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Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood

Children, Television, and Fred Rogers

Edited by MARK COLLINS and MARGARET MARY KIMMEL

With a new foreword by David “Mr. McFeely” Newell

Addresses the Enduring Influence of Fred Rogers’s Forty Years of Work in Children’s Television

“For forty years, Fred Rogers has been telling children and the rest of us that he likes us just the way we are. No one else in our lives gives us that message. Now, in Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood, fifteen essayists show how deeply, and in how many ways, the message has registered. Starting with satirist Bob Garfield’s hilarious conversion from Rogers Rejectionism to Rogers Rebirth, through cellist Yo-Yo Ma’s respect for Fred’s musical messages, through various Fredwatchers’ reactions to the depth and honesty of his work, this collection is a reminder of the many and varied lives Fred Rogers has touched, kept sane, kept steady and centered. The book is testimony to this fact: after two score years on television, Fred Rogers remains the best friend America’s families ever had.”

—NPR

Born in 1928 in Latrobe, Pennsylvania, Fred Rogers began his television career in 1951 at NBC. In 1954 he became program director for the newly founded WQED-TV in Pittsburgh, the first community-supported television station in the United States. It was after Fred Rogers was ordained as a Presbyterian minister in 1963, with a special charge of serving children and their families through television, that he developed what became the award-winning PBS series Mister Rogers’ Neighborhood.

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Václav Havel (1936–2011), the famous Czech dissident, intellectual, and playwright, was there when a half million people came to Wenceslas Square to demand an end to Communism in 1989. Many came to hear him call for a free Czechoslovakia, for democratic elections, and a return to Europe. The demonstrators roared when he spoke. “Havel to the castle,” they chanted—meaning Havel for president. And a few weeks later, Havel became a most unusual president. He was sometimes misunderstood and not always popular, but by the time of his death in 2011, the world recognized Havel as one of the most prominent figures of the twentieth century.

Born into one of the most prominent and wealthy families in Prague, Havel was the constant subject of attention and an artistic eccentric in a family of businessmen. A young Havel and his family were cast by the Communist takeover as class enemies. Havel traveled a dark road that, ironically, provided the experiences he needed to reconnect not only to his own “ground of being” but to the traditions of civic society. This biography is the story of Havel’s inward journey in his underground years and thus the story of how Havel, the outsider, became the ultimate insider as president of the nation.

In this intimate and sweeping portrayal of Havel, David Barton reveals the eccentricities of the last president of Czechoslovakia, and the first president of the Czech Republic.
Radiation Evangelists
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Radiation Evangelists explores X-ray and radium therapy in the United States and Great Britain during a crucial period of its development, from 1896 to 1925. It focuses on the pioneering work of early advocates in the field, the “radiation evangelists” who, motivated by their faith in a new technology, trust in new energy sources, and hope for future breakthroughs, turned a blind eye to the dangers of radiation exposure. Although ionizing radiation effectively treated diseases like skin infections and cancers, radiation therapists—who did not need a medical education to develop or administer procedures or sell tonics containing radium—operated in a space of uncertainty about exactly how radiation worked or would affect human bodies. And yet radium, once a specialized medical treatment, would eventually become a consumer health product associated with the antibacterial properties of sunlight.

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Jeffrey Womack earned his PhD in history from the University of Houston in 2016. He regularly collaborates with the College of Physicians of Philadelphia’s Historical Medical Library and Mütter Museum. He resides and teaches in Philadelphia.

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In the deciding game of the 1992 National League Championship Series against the Atlanta Braves, the Pittsburgh Pirates suffered the most dramatic and devastating loss in team history when former Pirate Sid Bream slid home with the winning run. Bream’s infamous slide ended the last game played by Barry Bonds in a Pirates uniform and sent the franchise reeling into a record twenty-season losing streak. The Slide tells the story of the myriad events, beginning with the aftermath of the 1979 World Series, which led to the fated 1992 championship game and beyond. It describes the city’s near loss of the team in 1985 and the major influence of Syd Thrift and Jim Leyland in developing a dysfunctional team into a division champion. The book gives detailed accounts of the 1990, 1991, and 1992 division championship seasons, the critical role played by Kevin McClatchy in saving the franchise in 1996, and summarizes the twenty losing seasons before the Pirates finally broke the curse of “the slide” in 2013, with their first playoff appearance since 1992.

Richard “Pete” Peterson is the author and editor of several baseball books, including The Pirates Reader, Growing Up With Clemente, Pops: The Willie Stargell Story, and Extra Innings: Writing on Baseball. He is coeditor (with David Shribman) of 50 Great Moments in Pittsburgh Sports. A Pittsburgh native, Peterson is professor emeritus of English at Southern Illinois University.

Stephen Peterson has worked as a teacher and screenwriter for the last ten years. He resides in Los Angeles, CA.
In My Unknowing

CHARD DE NIORD

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Past Praise for Chard deNiord

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I WEPT WITH JOY ABOVE THE RIVER
I wept with joy above the river.
I wept with sorrow above the river.
My tears were clear, both sweet and bitter.
One leaf cried out to another,
“Empty me today of all my color.
Fill me tomorrow with a shot of sugar.”
This was the still ritual for my feet:
To stand on the earth that took of earth earth with ill and sing.


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The Woman in the Corner

NANCY KRYGOWSKI

“These are poems that invite us—in a world whose beauty is surely scuffed and muffled—to reopen our lives to rich and quiet joys.”

“Krygowski’s ferocious wit and no-nonsense truth-telling thrill and sting. Taught that ‘tenderness was an apple and love a mouse’s sharp teeth,’ the girl who felt ‘small and elsewhere’ transforms into a flamboyant-voiced woman in the scorching present tense. Even looking back is less droopy nostalgia than an act of resistance. The Woman in the Corner is a woman who has lived, and struggled, and knows that struggle is often (though not always) beautiful.”

—Diane Seuss, author of Four-Legged Girl and Still Life with Two Dead Peacocks and a Girl

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—Kathleen Graber, author of The Eternal City*

The Woman in the Corner keenly observes and gives voice to the ambiguities and astonishments that we often turn away from—in human relationships and in our own unruly hearts. In poems that speak fearlessly about sex and grief, mothers and daughters, and friendships and marriage, Krygowski examines the beauty and danger of inhabiting a woman’s body in the twenty-first century while negotiating how our pasts infiltrate, for better or worse, the here and now. This intimate collection delivers hard-won loves and insights, surprising humor, and daring imagination. Krygowski celebrates our joys, gives witness to our pain, and never, never compromises.

EXCERPT FROM “THE WOMAN IN THE CORNER”

I cut a leaf from my mother’s blooming violet, long alive past her death, to start a plant

for my daughter who I never knew as a baby— born to a different woman—

but for whom I explained birth control, blood, how to relax, push in a tampon, what my mother never touched, her body a child-making mystery that pushed me into mystery. What is a woman who doesn’t long for kids?

Nancy Krygowski is the author of Velocity, winner of the 2006 Agnes Lynch Starrett Prize. She is an ESOL instructor at a nonprofit and also teaches in Carlow University’s Madwomen in the Attic writing workshops in Pittsburgh.

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Imperial Liquor

AMAUD JAMAUL JOHNSON

“Johnson is crowd-pleaser, a hole-card-reader, a social critic, and consummate chronicler of the Rap Age.***

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—Gregory Pardlo*

“With a shaken lyric voice, Imperial Liquor burns going down. Like cities. Like the years spent trying to get along. Like the terror, anger, pain, and shame swallowed that Amaud Jamaul Johnson has uncapped here, poured out here, for kin and kith who came and went, his children, mine, the ones we were and are, the ones who raised us, the adults an empire’s relentless thirst makes some of us too early. Johnson distills that here. A shattering achievement. It’s eerie and terrible, no less than Beauty’s dark miracle. It’s Johnson’s poetry. Sip this fire slowly.”
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SMOKEY
the most dangerous men
in my neighborhood
only listened to love songs
to reach those notes
a musicologist told me
a man essentially cuts
his own throat. some nights
even now, i’ll hear a falsetto
and think i should run

A former Wallace Stegner Fellow in Poetry at Stanford University, Amaud Jamaul Johnson is a winner of the Hurston/Wright Legacy Award, the Edna Meudt Poetry Book Award, a Pushcart Prize, the Dorset Prize, and fellowships from the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference, the MacDowell Colony, and Cave Canem. Born and raised in Compton, California, he is professor of English at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he teaches in the MFA Program in Creative Writing.

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The Painted Bunting’s Last Molt

VIRGIL SUÁREZ

“The Painted Bunting’s Last Molt marks [Virgil Suárez’s] triumphant return.”*

“Virgil Suárez is a poet of mythic powers. In The Painted Bunting’s Last Molt, his myth-making infuses glorious poems of longing, love, and loss. Suárez’s poetry is as profound as the sea he calls upon, tragic and wistful as all that is lost to the sea. He is adept at dredging history, politics, memory, dreams, and the complexities of birdsong, never resorting to sentimentality or easy answers as he questions everything, even the moon: ‘Is it the one eye / of an indifferent God that remains open just so?’ Suárez is by turns savvy and quick-witted, and ultimately wise.” —Denise Duhamel

“Virgil Suárez’s The Painted Bunting’s Last Molt is a strong, vibrant, big-hearted book, as well-crafted, sensuous, and rich as a fine Cuban cigar.” —Charles Harper Webb*

The Painted Bunting’s Last Molt explores fatherhood, parenting, and separation anxiety, and the ways in which time and memory are both a prison and a giver of joy. Fifteen years in the making, Virgil Suárez’s new collection uses his mother’s return to Cuba after fifty years of exile as a catalyst to muse on familial relationships, death, and the passing of time.

MOON DECIMA

If it were the Eucharist, it’d be hard to swallow, this moon of lost impressions, a boy in deep water, something tickling his skin. This memory of weightlessness—a kite that somehow still manages to hover in the dog mouth blackness of sky. This is a cut out moon of lost children, or is it a savior’s moon? This boy will float on home, or be swallowed by the water. Above the pines and mangroves, this moon hangs unrelenting. Is it the one eye of an indifferent God that remains open just so?

Virgil Suárez is the author of four novels, a collection of stories, two memoirs, and eight poetry collections, and he has coedited two anthologies with his wife, Delia Poey. Most recently he has published an anthology of Latino poetry titled Paper Dance. Suárez is the recipient of a fellowship in poetry from the National Endowment for the Arts and a recipient of a Florida State Arts Grant.

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Holiday in the Islands of Grief

JEFFREY MCDANIEL

Past Praise for Chapel of Inadvertent Joy

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—D. A. Powell

In his new collection, Jeffrey McDaniel confronts the insular and expansive qualities of loss. With electric language and surrealistic imagery, McDaniel’s poems deliver the quotidian elements of middle-age life while weaving us in and out of childhood and adulthood alongside body and mind. The tragic and life-affirming share the same page and the same world, reminding us how close corruption can be to innocence; domesticity to fantasy; aging to youth.

JONATHAN
We are underwater off the coast of Belize. The water is lit up even though it’s dark as if there are illuminated seashells scattered on the ocean floor. We’re not wearing oxygen tanks, yet staying underwater for long stretches. We are looking for the body of the boy we lost. Each year he grows a little older. Last December I opened his knapsack and stuck in a plastic box of carrots. Even though we’re underwater, we hear a song playing over a policeman’s radio. He comes to the shoreline to park and eat midnight sandwiches, his headlights fanning out across the harbor. And I hold you close, apple of my closed eye, red dance of my opened fist.

Jeffrey McDaniel is the author of five books of poetry, most recently Chapel of Inadvertent Joy. Other books include The Endarkenment, The Splinter Factory, The Forgiveness Parade, and Alibi School. His poems have appeared in numerous journals and anthologies, including Best American Poetry. A recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship, he teaches at Sarah Lawrence College and lives in the Hudson Valley.

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Bonfire Opera

DANUSHA LAMÉRIS

"Bonfire Opera is a feast you’ll want to devour and a garden that will never stop yielding."*

“No experience is more fulfilling than reading the work of a writer who is a master of her craft—of feeling like the book you are immersed in is an entire world. This is what it is like reading Danusha Lamérís’s Bonfire Opera. In these finely crafted lyrics, worms, berries, skin, hawks, dirt, and desire exist and even thrive in a symbiotic relationship that is a model for a new way of thinking. If a book can be smart and funny and dark and wise and vulnerable and beautiful all at the same time, this one is. In one of her best poems, Lamérís writes, ‘This is what I’ve made here, a garden, a feast.’ That’s for sure.”
—Dean Rader, author of Self-Portrait as a Wikipedia Entry*

“Bonfire Opera, Danusha Lamérís’s ravishing second collection of poems, lives up to its title and then some. In melodic and sumptuous lines, she considers desire, sorrow, beauty, and death. This is a collection you will want to keep close, ‘a reminder to begin, again, by listening carefully with the body’s rapt attention.’”
—Ellen Bass

Sometimes the most compelling landscapes are the ones where worlds collide: where a desert meets the sea, or a civilization, no-man’s land. Here in Bonfire Opera, grief and Eros grapple in the same domain. A bullet hole through the heart, a house full of ripe persimmons, a ghost in a garden. Coyotes cry out on the hill, and lovers find themselves kissing, “bee-stung, drunk” in the middle of road. Here, the dust is holy, as is the dark, unknown. These are poems that praise the impossible, wild world, finding beauty in its wake.

EXCERPT FROM “BONFIRE OPERA”
In those days, there was a woman in our circle who was known, not only for her beauty, but also for taking off all her clothes and singing opera. And sure enough, as the night wore on and the stars emerged to stare at their reflections on the sea, and everyone had drunk a little wine, she began to disrobe, loose her great bosom and the tender belly, pale in the moonlight, the Viking hips, and to let her torn raiment fall to the sand as we looked up from the flames.

Danusha Lamérís is the author of The Moons of August, selected by Naomi Shihab Nye as the winner of the Autumn House Press poetry prize and a finalist for the Milt Kessler Book Award. Some of her poems have been published in The Best American Poetry, The New York Times, the American Poetry Review, Tin House, the Gettysburg Review, and Ploughshares. She teaches poetry independently, and is the current poet laureate of Santa Cruz County, California.

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…They are turning their locks
to paint their faces
and their daughters’ faces.
They look on as the girls regard
their eyes in mirrors, in the long
cracked mirror of history, and war.
They paint themselves into existence
inside the shuttered rooms
of their hearts, where freedom
still bristles…

Dilruba Ahmed’s debut book, Dhaka Dust, won the Bakeless Prize for Poetry, awarded by the Bread Loaf Writers’ Conference. Her poems have appeared in American Poetry Review, Blackbird, Kenyon Review, New England Review, Ploughshares, and Poetry. Ahmed is the recipient of the Florida Review’s Editors’ Award and a Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Memorial Prize.

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“This volume is long overdue. Oliver Lodge is one of a number of Victorian Edwardian physicists whose reputation during their own lifetimes has not been mirrored in the attention they have received from historians. Over the last few decades he has started to reemerge as the key figure he really was in historiographies of physics and scientific culture. This excellent collection will fulfill an important role in encouraging further work on him.”
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Sir Oliver Lodge was a polymathic scientific figure who linked the Victorian Age with the Second World War, a reassuring figure of continuity across his long life and career. A physicist and spiritualist, inventor and educator, author and authority, he was one of the most famous public figures of British science in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. A pioneer in the invention of wireless communication and later of radio broadcasting, he was foundational for twentieth-century media technology and a tireless communicator who wrote upon and debated many of the pressing interests of the day in the sciences and far beyond. Yet since his death, Lodge has been marginalized. By uncovering the many aspects of his life and career, and the changing dynamics of scientific authority in an era of specialization, contributors to this volume reveal how figures like Lodge fell out of view as technical experts came to dominate the public understanding of science in the second half of the twentieth century. They account for why he was so greatly cherished by many of his contemporaries, examine the reasons for his eclipse, and consider what Lodge, a century on, might teach us about taking a more integrated approach to key scientific controversies of the day.

HISTORY OF SCIENCE

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“Donnelly’s purpose is neither to praise Quetelet nor to bury his reputation, but to situate his work in the history of nineteenth-century scientific institution-building and its relations to the practices of government. The biography is a timely achievement.”

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Adolphe Quetelet was an influential astronomer and statistician whose controversial work inspired heated debate in European and American intellectual circles. In creating a science designed to explain the “average man,” he helped contribute to the idea of normal, most enduringly in his creation of the Quetelet Index, which came to be known as the Body Mass Index. Kevin Donnelly presents the first scholarly biography of Quetelet, exploring his contribution to quantitative reasoning, his place in nineteenth-century intellectual history, and his profound influence on the modern idea of average.

Kevin Donnelly is associate professor of history at Alvernia University.

The Life and Legend of James Watt
Collaboration, Natural Philosophy, and the Improvement of the Steam Engine

DAVID PHILIP MILLER

“David Philip Miller has written the most authoritative study of James Watt for a generation, one combining thorough research, lucid presentation, and an impressive mastery of biographical, technical, and scientific issues. The clarity of Miller’s writing and arguments makes reading this book a pleasure.”

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The Life and Legend of James Watt offers a deeper understanding of the work and character of the great eighteenth-century engineer. Stripping away layers of legend built over generations, David Philip Miller finds behind the heroic engineer a conflicted man often diffident about his achievements but also ruthless in protecting his inventions and ideas and determined in pursuit of money and fame. A skilled and creative engineer, Watt was also a compulsive experimentalist drawn to natural philosophical inquiry, and a chemistry of heat underlay much of his work, including his steam engineering. But Watt pursued the business of natural philosophy in a way characteristic of his roots in the Scottish “improving” tradition that was in tension with Enlightenment sensibilities. As Miller demonstrates, Watt’s accomplishments relied heavily on collaborations, not always acknowledged, with business partners, employees, philosophical friends, and, not least, his wives, children, and wider family. The legend created in his later years and “afterlife” claimed too much of nineteenth-century technology for Watt, but that legend was, and remains, a powerful cultural force.

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Neoliberalism on the Ground
Architecture and Transformation from the 1960s to the Present

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“This impressive edited volume addresses the links between worldwide neoliberal policies and recent architectural trends. If neoliberalism equals the belief that market economies provide the sole key for progress and emancipation, this book discusses how this ideology impacts architectural culture and the everyday built environment, bringing together in-depth theoretical analysis with wide-ranging and intriguing case studies.”
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Architecture and urbanism have contributed to one of the most sweeping transformations of our times. Over the past four decades, neoliberalism has been not only a dominant paradigm in politics but a process of bricks and mortar in everyday life. Rather than to ask what a neoliberal architecture looks like, or how architecture represents neoliberalism, this volume examines the multivalent role of architecture and urbanism in geographically variable yet interconnected processes of neoliberal transformation across scales—from China, Turkey, South Africa, Argentina, Mexico, the United States, Britain, Sweden, and Czechoslovakia. Analyzing how buildings and urban projects in different regions since the 1960s have served in the implementation of concrete policies such as privatization, fiscal reform, deregulation, state restructuring, and the expansion of free trade, contributors reveal neoliberalism as a process marked by historical contingency. Neoliberalism on the Ground fundamentally reframes accepted narratives of both neoliberalism and postmodernism by demonstrating how architecture has articulated changing relationships between state, society, and economy since the 1960s.
Environment and Urbanization in Modern Italy

FEDERICO PAOLINI

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From the second half of the 1940s, when postwar reconstruction began in Italy, there were three notable driving forces of environmental change: the uncontrollable process of urban drift, fueled by considerable migratory flows from the countryside and southern regions toward the cities where large-scale productive activities were beginning to amass; unruly industrial development, which was tolerated since it was seen as the necessary tribute to be paid to progress and modernization; and mass consumption.

In his fourth book, Federico Paolini presents a series of essays ranging from the uses of natural resources, to environmental problems caused by means of transport, to issues concerning environmental politics and the dynamics of the environment movement. Paolini concludes the book with a forecast about the environmental problems that will emerge in the public debate of the twenty-first century.
The Architecture of Good Behavior

Psychology and Modern Institutional Design in Postwar America

JOY KNOBLAUCH

How Architects Theorized New Ways to Control Behaviors through Persuasion with Their Designs

“Joy Knoblauch’s detailed and carefully reasoned book on post–World War II federal construction programs takes a penetrating and critically important look at the relationship between design and psychology. At stake is not just the history of community hospitals, prisons, and housing projects but the changing attitudes to expertise in the new world of psycho-bureaucracy.”

—Mark Jarzombek, author of The Psychologizing of Modernity: Art, Architecture, and History

“Joy Knoblauch connects psyche and form to examine a growing tendency to govern behavior through the environment. The result is an original contribution to the history of institutional architecture in postwar America with significant implications for our understanding of the power of architecture in an expanded field of government and expertise.”

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Inspired by the rise of environmental psychology and increasing support for behavioral research after the Second World War, new initiatives at the federal, state, and local levels looked to influence the human psyche through form, or elicit desired behaviors with environmental incentives, implementing what Joy Knoblauch calls “psychological functionalism.” Recruited by federal construction and research programs for institutional reform and expansion—which included hospitals, mental health centers, prisons, and public housing—architects theorized new ways to control behavior and make it more functional by exercising soft power, or power through persuasion, with their designs.

In the 1960s–1970s era of anti-institutional sentiment, they hoped to offer an enlightened, palatable, more humane solution to larger social problems related to health, mental health, justice, and security of the population by applying psychological expertise to institutional design. In turn, Knoblauch argues, architects gained new roles as researchers, organizers, and writers while theories of confinement, territory, and surveillance proliferated. The Architecture of Good Behavior explores psychological functionalism as a political tool and the architectural projects funded by a postwar nation in its efforts to govern, exert control over, and ultimately pacify its patients, prisoners, and residents.
Race and Modern Architecture

A Critical History from the Enlightenment to the Present

Edited by IRENE CHENG, CHARLES L. DAVIS II, and MABEL O. WILSON

Constructions of Race and Their Impact on Architecture and Theory

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Although race—a concept of human difference that establishes hierarchies of power and domination—has played a critical role in the development of modern architectural discourse and practice since the Enlightenment, its influence on the discipline remains largely underexplored. This volume offers a welcome and long-awaited intervention for the field by shining a spotlight on constructions of race and their impact on architecture and theory in Europe and North America and across various global contexts since the eighteenth century. Challenging us to write race back into architectural history, contributors confront how racial thinking has intimately shaped some of the key concepts of modern architecture and culture over time, including freedom, revolution, character, national and indigenous style, progress, hybridity, climate, representation, and radicalism. By analyzing how architecture has intersected with histories of slavery, colonialism, and inequality—from eighteenth-century neoclassical governmental buildings to present-day housing projects for immigrants—Race and Modern Architecture challenges, complicates, and revises the standard association of modern architecture with a universal project of emancipation and progress.

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EMILY BROWNELL

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“Gone to Ground is the story of Dar es Salaam’s environment and infrastructure as told through the central tension between the city and the countryside, a recurrent theme that anchors the wide-ranging material in this book and maps it on to broader debates about cities and environmental histories in the Global South and in sub-Saharan Africa in particular. Brownell captures the ways in which the city’s inhabitants constantly brought the rural into the city, in terms of materials, practices, and ways of using the environment.”
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Dar es Salaam, the largest city in Tanzania and the largest populated city in eastern Africa, was a changing urban landscape in the 1970s and 1980s. Gripped by an unfolding economic crisis and the fracturing of urban infrastructures, the citizens of Dar increasingly made their lives in transit between the city and its periphery, in order to find food, housing, and transportation. In doing so, they were turning to the ground to make life possible when they were either short on cash or other urban shortages broadly persisted. They exploited the coastal region’s natural resources to shape their lives, relying on the city’s outskirts to plant small shambas or to seek out building materials for their houses, goods to sell at markets, or charcoal for cooking the evening meal. Gone to Ground explores the ways in which the residents of Dar worked around or made do with what they could find, acquire, and grow in order to survive.
Weather, Climate, and the Geographical Imagination

Placing Atmospheric Knowledges

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“If we are to truly understand contemporary climate change and its various social constructions and machinations, we must situate it within a reasonable understanding of the historical context of the measurement, study, portrayals, and uses of climate, both social and scientific. Using the concept of the ‘geographical imagination’ and how that imagination helped produce what was or is known as climate knowledge, provides a useful and perhaps vital frame for understanding that context. These fourteen contributors provide concrete examples of climate knowledge creations and imagination, many in support of the project of British Imperialism. An important volume that forces one to reconsider the ways we’ve always thought about climate.”
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As global temperatures rise under the forcing hand of humanity’s greenhouse gas emissions, new questions are being asked of how societies make sense of their weather, of the cultural values, which are afforded to climate, and of how environmental futures are imagined, feared, predicted, and remade. Weather, Climate, and Geographical Imagination contributes to this conversation by bringing together a range of voices from history of science, historical geography, and environmental history, each speaking to a set of questions about the role of space and place in the production, circulation, reception, and application of knowledges about weather and climate. The volume develops the concept of “geographical imagination” to address the intersecting forces of scientific knowledge, cultural politics, bodily experience, and spatial imaginaries, which shape the history of knowledges about climate.
Inevitably Toxic
Historical Perspectives on Contamination, Exposure, and Expertise

BRINDA SARATHY, VIVIEN HAMILTON, and JANET FARRELL BRODIE

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—Michelle Murphy, University of Toronto

“In this insightful and eye-opening volume, the contributors draw on previously unexamined histories of risk to skillfully illuminate the many ways that environmental hazards have become a normal part of our everyday lives, how these threats fall disproportionately on marginalized communities, and how we can imagine and create a more sustainable and equitable society.”
—David Pellow, University of California Santa Barbara, author of What is Critical Environmental Justice?

Not a day goes by that humans aren’t exposed to toxins in our environment—be it at home, in the car, or workplace. But what about those toxic places and items that aren’t marked? Why are we warned about some toxic spaces’ substances and not others? The essays in Inevitably Toxic consider the exposure of bodies in the United States, Canada, and Japan to radiation, industrial waste, and pesticides. Research shows that appeals to uncertainty have led to social inaction even when evidence, such as the link between carbon emissions and global warming, stares us in the face. In some cases, influential scientists, engineers, and doctors have deliberately “manufactured doubt” and uncertainty, but as the essays in this collection show, there is often no deliberate deception. We tend to think that if we cannot see contamination and experts deem it safe, then we are okay. Yet having knowledge about the uncertainty behind expert claims can awaken us from a false sense of security and alert us to decisions and practices that may in fact cause harm.

In the epilogue, Hamilton and Sarathy interview Peter Galison, a prominent historian of science whose recent work explores the complex challenge of long-term nuclear waste storage.

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Janet Farrell Brodie is a professor of US history at Claremont Graduate University. Her recent scholarship focuses on secrecy in the nuclear era with articles in the Journal of Diplomatic History and the Journal of Social History.
Overtaken by the Night

One Russian’s Journey through Peace, War, Revolution, and Terror

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Dzhunkovsky served as a confidant in the tsar’s imperial court and as governor in Moscow. In 1913 he became the empire’s security chief, determined to reform the practices of the dreaded tsarist police, the Okhrana. Dismissed from office for daring to warn Tsar Nicholas about Rasputin, his path led him into combat on the battlefields of the First World War. Arrested as a counterrevolutionary in 1918 and imprisoned until 1921, Dzhunkovsky avoided execution thanks to an outpouring of public support and his reputation for treating revolutionaries with fairness and dignity. Although later he consulted for the Stalinist secret police, he was tried and executed in 1938 as an enemy of the people.

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