Congress.

I. Daniel Rupp (1803–1878) was a historian and translator best known for his county and local histories of Pennsylvania.

Rauch’s Pennsylvania Dutch Hand-Book
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E. H. Rauch

During the latter half of the nineteenth century, Pennsylvania German, often referred to as “Deitsh” or “Dutch,” was spoken by a third of the state’s population, yet up until that time, few had attempted to document the typically oral tradition in writing. E. H. Rauch was considered an early leader among those dedicated to exposing the dialect to the masses through print. Defined by no particular orthography, early spelling was incredibly variable. Rauch’s Pennsylvania Dutch Hand-Book was one of several dictionaries that emerged in an attempt to establish uniformity and to document and teach this new written tradition.

Rauch’s volume placed great importance on the “practical and profitable” business instruction of nonspeakers and was the first dictionary to include both English–Pennsylvania German and Pennsylvania German–English translations. The volume also served as a written tutorial for those who inherited the Pennsylvania German oral tradition at home but were taught to read and write only English in school. Rauch developed his own method of spelling based on English rather than German, since few Pennsylvanians in the late 1800s had a formal German education. In addition to its dual-language dictionary, this volume includes a phrase book and bilingual sections on conducting business in various settings. It concludes with several translated excerpts of poetry, Bible verses, and even Shakespeare.

Rauch’s publication sparked great debates within the community about spellings that still exist today among those who follow the American English orthography and those who subscribe to German methods of spelling.

E. H. Rauch (1820–1902) was a newspaper publisher who gained wide recognition for his popular weekly Pennsylvania German–language column, which he published for over thirty years under the pen name “Pit Schwebfelbrenner.”
Ella Zerbey Elliott’s Old Schuylkill Tales, published in 1906, presents today’s readers with an array of turn-of-the-century stories, anecdotes, and reminiscences of Schuylkill County, Pennsylvania, from its earliest settlement in the eighteenth century to its foundation as a county and growth into a major hub of mining and industry. A mixture of history and “stranger than fiction” folklore, these stories gathered from old settlers and their descendants make up what the author refers to as “little pleasantries of the early days.”

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North Pennsylvania Minstrelsy

As Sung in the Backwood Settlements, Hunting Cabins and Lumber Camps in Northern Pennsylvania, 1840–1910

Compiled by Henry W. Shoemaker

Henry W. Shoemaker was already an established writer of Pennsylvania’s popular folklore by the time North Pennsylvania Minstrelsy was published in 1919. While much of Shoemaker’s previous work was literary folklore, this volume comprises his first collection of ballads and what has been argued to be one of his most significant contributions to the scholarly folklore conversation.

Compiled by Shoemaker over two decades, with the assistance of John C. French and John H. Chattham, this volume includes over one hundred songs and ballads from Union, Snyder, Centre, Lycoming, Clinton, Tioga, Potter, McKean, Forest, Cameron, Elk, and Clearfield Counties in Pennsylvania. Shoemaker prefaced much of his work with words on preserving the wilderness, and with it the romantic simplicity of the pre-industrial “golden age” of Pennsylvania. In this volume, he ties the ballads to this ideal by noting, “Work without music is too modern, too grinding; it was not the life for the Pennsylvania mountaineer whose soul overflowed with melody. . . . Simplicity was his foremost vital trait; he was close to the Eternal Source and the harmonies of Nature.”

This facsimile edition of Shoemaker’s 1919 original publication includes ballads and fragments of ballads accompanied by Shoemaker’s introduction and annotations to each ballad, which often include context as well as the name of the county where it was collected and whom it was collected from.

Henry W. Shoemaker (1880–1958) was the author of over twenty volumes of popular Pennsylvania literary folklore during the first half of the twentieth century.

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