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• investigate the effects of political economies on health and environments; and
• illuminate the historical interrelationship between health, disease, social networks, and evolving technological systems.

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Driving in Cars with Homeless Men

KATE WISEL
SELECTED BY MIN JIN LEE

Winner of the 2019 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“This is one architecturally stunning, linguistically dazzling, hyperintelligent, heart-expanding debut.”*

“You can hear the crackle of heat and the roar of a powerful fire burning through these pages. Young angry women, brokenhearted mothers, and men who are lost to themselves and others struggle in the world of Driving in Cars with Homeless Men. Close to the edge, fearful of love yet dying of longing, Serena, Frankie, Raffa, and Natalya are vital and tender. Their stories are incandescent.”
—Min Jin Lee, author of Free Food for Millionaires and Pachinko, a finalist for the National Book Award

“Kate Wisel is a fearless writer—with literary guts and a distinctive nitro style—and Driving in Cars with Homeless Men is a remarkable debut. The gritty lyricism of her voice makes me think of punk rock and blown mufflers and creaky bedsprings flavored with cigarette ash, Red Bull-and-vodka, gum stuck to the bottom of a Doc Marten, a little bit of Denis Johnson mixed up with a Janis Joplin howl. Welcome her. I can’t wait to see what she does next.”
—Benjamin Percy, author of The Dark Net; Thrill Me; Red Moon; and Refresh, Refresh

“Kate Wisel’s women think like razor blades. They talk tough and love tougher, except how they love each other which is pure and deep, and ought to be enough, except it isn’t, ever. These women vibrate with life, with longing, with an urge toward self-annihilation, with hope. Their hope will break your heart the hardest. Along with the sentences, which seem to be written by angels, razor-blade-toting angels.”
—Pam Houston, author of Deep Creek: Finding Hope In the High Country*

“An uncommon fearlessness—a precise confidence—propels every sentence. There is a cold bite to these stories. Stark humor that slaps and stings. Dangerous, diligent fun that cannot fill the void. The lives of the four young women at the center of Driving in Cars with Homeless Men are a web of doomed experiments that edify in ways that cannot quite be articulated—they register, profoundly, on a visceral level. Kate Wisel is an important new artist with a uniquely potent voice, and this debut is cause for celebration.”
—Don De Grazia, author of American Skin

Driving in Cars with Homeless Men is a love letter to women moving through violence, set in the streets and the bars, the old homes, the tiny apartments, and the landscape of a working-class Boston. Serena, Frankie, Raffa, and Nat collide and break apart like pool balls to come back together in an imagined postdivorce future. Through the gritty, unraveling truths of their lives, they find themselves in the bed of an overdosed lover, through the panting tongue of a rescue dog who is equally as dislanquaged as his owner, in the studio apartment of a compulsive liar, sitting backward but going forward in the galley of an airplane, in relationships that are at once playgrounds and cages. Homeless Men is the collective story of women whose lives careen back into the past, to the places where pain lurks and haunts. With riotous energy and rage, they run toward the future in the hopes of untangling themselves from failure to succeed and fail again.
EXEMPLARY EXCERPT FROM DRIVING IN CARS WITH HOMELESS MEN

Sunday and we’re curled into the velvet couch we carried all the way from Goodwill ourselves, then pushed into the corner of our old, enormous kitchen. When I brought this guy Andrew home the first time, I dragged him to my bedroom as Frankie flashed a thumbs-up from the couch. She tells me she likes him because he has natural blond hair, and an office job downtown, and takes me to dinner like a real guy. We met in what Frankie calls “a picturesque way.” This is the thing: ever since Frankie’s mom died, she wants everything to go right.

“How did it go?” Frankie says. I’m wearing a softball tee that got mixed up in the laundry and belongs to Frankie. Frankie’s wearing a button-up sweater and a smile that belongs in toothpaste commercials.

“He took me out to Chinese,” I start. I pass back the gravity bong we fashioned from a Pepsi bottle. Her cheekbones flush with rosacea, which makes her look possessed by insider information, like someone’s got their mouth to her ear.

“Details,” she says.

It goes more or less like this: Andrew reached his hands across the booth just as I was about to say, “I have an early dentist appointment in the morning.” The waiter moved to our table with the purposefulness of a surgeon and filled our water, shard-like ice cubes cracking in the silence. Then the food came, platter by platter, clouds of steam swooshing into our faces. I filled my plate and drowned my rice in duck sauce.

“You must have been hungry,” he said as I scraped the last grains with my fork. “Do you want to order dessert?” He leaned forward with the enthusiasm of a talk show host. I ordered another Blue Moon. By the time he got the check I was almost lying down corpse-like in the booth. I stared at him sleepily, exaggerating my blink like a housecat. I contemplated burping but foresaw him refusing the check and thought better of it. Instead, I reached across the table and crushed a fortune cookie in my fist. I straightened up to pick the fortune from the remains, which read: You need only to understand that it is not necessary it understand but only enjoy.

He insisted on walking me home. He tried again to hold my hand as we moved under streetlights that lit up our faces like morons at a spelling bee in which we knew none of the words. I let him grasp my forefinger, which only made me blush.

“Careful,” he said as I kicked my way through the broken glass of me and Frankie’s block, jellied condoms lying shriveled in the cracks. We passed the methadone clinic by Packard’s Corner, where beyond the parking lot the registered sex offenders live in tighter and tighter clusters of red dots like the clap. I was stumbling drunk, and hoped he would leave me at my front door without asking to come inside.

When he did, I said, in my best robot, “I do not have air conditioning.”

We stood in the envelope-littered foyer as he watched me stab keys into my lock. When the door swung open I held my hand on the knob while he waved, tripping down a step as he reversed his way out of my sight.
The Dogs of Detroit

Stories

BRAD FELVER

Winner of the 2018 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“The Dogs of Detroit is animated by a tough-minded vision of strife and frustration, beneath which runs a streak of compassion for its bereft, often violent characters. With consummate skill and assurance, Brad Felver writes of overlooked people suffering physical and emotional deprivation, who struggle, now and again with success, in thwarted lives. Ambivalence colors the deepest relationships, with love and hate resembling an ever shifting hologram.”

—Lynne Sharon Schwartz, judge

“Felver’s writing is sharp and insightful. His stories evoke the style and themes of writers ranging from Richard Russo to Rick Bass to Andre Dubus III and, in the particularly brutal surrealistic title story, “The Dogs of Detroit,” Cormac McCarthy. A substantial debut by a promising and confident new writer.”

—Kirkus Review

Felver lays his words down in these stories in such a precise way that it’s difficult, if not impossible, to pull yourself away from a story once you’ve started.”

—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

The fourteen stories of The Dogs of Detroit each focus on grief and its many strange permutations. This grief alternately devolves into violence, silence, solitude, and utter isolation. In some cases, grief drives the stories as a strong, reactionary force, and in other stories that grief evolves quietly over long stretches of time. Many of the stories also use grief as a prism to explore the beguiling bonds within families. The stories span a variety of geographies, both urban and rural, often considering collisions between the two.

Brad Felver is a fiction writer, essayist, and teacher of writing. His honors include the O. Henry Award, a Pushcart Prize special mention, and the Zone 3 Fiction Prize. His fiction and essays have appeared widely in magazines such as One Story, New England Review, Hunger Mountain, and Colorado Review. Currently he serves as lecturer and associate chair of the English department at Bowling Green State University. He lives with his wife and kids in northern Ohio.
The Blues Walked In

KATHLEEN GEORGE

A Fictionalized Account of Young Lena Horne and Pittsburgh’s Hill District

“Spanning ten years, this inspiring biographical novel illuminates the personal life of jazz singer and civil rights activist Lena Horne. Lena Horne was a woman to be reckoned with. She lived a long, eventful life, but this novelization focuses on her early years of adulthood. Lena in Kathleen George’s The Blues Walked In is just as strong and relentless as she was in reality. Her story is as intimate as it is inspiring. . . . A great portion of the text is composed of dialogue, with conversations flowing naturally, true to their time and place. The dialogue not only bolsters the vividness of the setting but drives the plot forward and reveals the nature of the characters. . . . The ten-year span of these two young women’s lives is conveyed beautifully in this lovely novel about what to do when you want ‘to be somebody.’”

—Foreword Review

Life on the road means sleeping on the bus or in hotels for blacks only. The year is 1936 and after finishing her tour with Noble Sissel’s orchestra, nineteen-year-old Lena Horne is walking the last few blocks to her father’s hotel in Pittsburgh’s Hill District. She stops at a lemonade stand and encounters Marie David, a Lebanese American girl. Marie loves movies and adores Lena, and their chance meeting sparks a relationship that will intertwine their lives forever. Lena also meets Josiah Conner, a charismatic teenager who helps out at her father Teddy’s hotel. Josiah skips school, dreams of being a Hollywood director, and has a crush on Lena. The three are linked by a determination to be somebody, but issues of race, class, family, and education threaten to disrupt their lives and the bonds between them.

Teddy wants his daughter to settle down and give up show business, but she’s entranced by the music and culture of the Hill. It’s a mecca for jazz singers and musicians, and nightspots like the Crawford Grill attract crowds of blacks and whites. Lena table-hops with local jazzmen as her father chaperones her through the clubs where she’ll later perform. Singing makes her feel alive, and to her father’s dismay, reviewers can’t get enough of her. Duke Ellington adores her, Billy Strayhorn can’t wait to meet her, and she becomes “all the rage” in clubs and Hollywood for her beauty and almost-whiteness.

Marie and Josiah follow Lena’s career in Hollywood and New York through movie magazines and the Pittsburgh Courier. Years pass until their lives are brought together again when Josiah is arrested for the murder of a white man. Marie and Lena decide they must get Josiah out of prison—whatever the personal cost.

Kathleen George is the author of The Johnstown Girls. She has also written seven mysteries set in Pittsburgh: A Measure of Blood, Simple, The Odds, which was nominated for the Edgar® Award from the Mystery Writers of America, Hideout, Afterimage, Fallen, and Taken. George is the author of the short story collection The Man in the Buick and editor of the Pittsburgh Noir collection. She is a professor of theater arts and creative writing at the University of Pittsburgh.
The Tenant of Fire

RYAN BLACK

Winner of the 2018 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize

“Plenty of poems are written about Manhattan and Brooklyn but not many about the outer boroughs of New York City. Ryan Black’s excellent poems grow from his experience of south Queens, a place of varied ethnicity and economic classes, and such landmarks as Victory Field and Forest Park. That’s to say: a part of the city unknown to most tourists.”

—Ed Ochester

The Tenant of Fire is about Queens, New York—its history, public and personal, real and imagined. Many of the people who populate this book—Irish Catholics, Italian Americans—were once considered ethnic but now fall wholly under the banner of white. And from their anxieties a man like Donald Trump emerges. Born and raised in Queens, Trump is both the product and purveyor of a localized nativist politic.

The young white speaker of these poems works to record his parents’ and neighbors’, both white and of color, and his own attempts at navigating a shifting landscape. In poems on the homecoming of Vietnam vets, or the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy, or the firebombing of Malcolm X’s house, The Tenant of Fire explores how and why the plurality of a place like Queens, where now nearly two hundred languages are spoken, is viewed as a threat to national security.

HOME BY THE SEA
I can’t turn around and put up a flag and say, “I have no place to go.”
Chief Dennis Diggins
Bureau of Waste Disposal, DSNY

From bridge view, from snow-packed rock. Seagirt to West End. The crude

signs nailed to garage doors, inked on windshields, Looters will be crucified.

November: an Old World threat. A FEMA truck stutters by on a busted axle. Drywall, plumbing, dining set, bureau. Nine days passed. At Fitzgerald Gym, two mothers

braid their children’s hair with Vaseline. On state-issued cots below the free

throw line.
Because What Else Could I Do

MARThA COllINS

“Martha Collins is one of our most vital poets”*

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“Collins renders the most humbling, gorgeous, and inscrutable features of human existence as if they might be made legible.”
—Publishers Weekly, starred review

“Musically brilliant, psychologically intricate, movingly humane.”
—Kevin Prufer*

“A dazzling poet whose poetry is poised at the juncture between the lyric and ethics. Those who have followed Collins’ books have long since realized that no subject is off limits for her piercing intellect.”
—AWP Chronicle

“A longtime poet of sociopolitical engagement, Martha Collins has been mining the complexities of language and syntax for wordplay, precision, and multiplicity like no other contemporary American poet I can think of.”
—Wayne Miller

Because What Else Could I Do is a sequence of fifty-five untitled short poems, almost all of them addressed to the poet’s husband during the six months following his sudden and shocking death. Perhaps best known for her historical explorations of sociopolitical issues, Martha Collins did not originally intend to publish these poems. But while they are intensely personal, they make use of all of her poetic attention and skills. Spare, fragmented, musical even in their most heartbreaking moments, the poems allow the reader to share both an intimate expression the poet’s grief and a moving record of her attempt to comprehend the events surrounding her loss.

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I alone in a restaurant
and what is left of you at home
in a plastic box on your dresser where
you kept your socks and put your change—
and what will I do at home in my own
house, what will I do with my one
spoon and my wide bed, what
will I do without without

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POETRY

Martha Collins is the author of nine previous books of poetry, including Admit One: An American Scrapbook, White Papers, and the book-length poem Blue Front, as well as the paired volumes Night Unto Night and Day Unto Day. Founder of the Creative Writing Program at U.Mass–Boston and Pauline Delaney Professor of Creative Writing at Oberlin College for ten years, she currently lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Ringer

REBECCA LEHMANN

Winner of the 2018 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

“Rebecca Lehmann’s Ringer is a beautiful book. There’s something propulsive and yearning and broken with sadness in these poems. And ecstatic. And astonished. (‘His eyes / were four dozen Canadian geese lifting off a late summer river, all at once.’ God I love that!) And loving. And there is something that might put its foot up your ass. All made of a gorgeous racket that will probably make you gasp. By which I mean: be in the world anew. As poetry, if we’re lucky, sometimes helps us to be.”
—Ross Gay, judge

“Ringer by Rebecca Lehmann is a voice-driven wonder that takes on Trump-era America—misogyny, white nationalism, alternative facts, and gun violence—against a backdrop of domesticity and personal loss. Lehmann combines dazzling figurative language with unrelenting imperative into nitro-fueled poems that plumb the tension between the personal and political, and create a wholly original tough-as-nails missive to female strength in the face of miscarriage, harassment, and the daily grind of motherhood.”
—Erika Meitner

Ringer approaches womanhood from two directions: an examination of ways that women’s identities are tied to domestic spaces, like homes, cars, grocery stores, and daycare centers; and a consideration of physical, sexual, and political violence against women, both historically and in the present day. Lehmann’s poems look outward, and go beyond cataloguing trespasses against women by biting back against patriarchal systems of oppression, and against perpetrators of violence against women.

EXCERPT FROM THE POEM “NATURAL HISTORY”

Tell me the world. Here comes light, unspoken.
Light hooks a claw on the horizon, pulls itself into view. Here comes water, saline, scattering single-celled organisms.
Land is a puppet. It climbs hydrothermal vents like stairs.
Lava congeals. Land rises. Here comes land, hand-springing out of water. Wind is a comma, pausing the day. At night, wind kicks its legs.
Tell me old growth forests. Tell me a rainbow.
Tell me blue-tailed skinks. Here comes science, explaining eyeballs. Look, here come the stars.
Here comes a commuter train, hopping the rails and crashing into an empty sidewalk at 2:30 in the morning. Here come sparklers.
Use them to trace letters of light in the darkness.

Rebecca Lehmann is the author of Between the Crackups, winner of the Crashaw Prize. Her poems have been published in Tin House, The Georgia Review, Ploughshares, Fence, Boston Review, and more. She lives in South Bend, Indiana, where she is an assistant professor of English at Saint Mary’s College.

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The Book of Daniel

AARON SMITH

Part Pop-Thriller, Part Queer Rage, Part Mourning

“Aaron Smith is queer poetry’s lacerating, arch, self-aware satirist in the age of poetry-branding, ‘everyone / saying they’re brilliant.’ The poems in The Book of Daniel, damaged and violent and intimate, wryly circumspect, demand nothing—certainly not admiration—other than the reader’s unflinching attention. I admire them, and get the hell out of their way.”

—Randall Mann

“Reading The Book of Daniel is like catching up with a raucous, well-read, deeply sensitive, mercilessly candid friend. With astonishing turns—heartbreak to hilarity and back—the poet leads us through fantasy, brutality, daydream, irreverence and devotion.”

—Patrick Rosal

A tour de force, Aaron Smith’s fourth collection of poetry, The Book of Daniel, resists the easy satisfactions of Beauty while managing the contemporary entanglements of art, sex, and grief. These poems depict not only the complications of representation in the age of social media but a critique of identity. Taking on subjects as diverse as the literary canon, his mother’s incurable cancer diagnosis, gay bashing, celebrity gossip, bigotry, violence on TV, and Alexander McQueen’s suicide, Smith proves that the confessional lyric is not dead. In tangents as wild as they are reined, with his characteristic blend of directness, vulnerability, and humor, these poems take on the world as it is, a world we love even as it resists all intimacy.

EXCERPT FROM “I NEED MY O’HARA FRANK”

not Maureen,
my Lucille

Clifton not Ball.
And my Audre,

always, to be Lorde.
I need Sharons:

Tate and Olds,
but mostly Olds,

and never, ever
the Rose of.

Denise Duhamel,
not Richards.

Prince, not
Harry or William.

Aaron Smith is the author of three books of poetry: Primer, Appetite, and Blue on Blue Ground, winner of the Agnes Lynch Starrett Prize. His work has appeared in numerous publications, including Ploughshares and Best American Poetry. A three-time finalist for the Lambda Literary Award, he is the recipient of fellowships from the New York Foundation for the Arts and the Mass Cultural Council. He is associate professor of creative writing at Lesley University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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Life in a Country Album

NATHALIE HANDEL

A Soundtrack of the Global Cultural Landscape from Nathalie Handal’s Unique Perspective

“Love in a Country Album reminds me of the irresistible spare stylization of French New Wave cinema. I love how the desire and longing running through these poems reaches me via the collections, many voices and cityscapes, and—most poignantly—via the borders between bodies, nations and hearts. Absolutely gorgeous.”
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—Claire Messud

“I love this book. It’s simply poetry that doesn’t quit moving. It tells a story. It’s water, it shimmers.”
—Eileen Myles

From migrations to pop culture, loss to dérive, Life in a Country Album is a soundtrack of the global cultural landscape—borders and citizenship, hybrid identities and home, freedom and pleasure. It’s a vast and moving look at the world, at what home means, and the ways we coexist in an increasingly divided world. These poems are about the dialects of the heart—those we are incapable of parting from, and those that are largely forgotten.

Life in a Country Album is a vital book for our times. With this collection, Nathalie Handal affirms herself as one of our most diverse and important contemporary poets.

COUNTRY OF TORN MEN

Here, men don’t lie or lean on their beds and pray; they sit on stools, sing by a wall, wonder if jagged lines glisten when divided hearts break the law and miles of giant afternoons, when the hesitation on lips slides further into doubt the way the desert does when language is sealed to keep breaths from dividing the mirror. Or is it the nation?

Nathalie Handal’s recent poetry books include the flash collection The Republics, winner of the Virginia Faulkner Award for Excellence in Writing and the Arab American Book Award; the critically acclaimed Poet in Andalucía; and Love and Strange Horses, winner of the Gold Medal Independent Publisher Book Award.

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Some Glad Morning

BARBARA CROOKER

Teetering between Joy and Despair, Faith and Doubt, and the Disconnect between Lived Experience and the Written Word

“‘Darkness / will not overtake us,’ insists Barbara Crooker, who writes poems of deep happiness. How untrendy! one might say. Where’s the political? Where’s grief? They’re here too, underpinning these poems, but not allowed governance. ‘O / day! You are the antidote / to the bitter news of the world.’ If we have only one life, better to enjoy each glad morning, and some evenings too: ‘So let me lean back in this red Adirondack / chair as dusk makes us all equal, happy for the blend / of herbs and gin, pure sapphire, the dividend of olive / at the end.’ Like Edward Hopper, one of the artists whose work Crooker inhabits in these pages, her ‘subject is light,’ interior as well as exterior, and the birds and trees and humans who revel in it.”

—Michael Waters

“Barbara Crooker’s poems invite us into her garden, into castles and museums, into the rich complexity of life. Using language full of passion and metaphor, Crooker paints each line, like an artist, with precision and beauty. She celebrates even the smallest moment showing us that time is slippery as a silver fish. Cheers to Crooker’s dry martinis, to her wit and wisdom, to this remarkable collection.”

—Carol Was, poetry editor, the MacGuffin

Some Glad Morning, Barbara Crooker’s ninth book of poetry, teeters between joy and despair, faith and doubt, the disconnect between lived experience and the written word. Primarily a lyric poet, Crooker is in love with the beauty and mystery of the natural world, even as she recognizes its fragility. But she is also a poet unafraid to write about the consequences of our politics, the great divide.

SPARROWS

I never learned to tell one from another—swamp, field, song, vespert—all scraps of drab: rust, dun, buff, tan. Some streaky-breasted, some not. We hear the flutter of wings, look up, then yawn, ho hum, a sparrow. No rush for binoculars. Like the poor, they are always with us. Look at them flick and flit in this dry meadow of foxtail, switchgrass, goldenrod; every leaf, stem, and seedhead burnished in the dying light. Maybe they are the only angels we get in this life. But the very hairs on our head are numbered, and the father knows them all by name. Each sparrow, too, has a song—no flashy cardinal selling cheer, no sky-blue jay’s ironic squawk, no eponymous chicka-dee-dee-dee. Just us, the unnoticed, gleaning what others have left behind, and singing for all we’re worth, teetering on a bit of bracken at the edge of a wild field.
The Now
ALBERT GOLDBARTH

Poems that Consider the Disappearance of Language in an Age of Digital Communication

“Albert Goldbarth just may be the American poet of his generation for the ages. Often humorous but always serious, Goldbarth combines erudite research, pop-culture fanaticism, and personal anecdote in ways that make his writings among the most stylistically recognizable in the literary world.”
—Judith Kitchen, the Georgia Review

“The indefatigable Albert Goldbarth is master of shaggy-dog narrative; he is like the favorite uncle whose voice is so easygoing that you barely notice how much art and gentle wisdom to into the telling.”

“Albert Goldbarth has amassed a body of work as substantial and intelligent as that of anyone in his generation.”
—Harvard Review

The Now describes the unique, and sometimes baffling, moment in which we live, a time defined by an immediate future of online wonders, fake news, multiple personalities, data economy, gene modification, and the rest of the exciting-and-yet-ominous “technology culture,” even as it’s a time when the urge to memorialize the past—to sing elegiacally—seems more important than ever.
Between poems that consider the disappearance of language in an age of digital/binary communication, and poems that mourn the disappearance of fellow poets and artists, this collection attempts to stand on a nanosecond that looks both backward and forward in time: the ever-shifting “now.”

WRIST BEEP
Once there weren’t even cell phones, hard though it is for a twenty-something to credit that—but I remember those days, and we communicated fine. Now, of course, there are phone/computer/location chips the size of a grain of rice you can have implanted in your wrist. In the detective novel, the wisdom is don’t bother to trail your mark from behind; he’ll be checking over his shoulder especially to see if he’s being followed. If possible, stay a little ahead of him. If that’s how it works I think I get to say the future is stalking me.

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POETRY

Albert Goldbarth has been publishing books for over forty years. He won the National Book Critics Circle award for Saving Lives and Heaven and Earth: A Cosmology, the only poet to receive the honor two times. Goldbarth’s honors include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Guggenheim Foundation, and the Milt Kessler Award. He lives in Wichita, Kansas.

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In the October 1969 volume of the Pittsburgh Area Preschool Association Publication, Fred Rogers coauthored a piece with Linda J. Philbrick, former head teacher of Oakland Nursery School, titled “Television and the Viewing Child.” In it, Rogers and Philbrick describe the reaction of a young girl named Nancy to an episode of the television program The Three Stooges in which the Stooges are shown harming a dog. “I want to go into the television and help it [the dog],” Nancy says as she burrows her face in her mother’s lap, “but I’m afraid that they will hurt me too.” Rogers and Philbrick use this anecdote to lead into a larger discussion about young children’s perceptions of the actors and scenarios they view on the television screen. They note Nancy’s “deep emotional involvement” with the encounter on the screen and how her mother was taken aback by her daughter’s reaction. “The young child’s limited experience and immature perceptual system,” they write, “makes it difficult for [her] to separate fantasy from reality.” They continue:

(The vivid images presented by the television camera make it even more difficult for him when these images are violent and frightening, the child faces an additional dilemma. Since television is a piece of furniture, placed in the home by parents, it is endowed with an air of parental sanction. Children witness their parents firmly terminating a sibling battle, but sitting and staring in apparent unconcern while a bloody slaughter takes place on television. This presents deep confusion for the child who perceives one incident to be as real as the other. Much public concern has been expressed over the effect that the content of violent television programs have on children. We also need to be concerned about how these programs affect the child’s relationship with the people who present them.)

In this rich and revealing paragraph, Rogers and Philbrick communicate the complexities involved in the then novel process of children’s televisual reception and communication. In their analysis, they make an original link between the lived emotion felt by the child and her ethical sense of this emotion as it calls for action to resolve the conflict. Nancy cannot stop the beating of the helpless dog, of course, because she cannot enter the contiguous and yet impossibly distant space depicted on the screen. Revealingly, Rogers and Philbrick speak of the child’s dilemma, which, in and of itself, addresses the “ethical emotionality” that underscores the creative fabric of Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood. Adding to the dilemma of the child’s original response to the ethical imperative is the fact that the parent, by not intervening, seems to the child to be paradoxically condoning the unethical events that have now entered their family dynamic. “As adults,” they write, “we may feel that we ‘permit’ the happenings on the television screen because we clearly recognize them as unreal.” Rogers and Philbrick are, of course, speaking of adults’ learned ability to compartmentalize so that while they intervene in conflict within the family system, they allow for representations of conflict on television to go on unmitigated. To the child, this compartmentalization represents an emotionally distressing and puzzling behavior, for the “ethical emotionality” attendant to the experience of viewing the beating of a dog goes unaddressed. It is this understanding of the “ethical emotionality” embedded in television programming, further compounded by the reality that this medium operates within the home space of the family that serves as the key point of inflection in Rogers’ television creation.
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Andrei Kozyrev was foreign minister of Russia under President Boris Yeltsin from August 1991 to January 1996. During the August 1991 coup attempt against Mikhail Gorbachev, he was present when tanks moved in to seize the Russian White House, where Boris Yeltsin famously stood on a tank to address the crowd assembled. He then departed to Paris to muster international support and, if needed, to form a Russian government-in-exile. He participated in the negotiations at Brezhnev’s former hunting lodge in Belazheva, Belarus where the leaders of Russia, Ukraine, and Belarus agreed to secede from the Soviet Union and form a Commonwealth of Independent States. Kozyrev’s pro-Western orientation made him an increasingly unpopular figure in Russia as Russia’s spiraling economy and the emergence of ultra-wealthy oligarchs soured ordinary Russians on Western ideas of democracy and market capitalism.

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EXCEPT FROM THE FIREBIRD

A Matter of Life and Death

It was December 1991. I was in a hunting lodge deep in a vast forest, and I had to make a phone call that would change not just my life but the lives of millions. In a detail that might seem astonishing today—not least to younger readers—I had nothing more technologically sophisticated than an ordinary landline on which to make contact with a center of power that most of my fellow countrymen and women had viewed for decades as the enemy. Sitting on the end of the phone looking at the pine tree wilderness outside the window, I realized I was being put through, first to the White House in Washington, DC, and then to the president of the United States himself, George H. W. Bush.

I had two important pieces of news for Bush. The first was that his former Cold War opponent, the Soviet Union, was to be divided into twelve newly independent states. The second, and equally crucial piece of information was that only Russia would inherit and control the Soviet nuclear missile capability which even today could destroy America.

Like the baby boomers in the United States, my generation in Russia felt as if it had lived permanently on the brink of annihilation. For almost half a century, both sides in the Cold War had stockpiled nuclear arsenals in an equation that had earned itself the moniker of mutual assured destruction. The acronym—MAD—felt entirely appropriate.

The story I tell in this book remains acutely relevant today, not least because MAD is still in place. Although 4,861 miles separate Moscow and Washington, it has increasingly been observed in recent years that what happens in Russia remains vitally important for the United States (and consequently, for the rest of the world). Recent political analysis has overwhelmingly focused on Russia’s online influence. Yet it should not be forgotten that it remains a political big beast by sheer virtue of its geography, since it borders America and Japan by sea, and China, Central Asia, and Europe on land. The country also possesses tremendous wealth in natural resources and human talent that shore it up as a global player even when its economy underperforms. Beyond this, Russia together with the United States, European Union, and Canada, is a key supplier and operator of the International Space Station.

When I made that phone call at the end of 1991, the death of Cold War and the birth of a new democratic Russia seemed to promise a bright new future for both sides. That was my dream, at least. As Russia’s first foreign minister (1992–1996) I was in a prime position to pursue it vigorously.

Was I naive? Some critics have since made that allegation, but the truth is inevitably more complicated. I was not naive to be optimistic, and in this book I want to explain why. I have always been, to my core, a son of my homeland. We have a famous fable about a Firebird that can bring a whole new realm of happiness once caught, despite presenting huge challenges to its captor. In my political career, I feel as if I have chased my own Firebird, believing that sooner or later the Russian people will discover the road to democracy and cooperative foreign policy.
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Charles J. Halperin is one of the world’s foremost historians of medieval Muscovy. He is an independent scholar and resides in Bloomington, Indiana.

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Energy and Environmental Politics in Appalachia after the 1973 Oil Embargo

MICHAEL CAMP

Examines the Intersection of Energy Policy and Environmental Regulation after the 1973 OAPEC Oil Embargo

“Unnatural Resources brings fresh insight and perspective to our understanding of the tensions between energy security and environmental protection in the 1970s. Camp dramatizes how conflicts over coal, nuclear power, and hydroelectricity in Appalachia were pivotal in shaping the energy legacy of the Carter presidency.”
—Tyler Priest, University of Iowa

Unnatural Resources explores the intersection of energy production and environmental regulation in Appalachia after the oil embargo of 1973. The years from 1969 to 1973 saw the passage of a number of laws meant to protect the environment from human destruction, and they initially enjoyed broad public popularity. However, the oil embargo, which caused lines and fistfights at gasoline stations, refocused Americans’ attention on economic issues and alerted them to the dangers of relying on imported oil. As a drive to increase domestic production of energy gained momentum, it soon appeared that new environmental regulations were inhibiting this initiative. A backlash against environmental regulations helped inaugurate a bipartisan era of market-based thinking in American politics and discredited the idea that the federal government had a constructive role to play in addressing energy issues. Camp connects political, labor, and environmental history to contribute to a growing body of literature on the decline of the New Deal and the rise of pro-market thinking in American politics.

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HISTORY OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT
World’s Fairs in the Cold War
Science, Technology, and the Culture of Progress

Edited by ARTHUR P. MOLELLA and SCOTT GABRIEL KNOWLES

Investigates the Ways World’s Fairs Expressed and Provoked Cold War Culture

“This is a marvelous volume that illuminates the role of world’s fairs in shaping the cultural contours of the Cold War. The chapters are far-reaching, including pieces on the US and USSR as well as illuminating analysis of world’s fairs and the Cold War in Australia, Japan, and Singapore. The breadth and depth of the scholarship is impressive and sets the stage for understanding the most recent wave of world’s fairs in the twenty-first century.”
—Robert W. Rydell, author of All the World’s a Fair

“Presenting new perspectives on the staging of the Cold War, this valuable book examines superpower rivalry and the peculiar technological optimism of that era. The authors show how expositions offered visitors improbable utopian visions, politicizing urban planning, architecture, the space race, digital technologies, consumer goods, and nuclear energy.”
—David E. Nye, University of Minnesota

The post–World War II science-based technological revolution inevitably found its way into almost all international expositions with displays on atomic energy, space exploration, transportation, communications, and computers. Major advancements in Cold War science and technology helped to shape new visions of utopian futures, the stock-in-trade of world’s fairs. From the 1940s to the 1980s, expositions in the United States and around the world, from Brussels to Osaka to Brisbane, mirrored Cold War culture in a variety of ways, and also played an active role in shaping it. This volume illustrates the cultural change and strain spurred by the Cold War, a disruptive period of scientific and technological progress that ignited growing concern over the impact of such progress on the environment and humanistic and spiritual values. Through the lens of world’s fairs, contributors across disciplines offer an integrated exploration of the US–USSR rivalry from a global perspective and in the context of broader social and cultural phenomena—faith and religion, gender and family relations, urbanization and urban planning, fashion, modernization, and national identity—all of which were fundamentally reshaped by tensions and anxieties of the Atomic Age.

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News from Mars
Mass Media and the Forging of a New Astronomy, 1860–1910

JOSHUA NALL

Explores a Transatlantic News Economy That Circulated Information and Actively Shaped New Claims about the Red Planet

“Controversies over the ‘canals’ some astronomers claimed to observe on Mars attracted huge public interest in the decades around 1900. Joshua Nall’s detailed study reveals how these debates were made possible by changes in the relationship between observers and the public shaped by new means of communication including the telegraph and the expansion of popular journalism. He argues that science itself was transformed as much by the experts’ efforts to communicate with the public as by the new equipment in their observatories. This is a study that will influence our understanding of a major episode in the history of science, but also our understanding of the nature of science itself.”
—Peter Bowler, Queen’s University Belfast

“Joshua Nall has written a scintillating account of the role of science in media and of media in science using the colorful Martian canals controversy to frame his thesis of the deep entanglement of the two. This is a book that deserves a wide audience ranging from journalists, historians, and scientists to the general public.”
—Steven J. Dick, former chief historian, NASA

Mass media in the late nineteenth century was full of news from Mars. In the wake of Giovanni Schiaparelli’s 1877 discovery of enigmatic dark, straight lines on the red planet, astronomers and the public at large vigorously debated the possibility that it might be inhabited. As rivaling scientific practitioners looked to marshal allies and sway public opinion—through newspapers, periodicals, popular books, exhibitions, and encyclopaedias—they exposed disagreements over how the discipline of astronomy should be organized and how it should establish acceptable conventions of discourse.

News from Mars provides a new account of this extraordinary episode in the history of astronomy, revealing how major transformations in astronomical practice across Britain and America were inextricably tied up with popular scientific culture and a transatlantic news economy that enabled knowledge to travel. As Joshua Nall argues, astronomers were journalists, too, eliding practice with communication in consequential ways. As writers and editors, they played a pivotal role in the emergence of a “new astronomy” dedicated to the study of the physical constitution and life history of celestial objects, blurring harsh distinctions between those who produced esoteric knowledge and those who disseminated it.
Science without Leisure
Practical Naturalism in Istanbul, 1660–1732
HARUN KÜÇÜK

The Cosmopolitan and Practical Science of Seventeenth- and Eighteenth-Century Istanbul

“With clear prose and brilliant theoretical insights, Harun Küçük offers a refreshingly original and persuasive account of the connected global history of science and scientists in the Ottoman imperial metropole during the early modern period. This is the most important book in the field of both Ottoman studies and the histories of early modern science, one that will truly reorient our understanding of global intellectual history and challenge our entrenched assumptions about imagined civilizational borders between the West and the Ottoman East.”
—Gemil Aydin, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

“Harun Küçük’s Science without Leisure is eye-opening. The cosmopolitan and practical naturalism bubbling up in early modern Istanbul exemplifies science as it was commonly expressed around the globe. The variety and vigor of the city’s practitioners challenge our notions of the Scientific Revolution and Enlightenment. But it is a caution, too, about how Ottoman practitioners could not fully express their talents when supported by practical results alone.”
—Harold Cook, Brown University

Science in seventeenth- and eighteenth-century Istanbul, Harun Küçük argues, was without leisure, a phenomenon spurred by the hyperinflation a century earlier when scientific texts all but disappeared from the college curriculum and inflation reduced the wages of professors to one-tenth of what they were in the sixteenth century. It was during this tumultuous period that philosophy and theory, the more leisurely aspects of naturalism—and the pursuit of “knowledge for knowledge’s sake”—vanished altogether from the city. But rather than put an end to science in Istanbul, this economic crisis was transformative, turning science into a practical matter, into something one learned through apprenticeship and provided as a service. In Science without Leisure, Küçük reveals how Ottoman science, when measured against familiar narratives of the Scientific Revolution, was remarkably far less scholastic and philosophical and far more cosmopolitan and practical. His book explains why as practical naturalists deployed natural knowledge to lucrative ends without regard for scientific theories, science in the Ottoman Empire over the long term ultimately became the domain of physicians, bureaucrats, and engineers rather than of scholars and philosophers.
Science, Religion, and the Protestant Tradition
Retracing the Origins of Conflict

JAMES C. UNGUREANU

Revisiting the Origins, Development, and Popularization of the “Conflict Thesis”

“James Ungureanu has undertaken extraordinarily exhaustive research and produced a book that offers an insightful, refreshing reevaluation of two of the most influential figures in the modern history of religion and science. This book promises to reshape how historians understand the origin of the conflict thesis.”

—David Mislin, Temple University

“Ungureanu develops an arresting reinterpretation of John William Draper and Andrew Dickson White, traditionally perpetrators of the ‘conflict thesis,’ but whose intentions, he argues, were not to attack ‘religion’ but to protect its progressive forms from obstructive theological orthodoxies. I highly recommend this book, which is particularly important for historians of liberal Protestantism and its secularizing legacy in late nineteenth-century Anglophonic debates about ‘science and religion.’”

—John Hedley Brooke, University of Oxford

The story of the “conflict thesis” between science and religion—the notion of perennial conflict or warfare between the two—is part of our modern self-understanding. As the story goes, John William Draper and Andrew Dickson White constructed dramatic narratives in the nineteenth century that cast religion as the relentless enemy of scientific progress. And yet, despite its resilience in popular culture, historians today have largely debunked the conflict thesis. Unraveling its origins, James Ungureanu argues that Draper and White actually hoped their narratives would preserve religious belief. For them, science was ultimately a scapegoat for a much larger and more important argument dating back to the Protestant Reformation, where one theological tradition was pitted against another—a more progressive, liberal, and diffusive Christianity against a more traditional, conservative, and orthodox Christianity. By the mid-nineteenth century, narratives of conflict between “science and religion” were largely deployed between contending theological schools of thought. However, these narratives were later appropriated by secularists, freethinkers, and atheists as weapons against all religion. By revisiting its origins, development, and popularization, Ungureanu ultimately reveals that the “conflict thesis” was just one of the many unintended consequences of the Protestant Reformation.
Rethinking History, Science, and Religion

An Exploration of Conflict and the Complexity Principle

Edited by BERNARD LIGHTMAN

Evaluating the Complexity Principle for Scholarship in the History of Science and Religion

“Since its genesis over two decades ago, the ‘complexity thesis’ has functioned for most historians of science and religion as a corrective to the still popular notion that the relationship between the two has been characterized by inevitable conflict. Bernard Lightman’s excellent volume collects some of the most mature reflections upon the status of the complexity principle. The first-rate essays contained herein show that the complexity principle continues to stimulate and challenge scholars of the science/religion relationship.”

—Monte Harrell Hampton, author of Storm of Words: Science, Religion, and Evolution in the Civil War Era

The historical interface between science and religion was depicted as an unbridgeable conflict in the last quarter of the nineteenth century. Starting in the 1970s, such a conception was too simplistic and not at all accurate when considering the totality of that relationship. This volume evaluates the utility of the “complexity principle” in past, present, and future scholarship. First put forward by historian John Brooke over twenty-five years ago, the complexity principle rejects the idea of a single thesis of conflict or harmony, or integration or separation, between science and religion. Rethinking History, Science, and Religion brings together an interdisciplinary group of scholars at the forefront of their fields to consider whether new approaches to the study of science and culture—such as recent developments in research on science and the history of publishing, the global history of science, the geographical examination of space and place, and science and media—have cast doubt on the complexity thesis, or if it remains a serviceable historiographical model.

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**Geographies of City Science**

Urban Life and Origin Debates in Late Victorian Dublin

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The Crucial Role Urban Spaces Played in the Production of Scientific Knowledge in Dublin

“Geographies of City Science splendidly elucidates the importance of thinking geographically about science’s making and its often contested reception. Whether in theories about ether, or in debates on anthropology and human origins, science is always locally ‘grounded.’ Tanya O’Sullivan brings Dublin’s late nineteenth-century scientific sites and social circles to vivid life and, in doing so, speaks to wider questions about the geographies of science and of scientific lives.”

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*Dublin at the turn of the twentieth century was both the second city of the British Empire and the soon-to-be capital of an emerging nation, presenting a unique space in which to examine the past relationship between science and the city. Drawing on both geography and biography, Geographies of City Science underscores the crucial role urban spaces played in the production of scientific knowledge. Each chapter explores the lives of two practitioners from one of the main religious and political traditions in Dublin (either Protestant and Unionist or Catholic and Nationalist). As Tanya O’Sullivan argues, any variation in their engagement with science had far less to do with their affiliations than with their “life spaces”—domains where human agency and social structures collide. Focusing on nineteenth-century debates on the origins of the universe as well as the origins of form, humans, and language, O’Sullivan explores the numerous ways in which scientific meaning relating to origin theories was established and mobilized in the city. By foregrounding Dublin, her book complements more recent attempts to enrich the historiography of metropolitan science by examining its provenance in less well-known urban centers.*

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**HISTORY & PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE**

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A Science of Our Own
Exhibitions and the Rise of Australian Public Science

PETER H. HOFFENBERG

The Development of a Distinctive Public Science in Nineteenth-Century Australia

“A Science of our Own tells the story of Victorian ‘science on show,’ and surveys the vital role of the Exhibition Movement of the nineteenth century in transforming science from the realm of private pastime to public mission. Science for the public soon becomes science for the nation, and a dynamic force in British colonial and imperial history. Peter Hoffenberg capably brings a dimly lit, long-neglected story to light, gives it sparkle, and makes it shine.”
—Roy MacLeod, University of Sydney

“This book is a notable addition to the study of ‘public science’ in the Victorian era, with a novel focus on Britain’s Australian colonies and the engagement of Australian scientists with the international exhibition movement. Through that Australian focus, it also brings a welcome new perspective to our understanding of colonial science and its place in an emerging, wider Australian culture.”
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When the Reverend Henry Carmichael opened the Sydney Mechanics’ School of Arts in 1833, he introduced a bold directive: for Australia to advance on the scale of nations, it needed to develop a science of its own. Prominent scientists in the colonies of New South Wales and Victoria answered this call by participating in popular exhibitions far and near, from London’s Crystal Palace in 1851 to Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Brisbane during the final decades of the nineteenth century. A Science of Our Own explores the influential work of local botanists, chemists, and geologists—William B. Clarke, Joseph Bosisto, Robert Brough Smyth, and Ferdinand Mueller—who contributed to shaping a distinctive public science in Australia during the nineteenth century. It extends beyond the political underpinnings of the development of public science to consider the rich social and cultural context at its core. For the Australian colonies, as Peter H. Hoffenberg argues, these exhibitions not only offered a path to progress by promoting both the knowledge and authority of local scientists and public policies; they also ultimately redefined the relationship between science and society by representing and appealing to the growing popularity of science at home and abroad.
From Commodification to the Common Good
Reconstructing Science, Technology, and Society

HANS RADDER

Explores Public-Interest Science as a Potential Alternative to Commodification

“The commodification of science—often identified with commercialization, or the selling of expertise and research results and the “capitalization of knowledge” in academia and beyond—has been investigated as a threat to the autonomy of science and academic culture and criticized for undermining the social responsibility of modern science. In From Commodification to the Common Good, Hans Radder revisits the commodification of the sciences from a philosophical perspective to focus instead on a potential alternative, the notion of public-interest science. Scientific knowledge, he argues, constitutes a common good only if it serves those affected by the issues at stake, irrespective of commercial gain. Scrutinizing the theory and practices of scientific and technological patenting, Radder challenges the legitimacy of commercial monopolies and the private appropriation and exploitation of research results. His book invites us to reevaluate established laws and to question doctrines and practices that may impede or even prohibit scientific research and social progress so that we might achieve real and significant transformations in service of the common good.”

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Hans Radder has written a clear and compelling examination of how to address the commodification of science. He discusses such difficult issues as the relationship between science and technology, the nature of scientific knowledge, and the nature of public interest, building an argument for how science should be redirected to serve the public interest, particularly with respect to patenting practices.”

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Solid State Insurrection
How the Science of Substance Made American Physics Matter

JOSEPH D. MARTIN

A New Perspective to Some of the Most Enduring Questions about the Role of Physics in American History

“A detailed reconstruction of the intense struggle . . . for recognition by solid-state physicists against the leadership of the APS.”
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“Joseph Martin gives us both a feisty, reader-friendly defense of applied ‘small science’ and a meticulous history of American physicists’ philosophical disagreements over reductionism and bureaucratic fights over the names of conferences and journals. For too long, historians heeded the ‘Schmutzphysik’ slights of particle physicists. With this book, Martin paints instead the thrills and fundamental insights of solid state physics.”
—Cyrus C. M. Mody, Maastricht University

Solid state physics, the study of the physical properties of solid matter, was the most populous subfield of Cold War American physics. Despite prolific contributions to consumer and medical technology, such as the transistor and magnetic resonance imaging, it garnered less professional prestige and public attention than nuclear and particle physics.

Solid State Insurrection argues that solid state physics was essential to securing the vast social, political, and financial capital Cold War physics enjoyed in the twentieth century. Solid state’s technological bent, and its challenge to the “pure science” ideal many physicists cherished, helped physics as a whole respond more readily to Cold War social, political, and economic pressures. Its research kept physics economically and technologically relevant, sustaining its cultural standing and policy influence long after the sheen of the Manhattan Project had faded. With this book, Joseph D. Martin brings a new perspective to some of the most enduring questions about the role of physics in American history.

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The Correspondence of John Tyndall, Volume 7

The Correspondence, March 1859–May 1862

Edited by DIARMID A. FINNEGAN, ROLAND JACKSON, and NANNA KATRINE LÜDERS KAALUND

The Ending of Tyndall’s Relationship with the Drummond Family, Disputes about His Glaciology Work, and More

The 308 letters in this volume cover a critical period in Tyndall’s personal and scientific lives. The volume begins with the difficult ending of his relationship with the Drummond family, disputes about his work in glaciology, and his early seminal work on the absorption of radiant heat by gases. It ends with the start of his championship of Julius Robert Mayer’s work on the mechanical equivalent of heat. In between, Tyndall carefully establishes his own priority for his work on radiant heat, and he accepts the position of professor of physics at the Government School of Mines. The lure of the Alps also becomes ever stronger. In this period comes perhaps Tyndall’s greatest mountaineering achievement, the first ascent of the Weisshorn, and a remarkable winter visit to Chamonix and the Mer de Glace. As his reputation grows, Tyndall continues to make his way in society. He is elected to the elite Athenaeum Club on January 31, 1860.

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John Tyndall (c. 1822–1893) was professor of natural philosophy at the Royal Institution of Great Britain (1853–1887). He published about eighty-five scientific papers in his lifetime, making significant contributions to many areas of physics—including magnetism and the radiation of heat—and to glaciology, meteorology, and bacteriology. He is best known for discovering the physical basis of the greenhouse effect and why the sky is blue. He was also an expert mountaineer, a superb communicator of science, and a visible cultural figure at the intersections of science, religion, and politics.

Tyndall’s correspondents read like a who’s who of international science, including Michael Faraday, Charles Darwin, Thomas Huxley, Joseph Henry, Rudolf Clausius, and Louis Pasteur. An intense study of his correspondence illuminates themes that individually and collectively played fundamental roles in the development of modern science: the relationship between science and religion, the popularization and professionalization of science, and advances in physics, glaciology, climatology, and germ theory.

This nineteen-volume series is drawing on the expertise of a team of editors from five countries who specialize in the history and philosophy of Victorian science and technology.
Tough on Crime
The Rise of Punitive Populism in Latin America

MICHELLE D. BONNER

Examines Tough-on-Crime Rhetoric and Policies in Latin America

“This book is a major contribution to our understanding of the sources and significance of mass-media representations of policing and criminal justice issues. Its particular focus is on the central role played by media in the global hegemony of populist diagnoses and solutions. The sophisticated theoretical analysis is based on extensive fieldwork with leading players in the media, civil society, and politics in both Chile and Argentina. The result is a rich comparative account of these societies. Combined with a wide-ranging knowledge of research in other countries, this yields hugely valuable and original insights, notably the crucial role of neoliberalism in feeding the populist trend. The detailed data trace the effects of change in the political economy down through its transformation of the structure of media organizations and the working practices of journalists. Written in a clear and engaging style, and backed by rigorous scholarship, Tough on Crime is of importance not only to criminology and criminal justice but for the lucid light it sheds on a central issue of our era, the rise of populism.”

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Crime and insecurity are top public policy concerns in Latin America. Political leaders offer tough-on-crime solutions that include increased policing and punishments, and decreased civilian oversight. These solutions, while apparently supported by public opinion, sit in opposition to both criminological research on crime control and human rights commitments. Moreover, many political and civil society actors disagree with such rhetoric and policies. In Tough on Crime, Bonner explores why some voices and some constructions of public opinion come to dominate public debate. Drawing on a comparative analysis of Argentina and Chile, based on over 190 in-depth interviews, and engaging the Euro-American literature on punitive populism, this book argues that a neoliberal media system and the resulting everyday practices used by journalists and state and civil actors are central to explaining the dominance of tough-on-crime discourse.

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Journalism and Conflict in Contemporary Latin America

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Gabriela Polit Dueñas analyzes the work of five narrative journalists from three countries. Marcela Turati, Daniela Rea, and Sandra Rodriguez from Mexico, Patricia Nieto from Colombia, and María Eugenia Ludueña from Argentina produce compelling literary works, but also work under dangerous, intense conditions. What drives and shapes their stories is their affective responses to the events and people they cover. The book offers an insightful analysis of the emotional challenges, the stress and traumatic conditions journalists face when reporting on the region’s most pressing problems. It combines ethnographic observations of the journalists’ work, textual analysis, and a theoretical reflection on the ethical dilemmas journalists confront on a daily basis. Unwanted Witnesses puts forward a necessary discussion about the place contemporary journalists occupy in the field of production, and how the risks they run speak directly about the limits of our democracies.

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The First History of the Destape as a Large-Scale Media Phenomenon and Transformative Force in Sexual Ideologies and Practices

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—Barbara Sutton, University of Albany, SUNY

Under dictatorship in Argentina, sex and sexuality were regulated to the point where sex education, explicit images, and even suggestive material were prohibited. With the return to democracy in 1983, Argentines experienced new freedoms, including sexual freedoms. The explosion of the availability and ubiquity of sexual material became known as the destape, and it uncovered sexuality in provocative ways. This was a mass-media phenomenon, but it went beyond this. It was, in effect, a deeper process of change in sexual ideologies and practices. By exploring the boom of sex therapy and sexology; the fight for the implementation of sex education in schools; the expansion of family planning services and of organizations dedicated to sexual health care; and the centrality of discussions on sexuality in feminist and gay organizations, Milanesio shows that the destape was a profound transformation of the way Argentines talked, understood, and experienced sexuality, a change in manners, morals, and personal freedoms.

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“This a well-written, well-researched book. Camilla Stevens makes an indispensable contribution to the fields of Latin American theater studies, Latino studies, Caribbean studies, and transnational studies. Aquí and Allá will become indispensable to scholars in many fields.”
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“Camilla Stevens clearly demonstrates the key social role of theater and performance in the Dominican Republic and its diaspora, fully engaging the scholarly literature on this topic. Her research is groundbreaking and timely, particularly given the centrality of discussions on migration.”
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