American Workman
The Life and Art of John Kane

MAXWELL KING AND LOUISE LIPPINCOTT

A Richly Illustrated Exploration of John Kane’s Life, the Value and Dignity of Labor, and Who Decides What Is Art and What Is Not

“When Andy Warhol first hit the art world, he was only the second most famous painter to come out of Pittsburgh. John Kane, steelworker and housepainter, had garnered his own headlines in the 1920s, when museums discovered his ‘primitive’ oils. Almost a century later, Maxwell King and Louise Lippincott are giving Kane the attention he deserves. They do a lovely job on both life and art, and the amalgam Kane forged from the two.”

—Blake Gopnik, author of Warhol: The Definitive Biography of the Pop Artist

American Workman presents a comprehensive, novel reassessment of the life and work of one of America’s most influential self-taught artists, John Kane. With a full account of Kane’s life as a working man, including his time as a steelworker, coal miner, street paver, and commercial painter in and around Pittsburgh in the early twentieth century, the authors explore how these occupations shaped his development as an artist and his breakthrough success in the modern art world. A rough-and-tumble blue-collar man prone to brawling and drinking, Kane also sought out beauty in the industrial world he inhabited. This Kane paradox—brawny and tough, sensitive and creative—was at the heart of much of the public’s interest in Kane as a person. The allure of the Kane saga was heightened all the more by the fact that he did not achieve renown until he was at the age at which most people are retiring from their professions. Kane’s dedication to painting resulted in a fascinating body of work that has ended up in some of America’s most important museums and private collections. His dramatic life story demonstrates the courage, strength, and creativity of his generation of workmen. They may be long gone, but thanks to Kane they cannot be forgotten.

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Kaufmann's
The Family That Built Pittsburgh’s Famed Department Store

MARYLYNNE PITZ and LAURA MALT SCHNEIDERMAN

Traces One Family’s Outsized Influence on Its Community and a Century of National Retail Trends in the Department Store Industry

“During the great era of Pittsburgh innovation and industry, one of the most intriguing families to find prosperity in Pittsburgh was the Kaufmanns. Famous for their hugely successful department store, and for commissioning the great architectural triumph of Fallingwater, the Kaufmanns achieved great success and endured a series of family tragedies, including antisemitism in their native Germany and here in America. This rich, highly detailed narrative is written by two of Pittsburgh’s finest journalists. Anyone captured by Pittsburgh history will want to know the Kaufmann saga.”
—Maxwell King, author of American Workman: The Life and Art of John Kane and The Good Neighbor: The Life and Work of Fred Rogers

“Marylynne Pitz and Laura Malt Schneiderman may have written a book about the Kaufmann family, but they really have written the story of a time, a country, and a way of life that today exists only in memory but that deserves to be remembered and celebrated. It is a Pittsburgh story, to be sure, but it really is an American story—of triumph and tragedy, of striving and achieving.”
—David Shribman, Pulitzer Prize winner and executive editor emeritus of the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette

“What do you get when two award-winning journalists team up to combine finely honed storytelling skills with high-tech modern research techniques? You get first-rate history. This remarkable book is at once a family history and a biography of their city—Pittsburgh. The authors trace the Kaufmanns’ American journey from fresh-off-the-boat, huggageless immigrants to spectacularly successful merchants who pioneered the modern department store and became philanthropists of the first rank. Pittsburghers will delight in the details behind the famous clock at Fifth and Forbes, Kaufmann’s holiday windows, and Wright’s legendary Fallingwater. Readers will also be intrigued by stories of family feuds, infidelities, tragedy, lavish lifestyles, and business deals and missteps.”
—Andrew E. Masich, president and CEO, Senator John Heinz History Center

In 1868, Jacob Kaufmann, the nineteen-year-old son of a German farmer, stepped off a ship onto the shores of New York. His brother Isaac soon followed, and together they joined an immigrant community of German Jews selling sewing items to the coal miners and mill workers of western Pennsylvania. After opening merchant tailor shops in Pittsburgh’s North and South sides, the Kaufmann brothers caught the wave of a new type of merchandising—the department store—and launched what would become their retail dynasty with a downtown storefront at Fifth Avenue and Smithfield Street. In just two decades, Jacob and his family had ascended Pittsburgh’s economic and social ladder, rising from hardscrabble salesmen into Gilded Age multimillionaires. Generous and powerful philanthropists, the Kaufmanns left an indelible mark on the city and western Pennsylvania. From Edgar and Liliane’s famous residence, the Frank Lloyd Wright masterpiece called Fallingwater, to the Kaufmann’s clock, a historic landmark that inspired the expression “meet me under the clock,” to countless fond memories for residents and shoppers, the Kaufmann family made important contributions to art, architecture, and culture. Far less known are the personal tragedies and fateful ambitions that forever shaped this family, their business, and the place they called home. Kaufmann’s recounts the story of one of Pittsburgh’s most beloved department stores, pulling back the curtain to reveal the hardships, triumphs, and complicated legacy of the prominent family behind its success.
EXCERPT FROM KAUFMANN’S:

Early on, the Kaufmann brothers showed a flair for recognizing marketing opportunities. The teeming influx of immigrants to Pittsburgh offered a way to win new customers’ loyalty. The number of potential customers for Kaufmann’s increased as the city’s population rose to 238,617 by 1890. Every Saturday, about a hundred thousand mill workers received their pay in envelopes of cash, and they were looking for places to spend it. They dressed up, took the newly electrified streetcars downtown, and enjoyed a rare day off shopping at Kaufmann’s and other department stores. To help the non-English speakers, Kaufmann’s opened its “foreign department,” staffed by fourteen people who could speak such languages as Croatian, French, German, Greek, Hungarian, Italian, “Jewish” (meaning Yiddish), Polish, Russian, Ruthenian, and Serbian. This department opened in 1915 and marked a continuation of Kaufmann’s outreach to foreign-born shoppers. The store gave away picture calendars in various languages, exceeding a print run of fifteen thousand for the year 1926, and even got an appreciative letter—written in Slovak—from a Slovakian inmate at Western Penitentiary. As early as 1893, the store included testimonials from German-language newspapers in its advertisements and also placed ads in German-language newspapers. By 1918, Kaufmann’s was advertising in an Italian newspaper its “Italian Department” in its “basamento” (basement), where Italian speakers could read Italian-language newspapers, socialize, and shop with the assistance of an interpreter. “In our Italian Department,” the ad read, “you will find a beautiful room where, in addition to resting, you can leave your packages, meet with your friends and read the latest Italian newspapers, to which we subscribe for your convenience.” Kaufmann’s careful placement of its ads in La Trinacria, a Pittsburgh-Italian newspaper, linked the store with Italian patriotism and shared values. In 1926, the store was deliberately targeting Hungarian-born customers with an in-store Hungarian Day. This tradition of courting ethnic groups carried into the 1950s, when Kaufmann’s presented a nine-day exhibition in 1951, beginning on Columbus Day, of Italian food, fashion, furniture, arts, and crafts. Highlights included a huge replica of St. Peter’s Basilica in Rome, blessed by the pope, and a hand-carved, hand-painted peasant cart given to Uniontown native General George Marshall to mark the liberation of Sicily in World War II.

While the brothers were skilled at marketing, not every gimmick succeeded. In one 1886 promotion, the store promised to toss free clothing from its roof. A crowd, estimated at fifteen thousand blocked traffic on Smithfield between Fourth and Fifth Avenues on the appointed evening. Children were crushed and crying, some held high over the crowd by their parents. On November 30, 1883, twelve clerks on Kaufmann’s second floor began tossing paper-wrapped parcels out of the windows at 6:45 p.m., their actions lit by two calcium lights. The parcels contained fifteen hundred suits, twelve hundred pairs of pants, eight hundred overcoats, and hundreds of caps and hats. The crowd scrambled for each package, with fights breaking out. Police feared a riot. It took thirty-five officers to dispel the crowd and put a stop to the “clothing shower.” The clothing that had not yet been tossed was donated to charity. One misstep didn’t stand in the way of progress, however. As it attracted more customers, Kaufmann’s added to its offerings.
Death of the Daily News
How Citizen Gatekeepers Can Save Local Journalism

ANDREW CONTE

Death of the Daily News Sounds a Warning for an Unfolding American Crisis

“What happens when local news dies in a community? Versions of this disturbing story are happening everywhere in America, as ‘news deserts’ proliferate at a rapid pace. But the societal consequences are still not well understood. This troubling story is well told by Andrew Conte in Death of the Daily News, a searching and deeply reported look at what happened after the newspaper in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, went under in 2015. A longtime reporter with deep experience in local and national news, Conte approaches his subject perceptively and with empathy, even as he sounds the alarm about communities increasingly in trouble. This is a powerful, wise, and worthwhile study of a crucial topic.”
—Margaret Sullivan, media columnist for the Washington Post and author of Ghosting the News: Local Journalism and the Crisis of American Democracy

“Death of the Daily News, which examines the impact of losing a local paper in a small town in Pennsylvania, is a very timely read, cleverly organized around the stages of grief, and written in compelling prose that will make the book accessible to ordinary citizens as well as scholars.”
—Penelope Muse Abernathy, author of Saving Community Journalism and The Strategic Digital Media Entrepreneur

“The tragic loss of local newspapers would be a depressing read in anyone else’s hands. But in Death of the Daily News, Andrew Conte brilliantly takes us from life to death and back to life again, leaving the reader with hope that local news can rise again. Supremely well written, tremendously insightful, and remarkably hopeful.”
—Chris Shipley, curator for Newsgeist

The City of McKeesport in southwestern Pennsylvania once had a population of more than fifty thousand people and a newspaper that dated back to the nineteenth century. Technology has caused massive disruption to American journalism, throwing thousands of reporters out of work, closing newsrooms, and leaving vast areas with few traditional news sources—including McKeesport. With the loss of their local paper in 2015, residents now struggle to make sense of what goes on in their community and to separate facts from gossip—often driven by social media. The changes taking place in this one Pennsylvania community are being repeated across the United States as hundreds of local newspapers close, creating news deserts and leaving citizens with little access to reliable local journalism. The obituary for local news, however, does not have to read all bad: Even in the bleakest places, citizens are discovering what happens in their communities and becoming gatekeepers to information for the people around them. In McKeesport, citizens are attempting to make sense of the news on their own, for better and worse. This experiment not only offers clues about what happens after a local newspaper dies, but also provides guidance to the way forward.
EXCERPT FROM DEATH OF THE DAILY NEWS:

On the morning of January 1, 2016, for the first time in exactly 131 years and six months, residents of McKeesport woke up without a local daily newspaper of their own: the final edition of the Daily News had rolled off the presses inside the newspaper’s art deco building early the previous morning with a boldface headline reading, “Thanks, Mon Valley.” Trib Total Media, the company that owned the newspaper, decided to close it as part of a consolidation of assets that included selling two other daily newspapers, selling a group of weekly newspapers, and closing one other newspaper in Monessen, nineteen miles south of McKeesport. Reporter Patrick Cloonen, who had become a household name to many readers over the previous fifteen years, started his last day on the job by covering a board of supervisors’ budget meeting in a nearby community; he then came back to the newsroom to file his story and stayed a little past dinnertime to clear out his desk. “God will provide,” Cloonan said. “He’s provided for me up till now; he will provide for me in the future.”

For McKeesport’s residents, the newspaper had existed so long—for more than a century, or for more than four or five generations of some families—that many had taken it for granted and few knew what to expect after it closed. Ordinary citizens and community leaders alike expressed a great sense of loss not only from the lack of information but also, perhaps even more significantly, from a loss of identity tied to the newspaper and the community. For many, connections to the Daily News stretched back through their family history: “My dad faithfully read it; my grandfather faithfully read it,” Colleen Denne, director of the Carnegie Free Library of McKeesport, said. “Then we got it when we moved back. It was just what you did; you got the Daily News.”

Community leaders in McKeesport experienced an additional sense of loss from not only the death of a community institution but also the end of their main way of reaching constituents. Even though the public officials did not always agree with the newspaper’s coverage, they relied on the Daily News more than they realized to share information about the work they did for the community. While they had focused most on the newspaper’s accountability reporting that often challenged those in power, these community leaders had not paid as much attention to the daily coverage that kept their names in print. State Senator Jim Brewster described an almost religious devotion to reading the Daily News: “It was like reading the Bible,” he said. Mayor Michael Cherepko said he tried to look at the newspaper’s closing from a glass-half-full perspective by noting that its reporters at least would no longer be telling any more negative stories about him and the city: “I said, ‘Well, you know, I guess, we don’t got to worry about all the negative stories.’ That was being the glass half full, even though back then, I definitely knew that we were going to lose the good publicity, the good stories that were being told.”

Others just saw the closure as further evidence of McKeesport’s decline from an industrial center, once nationally famous for the steel pipe it produced, to an economically depressed city in the otherwise down-on-its-luck industrial Monongahela River valley. The newspaper’s closure followed losses of factories, retail stores, and major businesses such as the headquarters of the G. C. Murphy’s retail chain with outlets across half of the United States. For evidence of the decline, residents had only to pass through downtown to see the rows of boarded-up storefronts across from city hall or drive through residential neighborhoods to see some houses with broken windows, weeds taking over the yard, and other signs of abandonment. “It’s just another sad, unfortunate situation for us as a community, to try to pick up the pieces after,” said Mark Holtzman Jr., superintendent of the McKeesport Area School District and a lifelong resident.

Andrew Conte founded the Center for Media Innovation at Point Park University in Pittsburgh, which serves as a laboratory for the present and future of local journalism. He previously worked as an investigative journalist, and he has authored several nonfiction books.

MARKETING PLANS
- Galley mailing
- National and local print and online reviews and features
- Print and online advertising
- Targeted regional outreach
- Select author events (Pittsburgh area)
- Online promotion
- Social media outreach
At the Table of Power

Food and Cuisine in the African American Struggle for Freedom, Justice, and Equality

DIANE M. SPIVEY

A Hard-Hitting and Provocative Rethinking of American Culinary History

“This singularly original, meticulously researched and wonderfully written work seamlessly integrates the extensive experience of Diane Spivey as insightful historian and international cookbook writer. It skillfully weaves together the important although neglected account of the essential contribution of African cuisine in the entire history of the United States. At the Table of Power can be rewardingly enjoyed as a marvelous cookbook, as an excellent general history, or as a powerful biographical dictionary. It excels in all three categories.”

—Franklin W. Knight, coeditor of the Dictionary of Caribbean and Afro-Latin American Biography

At the Table of Power is both a cookbook and a culinary history that intertwines social issues, personal stories, and political commentary. Renowned culinary historian Diane M. Spivey offers a unique insight into the historical experience and cultural values of African America and America in general by way of the kitchen. From the rural country kitchen and steamboat floating palaces to marketplace street vendors and restaurants in urban hubs of business and finance, Africans in America cooked their way to positions of distinct superiority, and thereby indispensability. Despite their many culinary accomplishments, most Black culinary artists have been made invisible—until now. Within these pages, Spivey tells a powerful story beckoning and daring the reader to witness this culinary, cultural, and political journey taken hand in hand with the fight of Africans in America during the foundation years, from colonial slavery through the Reconstruction era. These narratives, together with the recipes from the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, expose the politics of the day and offer insight on the politics of today. African American culinary artists, Spivey concludes, have more than earned a rightful place at the table of culinary contribution and power.

Diane M. Spivey is a culinary historian who has devoted more than forty years to the study and recording of African American food traditions and cooking. She is the author of the much heralded The Peppers, Cracklings, and Knots of Wool Cookbook: The Global Migration of African Cuisine and has written articles for The Encyclopedia of African-American Culture and History, the Black Scholar, Blackpast.org, South Florida Gourmet, the Black Book Review, Newsday, and Scribner’s Encyclopedia of World Food and Culture.

MARKETING PLANS
• National and local print and online reviews and features
• Targeted outreach to food and cooking media
• Targeted outreach to African American media
• Select author events
• Online promotion and social media outreach
EXCERPT FROM AT THE TABLE OF POWER, CHAPTER FIVE:

The marvelous flavors in the two soups that follow will overpower your competition on any day. For the first soup, in the African tradition, seafood and spices mix lovingly with coconut milk to create a palate-pleasing dish you will prepare again and again. Potatoes never tasted so good in the second soul-satisfying offering, guaranteed to make your dinner guests beg for more.

**Shrimp, Sausage, and Crab Coconut Milk Soup**

1½ pounds extra-large shrimp (21–25 per pound) in shells, and deveined  
3¾ cups water  
5⅓ tablespoons butter  
6 to 8 tablespoons flour  
2 large onions, chopped  
3¾ cups chicken broth  
1 15-ounce can creamed corn  
1 medium-large tomato, chopped  
6 ounces lump crabmeat (you can use canned, juice and all)  
1/2 pound beef rope sausage, cut into very, very thin rounds  
1/2 cup molasses  
2 rounded teaspoons garlic salt with parsley  
1/2 teaspoon EACH dill, cilantro flakes, and white pepper  
1/4 teaspoon EACH cumin and parsley flakes  
1/4 heaping teaspoon crushed red pepper  
Black pepper to taste  
A few shakes of cinnamon  
A few shakes of nutmeg  
1 14-ounce can coconut milk  
Salt, if needed

Remove shells from shrimp and simmer shells in water, covered, for about 15 to 20 minutes.

In a large pot, melt butter. Gradually stir in flour, 2 tablespoons at a time. Continue cooking and constantly stirring until mixture turns medium-brown in color. Stir in onions and cook and stir for a minute or two. Strain shell water and add to onion mixture in large pot. Stir in broth and creamed corn, then tomatoes, crab, and sausage. Blend in molasses and all spices. Bring to a boil, lower heat, and simmer, covered, for 25 minutes. Stir in coconut milk, bring to boil again, and simmer, covered, 5 minutes. Add shrimp, bring to boil again, lower heat, and simmer, covered, for 4 to 5 minutes. Taste for needed salt, pepper.
Nicholas Roerich
The Artist Who Would Be King

JOHN MCCANNON

The Definitive English-Language Biography of a Noteworthy and Controversial Artist Who Packed Several Lives into a Single Lifetime

“Beautifully written and enormously entertaining, this definitive biography of famed Russian artist-archeologist-explorer-mystic Nicholas Roerich opens new ways of viewing the history of the twentieth century on three continents. With archival depth, John McCannon reveals the multimedia splendor of the ballet The Rite of Spring, adventures in the mountains of Buddhist Eurasia, cult psychology, and the high-stakes politics of dying empires.”
—Marjorie Mandelstam Balzer, editor of Anthropology and Archeology of Eurasia

Russian Russian painter, explorer, and mystic Nicholas Roerich (1874–1947) ranks as one of the twentieth century’s great enigmas. Despite mystery and scandal, he left a deep, if understudied, cultural imprint on Russia, Europe, India, and America. As a painter and set designer Roerich was a key figure in Russian art. He became a major player in Diaghilev’s Ballets Russes, and with Igor Stravinsky he cocreated The Rite of Spring, a landmark work in the emergence of artistic modernity. His art, his adventures, and his peace activism earned the friendship and admiration of such diverse luminaries as Albert Einstein, Eleanor Roosevelt, H. G. Wells, Jawaharlal Nehru, Raisa Gorbacheva, and H. P. Lovecraft.

But the artist also had a darker side. Stravinsky once said of Roerich that “he ought to have been a mystic or a spy.” He was certainly the former and close enough to the latter to blur any distinction. His travels to Asia, supposedly motivated by artistic interests and archaeological research, were in fact covert attempts to create a pan-Buddhist state encompassing Siberia, Mongolia, and Tibet. His activities in America touched Franklin Delano Roosevelt’s cabinet with scandal and, behind the scenes, affected the course of three US presidential elections.

In his lifetime, Roerich baffled foreign affairs ministries and intelligence services in half a dozen countries. He persuaded thousands that he was a humanitarian and divinely inspired thinker—but convinced just as many that he was a fraud or a madman. His story reads like an epic work of fiction and is all the more remarkable for being true. John McCannon’s engaging and scrupulously researched narrative moves beyond traditional perceptions of Roerich as a saint or a villain to show that he was, in many ways, both in equal measure.
On October 27, 2018, three congregations were holding their morning Shabbat services at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh’s Squirrel Hill neighborhood when a lone gunman entered the building and opened fire. He killed eleven people and injured six more in the deadliest antisemitic attack in American history. The story made international headlines for weeks following the shooting, but Pittsburgh and the local Jewish community could not simply move on when the news cycle did.

The essays in this anthology, written by local journalists, academics, spiritual leaders, and other community members, reveal a city’s attempts to come to terms with an unfathomable horror. Here, members from each of the three affected congregations, local journalists, activists, and academics reflect on their experiences. Bringing these local voices together into a chorus raises them over the din of international chroniclers who offer important contributions but cannot feel the intensity of this tragedy in the same way Pittsburghers do. The essays in this anthology tell a collective story of city shaken to its very core, but determined that love will ultimately win.
It Falls Gently All Around and Other Stories

RAMONA REEVES

Winner of the 2022 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“These big-hearted stories offer a kaleidoscopic vision of Mobile, Alabama, a place marked by a tangled history and no less tangled present. With insight, humor, and tenderness, Ramona Reeves renders lives as notable for their frailties and bruises as they are for their grace and grit. Like the work of Sherwood Anderson or Elizabeth Strout, these linked stories take us deep inside a community, even as they plumb the solitary, fiercely particular depths of inner life.”
—Elizabeth Graver, Drue Heinz Literature Prize guest judge and author of The End of the Point

“Ramona Reeves’s collection is a marvel, a round robin of people on the slide and people who were born there, the questionable nostalgia of the Old South and the absurdities of the New. A stunning intermeshing of class, race, history, and fate among people who undervalue their own lives in favor of other impossibilities. Reeves works the line between the mundane details of life and its moments of heady insight like an Olympic gymnast, and grounds it all in a fabulously wry comic sensibility. Pure magic.”
—Janet Fitch, author of White Oleander and Chimes of a Lost Cathedral

“These surprising, wonderfully funny stories glow with comic energy. The eleven pieces in It Falls Gently All Around serve as chapters in a deeply satisfying portrayal of characters facing the expiration dates on their old beliefs and their newly acquired convictions. Ramona Reeves has fully brought to life a cast of flawed, breaking people with bravery and resilience to spare. The book is a triumph of wise and compassionate storytelling.”
—Kevin McIlvoy, author of One Kind Favor

“There is a moment in Ramona Reeves’s powerful debut story collection It Falls Gently All Around when a character believes ‘He could make out ghosts swimming in the darkness, like another life he might have lived. . . .’ It is one of several instances in the book when a story suddenly coalesces, and the reader is both surprised and moved, and this particular example speaks to a clear ambition of the author—to capture the elusive human moments that we all experience but for which we need an artist to genuinely see. This is a splendid book by an important new writer.”
—Robert Boswell, author of Mystery Ride, The Heyday of the Insensitive Bastards, and Tumbledown

Happiness and connection prove fickle in this debut collection of eleven linked stories introducing Babbie and Donnie. She is a thrice-divorced former call girl, and he is a sobriety-challenged trucker turned yogi. Along with their community of exes, in-laws, and coworkers, Babbie and Donnie share a longing to reforge their lives, a task easier said than done in Mobile, Alabama, which bears its own share of tainted history. Despite overwhelming challenges and the ever-looming specters of status, race, and class, the characters in It Falls Gently All Around and Other Stories strive for versions of the American dream through modern and often unconventional means. Told with humor and honesty, these stories remind us not only about the fallibility of being human and the resistance of some to change but also about finding redemption in unlikely places.
EXCERPT FROM “IT FALLS GENTLY ALL AROUND”:

Babbie and Rowan unpacked boxes and put away gifts in their apartment. They’d received more than she expected from friends of Rowan’s family, her brother and sister, his college buddies, and her friends at the bar. Her parents had given them a snow globe, purchased on their honeymoon in a time before MTV, spandex, and Madonna. A time before penniless girls like Babbie had choices.

She wanted to believe her parents meant it as a blessing for her and Rowan, but more than likely they had deemed the globe not worth much. Quick-cash Houdinis, her mom and dad made objects large and small disappear if the price was right.

Around the snow globe’s dome, she noticed the water had evaporated, but the glass remained clear and the wooden base solid. She shook it and watched white specks jerk and swirl around the Mayberry-like town inside. A spit of dots clung to the dome, but most sank onto the faded green earth below. Townspeople no taller than fishing hooks stood frozen in the streets: A man tipped a cowboy hat to ladies wearing bustles, a boy wore knickers and chased a wagon along Main Street, and an aproned mercantile owner called to the boy from the door of his shop. The little world, with its pleasant and nearly seasonless surroundings, was nothing like Mobile. No oaks or dogwoods or pines or Alabama trees of any kind. Babbie couldn’t tell if it was spring or summer inside. But the little world was different, not a place she knew or understood.

Rowan leaned over her shoulder and read the inscription on the globe’s base. “Magical Wyoming.” He pulled her close and kissed her neck. “You been there?”

“I haven’t been anywhere,” Babbie said. She’d spent her entire life in Mobile. He ought to know that. Then again, they hadn’t known each other very long. On the night they met, he’d bragged about the places he’d been, places like Hawaii and Europe, and how his dad insisted he join clubs and go to church for connections. Episcopal church, of course. “Mine insisted I save him the last beer,” she remembered saying. Rowan had let out a squawking sound and doubled over. She hadn’t meant to be funny.

Babbie searched the apartment’s living room for a place to set the object. The top of the TV seemed like a good spot. She broke free of Rowan and placed the globe there.

“That isn’t a shelf,” Rowan said.

She didn’t agree but was glad he hadn’t teased her about the globe or suggested they keep it inside a shoebox. Sometimes she couldn’t believe the girl voted Most Likely to Die a Platinum Blond was hitched to a guy who cared what she thought and mostly covered his mouth when he coughed.

“What about the kitchen table?” she asked.

“The kitchen it is,” Rowan replied, and then as if remembering something he’d forgotten, he said, “but my mom will expect to see the dried centerpiece there. She paid a lot of money for it.”

Babbie had never kept seashells or dried flowers indoors. Bad luck, her mother had always said. “I don’t like dead things in the house.”

“But the arrangement is a centerpiece,” he insisted, using the fancy word again, as though this made a difference.

“You can dip a dead cockroach in gold paint,” she said, “but that won’t make it a diamond ring.”

Rowan chuckled. “The things you come up with. Oh well, we’ll figure it out.”

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• National print and online reviews
• National print and online advertising
• Select author appearances
• Online promotion
• Social media outreach
• Feature at AWP 2023
THE PITT POETRY SERIES

Since its inception in 1967, the Pitt Poetry Series has been a vehicle for America’s finest contemporary poets. Throughout its history, the series has provided a voice for the diversity that is American poetry, representing poets from many backgrounds without allegiance to any one school or style.

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BLESSING

Where we dug up the graves of Black slaves
who mined the first coal in Illinois,

where we desecrated the graves of indigenous people
that covered coal in the Southwest,

where we dug up animals, plants in their graves
and burned them as oil and gas and coal—

there, and throughout our earth, let us grieve
for the graves we robbed, and then:

let us bless the graves of the dead that remain—
and over them, for the living, the wind, the sun.

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A New Collection on the Complexities of Modern Life from an Award-Winning Poet

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EXCERPT FROM “TRUST IN THE YOU OF NOW”

Which is fleeting » which chameleons into the next you of until then to when.

Trust there will be a way forward when all paths are blocked with ice and wind.

Directions are infinite slices of now.

Study your compass » your true north has shifted into spring.

Sharon Dolin is the author of seven books of poetry, most recently Manual for Living, Whirlwind, and Burn and Dodge, winner of the AWP Donald Hall Prize in Poetry. She is also the author of a prose memoir titled Hitchcock Blonde and two books of translation: Book of Minutes by Gemma Gorga and the prize-winning Late to the House of Words: Selected Poems by Gemma Gorga. A 2021 National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship recipient, Fulbright Scholar, Pushcart Prize winner, and recipient of a Witter Bynner Fellowship from the Library of Congress, she lives in New York City, where she teaches poetry workshops and is associate editor of Barrow Street Press.
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EXCERPT FROM “LIMBOED”
I move, I am the release clause of a pea pod, a skylark, a planet.
If you call me the world, will you provide a fitting cradle?

These non-existent “for no-one/for everyone” things:
a faucet of emotions, a window mist of yearning...
I could be a rain river,
I could be the jettisoned air . . .

Don’t catacomb me here.

Tony Kitt lives in Dublin, Ireland. His poetry chapbook The Magic Phlute was published by SurVision Books in 2019. His poems have been translated into Italian and Romanian and appear in Oxford Poetry, the North, Plume, Poetry Ireland Review, the Prague Revue, Cyphers, Under the Radar, the American Journal of Poetry, Stride, and other journals and anthologies.

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banana [ ]
PAUL HLAVA CEBALLOS

Winner of the 2021 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

“The first poem in this book completely swept me off my feet. As pages of this book turn, one quickly realizes that the whole manuscript is filled with invention, passion, and skill. I love the restlessness and the attentiveness to language. But most importantly: the invention and lyric textures in this book aren’t here just for the show; they are setting to music the urgency of our time. That is a hard thing to do, and this poet does it again and again.”
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GENESIS

The first day in the garden, God was an immigrant who planted gulls in clouds. Even the smallest leaflet untangled solar filaments with prudence dissimilar to fire.

Did Adam first teach God the word for sew or word for plunder?

What tenderness people show—it matters the recipient is visible.

The apple lacked grammar for red, or fall.

The world pulled it. It pulled the world back.

EXEMPLARY FROM "A HISTORY OF THE AMERICAS"

To develop new banana exports the Military Junta in a series of decrees prepared ceremonial dishes of bananas and honored the cadaver and consuming the charred and crushed bones in a banana mush ousted the president and installed military officers with ties to banana plantations.

On dead banana leaf or inflorescence tissues they disperse by wind and water.
Brown Girl Chromatography

ANURADHA BHOWMIK

Winner of the 2021 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize

“Brown Girl Chromatography is pure fire, a slow burn to the center of desire. This is a book of longing, of brokenness, of makeup (‘my second art, the perfect counterpart to my alter ego’), of wanting what you’re not supposed to want and then constructing a world from it: ‘This is my kingdom. / this is something I can control.’ This is the most inventive book I’ve read in ages.”

—Aaron Smith, author of The Book of Daniel

“Brown Girl Chromatography sparkles with multiple intelligences and sharp, sharp wit. Any brown person who has had to put on a flesh-colored Band-Aid knows that American society mostly wasn’t built for us, wasn’t expecting us, and kind of doesn’t know what to do with us. Bhowmik’s book is a book that is not only aware of this alienation but travels deep into it, undoes it, and depicts a life I recognize; I’m not a stranger in this book. I know this world. Bhowmik is a smart and skilled handler. It’s like she found my letters. And read each one out loud.”

—Kazim Ali, author of The Voice of Sheila Chandra and Inquisition

Anuradha Bhowmik’s life as a Bangladeshi-born American girl growing up as a first-generation immigrant in the United States gives shape to this debut collection. Brown Girl Chromatography interrogates issues of race, class, gender, and sexuality in a post-9/11 America while navigating the poet’s millennial childhood, adolescence, and adulthood. The poems follow Bhowmik as she learns about the cruelties in both American and Bangladeshi worlds without any guidance or instruction on how to survive these conflicting spheres. Any visible traces of her Bangladeshi life result in racial ridicule from her peers, while participating and assimilating into American culture is met with violence and abuse at home. As language and memory intersect, Bhowmik draws on pop culture and free association to examine her displacement from many angles and make meaning out of hurt.
**OCTOBER 2001  
Northfield, NJ**

Trick or treating was cancelled. Anthrax in powder form could crawl under letter flaps, hide in split Pixie sticks, slip inside slits of candy wrappers, the folds of treat sacks.

Dada and I once went door-to-door with plastic bags: pink with drawstrings, saved from bus station gift shops that sold I Spy books with bargain tags, bought after trips to the New York Asylum Office.

I had learned English from cable TV: Rupert, Little Bear, Sunday cartoons. Americans saw my face on burning twin buildings televised all afternoon.

Before I found out what asylum meant, Dada and I signed our Bangali names in cardboard book covers, with block letters. Soon I’d learn, I Spy wasn’t just a game.

It was shame. To find the threat of attack (the terror) the horror on Halloween, weren’t acts of the anthrax boogeyman. It was me: the sari princess they’d seen.

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**BLUE COLLAR BROWN**

Baba ordered from the Kmart catalog after he saw the stick-pen circles drawn on store circulars, featuring pink Jeeps that flashed in ads between cartoons. If I didn’t watch Blue’s Clues so much, I could’ve found the ones Baba left—but he was rehearsed: his finger traced down column K in the Yellow Pages. Was he wearing the decade-old bifocals from Bangladesh? He couldn’t read the fine print without them. I could’ve watched where he stopped on the listings, listened for digits clicking on the keypad. Perhaps the corded tendons in my neck told him to be timely: before the beeps, before anticipation unfolded from my clasped hands. I tangled and twirled the curly cord when the line was in-use, but he was tactful, with his white coat locked away in a suitcase. He once made deliveries. On the opposite end, he waited for the absent phone operator. I could’ve listened for the cue of elevator music, counted the seconds he was placed on hold—

I’d like to order a Barbie car. The silent salesperson didn’t ask him to enunciate his thick Bangla-English, with aspirated spaces for articles—Mamoni, the Barbie car is on backorder. Until the girly-girl phase faded when I was eight, I waited for the delivery at the staircase—lost before I could unclip the off-the-hook secret and set it in the cradle. It will be here soon. The call got lost and crackled with the dial tone echo in the coil.

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**RECEIPTS FROM AOL INSTANT MESSENGER (5)**

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Personal Profile:

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you’re sO fine yOu ~*bIow my mind*~

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1 **Bhownikky** (n.):

Baba never hit me. From him, I acquired my last name. To survive, he lent me amnesia. He fueled the light in my memory. The cerebellum regulates language production and procedural learning—

Our routine was mechanical. Ma hits you because she loves you. She spoke with swollen marks and fists as punctuation. While I called for Baba in two syllable units, he listened to the TV talk. Garbled phonetic parts fell from My mouth while Ma’s throat rang with taut vocal cords. I was nourished by imperatives. Apologize to her, now.

I pressed my forehead to Ma’s feet. So we can have peace in this house again. Afterwards, Baba drove me to Kmart. I offered my apologies as barter—I said sorry, and he bought me a mood bracelet it. I said sorry to get the gel pens with glitter. With enough compensation, I could fill my voids. If only my Younger self could return those gifts. If only I could unlearn the dialect that I translated as love.
Territorial

MIRA ROSENTHAL

Poems That Map the Struggle between Victimhood and Agency

“Every poem in Territorial is stunning—each spun fiercely with beauty as well as tremors of perpetual threat and violence against the female body. Mira ‘in Russian / it turns out means World, / so there are countless maps / of me & my confessions / in a language I can’t read.’ Indeed, every poem in Territorial is a ‘Mira’—each a mirror-map that precisely locates precarious bodies across terrains of trauma.”
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“A work of narrative beauty and lyrical depth, Mira Rosenthal’s Territorial mines through a lush and sensual life for deep emotion and ardent language. Through the examination of the violence and the delight of the quotidian, the poet brings forth an unnerving reckoning, exposing the anxieties and complexities of her generation. Swept away by searching imagination, Rosenthal stays grounded in the body. Amid her body’s shadows she finds clarity and peace.”
—Valzhyna Mort, author of Music for the Dead and Resurrected

Territorial explores the bargains that women make to stay safe from violence. Set in a landscape of looming ecological ruin, the poems bear witness to the effects of drought on the California chaparral region and delve into difficult personal terrain to reveal patterns of abuse we inflict on the earth and each other. How can we emerge from a devastated landscape into a sense of healing and repair? Using the characteristics of violence—repetition and escalation—the collection connects subjects that range from the dawn of recorded sound to the mapping of myths onto constellations, the ecosystem of a leach pond, and the photographs of Alfred Stieglitz. In tracing the ways narratives of predation imprint onto the body, memory, environment, and future generations, Territorial finds resilience in the powers of language to reshape experience.

EXCERPT FROM “THEN A WILD DEDICATION”

for the tendril, little brittle stump of once
for you born out of me, for the one I cannot shield or keep
for all the ways my going forth will fail you
here’s a map in your hand here’s a fraction of space given grain
for the cornstalk stubble in a field, disintegrating
for all those desiccated stumps & women’s stories pinned to line, hung out to dry, to whiten
for all of us inside, detained in the meantime, in fleeting changes of expression
& you, trailing me like a shadow
track carefully dear loved one taste the spray of salt on your lips from the waves

Mira Rosenthal is the author of The Local World, winner of the Wick Poetry Prize. A recipient of a National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship, a Wallace Stegner Fellowship from Stanford University, and residencies at Hedgebrook and MacDowell, she is an associate professor of poetry at Cal Poly. She also translates contemporary Polish poetry.

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ANDREW HEMMERT

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—Diane Seuss, author of frank: sonnets

Blessing the Exoskeleton is a southerner’s book about Michigan. Written over a two-year period in Kalamazoo, Andrew Hemmert’s poems address climate change, labor, love, and his attempts to live joyfully in a deteriorating world. Though the majority of these poems are narrative, they approach their stories in roundabout and slanted ways. A meditation on job seeking begets a story about the author’s father attempting to catch an owl in a fishing net. A fire down the road from the author’s apartment begets a meditation on telemarketing. Personal histories collide with headlines, resulting in poems that convey everyday experience and seek to praise it. Despite the northern cold and the tyranny of the news, Hemmert develops his own theories for navigating his life, finding beauty in an unfamiliar landscape and climate.

EXCERPT FROM “DRIVING THEORY”
What I thought was the squeaking of the season’s first bats was just a rust-gut van idling outside the store.
What I thought was the future was just more of the same.
Constantly I feel stationary and in a state of undress like a fountain statue, keeping watch over nothing but a hoard of coins I can’t touch. What was it I wanted, dirty water full of presidents flattened in profile? If I am free to leave, then why this net of contrails and powerplant exhaust? Why this list of beached whales, and our need to name a thing even as it disappears?
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“Mothers, Families, or Children? is essential reading for everyone interested in welfare and family policies in East Central Europe. Written by three leading authorities in the field, the book offers a timely contribution to the debates that have been sparked by Poland’s 500 zł monthly child benefit program or Hungary’s generous but deeply conservative expansion of family policy. The book not only fills a gap by providing an in-depth overview over the long history of family policies in Poland, Hungary, and Romania; it also builds a theoretically sophisticated argument about policy continuity and change, which will travel far beyond the region. As such, the book demonstrates the power of comparative historical analysis to explain current policy developments.”
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Mothers, Families, or Children? is the first comparative-historical study of family policies in Poland, Hungary, and Romania from 1945 until the eve of the global pandemic in 2020. The book highlights the emergence, consolidation, and perseverance of three types of family policies based on “mother-orientation” in Poland, “family orientation” in Hungary, and “child-orientation” in Romania. It uses a new theoretical framework to identify core and contingent clusters of benefits and services in each country and trace their development across time and under different political regimes, before and after 1989. It also examines and compares policy continuity and change with special attention to institutions, ideas, and actors involved in decision making and reform. As family policies continue to evolve in the era of European Union membership and new governmental and societal actors emerge, this study reveals mechanisms that help preserve core family policy clusters while allowing reform in contingent ones in each country.
Polygynous Marriages among the Kyrgyz

Institutional Change and Endurance

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—Adrienne Lynn Edgar, University of California, Santa Barbara

During Soviet rule, the state all but imposed atheism on the primarily Islamic people of Kyrgyzstan and limited the tradition of polygyny—a form of polygamy in which one man has multiple wives. Polygyny did continue under communism, though chiefly under concealment. In the decades since the fall of the Soviet Union, the practice has reemerged. Based on extensive fieldwork, Polygynous Marriages among the Kyrgyz argues that this marriage practice has become socially acceptable and widely dispersed not only because it is rooted in customary law and Islamic practice, but because it can also enable men and women to meet societal expectations and solve practical economic problems that resulted from the fall of the Soviet Union. Michele E. Commercio’s analysis suggests the normalization of polygyny among the Kyrgyz in contemporary Kyrgyzstan is due both to institutional change in the form of altered governmental rules and expectations and to institutional endurance in the form of persistent hegemonic constructions of gender.
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Decolonizing American Spanish
Eurocentrism and Foreignness in the Imperial Ecosystem

JEFFREY HERLIHY-MERA

Exploring Colonialism in University Spanish and Hispanic Studies Departments

“Decolonizing American Spanish is a superb analysis of the coloniality at the core of hegemonic representations of Spanish in the United States today, both inside and outside the academy. . . . Most importantly, this wonderful text demonstrates what is to be gained by delinking from Eurocentric perspectives and from nation-based and dominant area studies approaches: the engagement with language as a living reality at the heart of communities, many of which provide magnificent examples of countering and combatting coloniality.”
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—Walter D. Mignolo, author of The Politics of Decolonial Investigations

Despite a pronounced shift away from Eurocentrism in Spanish and Hispanic studies departments in US universities, many implicit and explicit vestiges of coloniality remain firmly in place. While certain national and linguistic expressions are privileged, others are silenced with predictable racial and gendered results. Decolonizing American Spanish challenges not only the hegemony of Spain and its colonial pedagogies, but also the characterization of Spanish as a foreign language in the United States. By foregrounding Latin American cultures and local varieties of Spanish and reconceptualizing the foreign as domestic, Jeffrey Herlihy-Mera works to create new conceptual maps, revise inherited ones, and institutionalize marginalized and silenced voices and their stories. Considering the University of Puerto Rico as a point of context, this book brings attention to how translingual solidarity and education, a commitment to social transformation, and the engagement of student voices in their own languages can reinvent colonized education.

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The Language of the In-Between
Travestis, Post-hegemony, and Writing in Contemporary Chile and Peru

ERIKA ALMENARA

Presents a New Way of Understanding Modernization, Exclusion, and Nationalist Discourse through the Voices of Gender and Sexual Dissident Writers

“A valuable book that explores canonical Latin American authors such as Arguedas, Donoso, and Lemebel to challenge the modern racist, classist, and anti-LGBTQ+ national paradigms in Chile and Peru. Departing from the idea of the language in between, Almenara’s reading reopens the debate about cultural practices of emancipation using performative and literary works to interrogate a speculative aesthetics that reconceptualizes the current debates on ‘the political’ in Southern Cone and Andean Cuir/Queer politics. . . . [The Language of the In-Between] provides key insights for those working in the intersection of Latin American literature, queer studies, and gender and sexuality studies.”—Fernando A. Blanco, Bucknell University

Often, the process of modern state formation is founded on the marginalization of certain groups, and Latin America is no exception. In The Language of the In-Between, Erika Almenara contends that literary production replicates this same process. Looking at marginalized communities in Chile and Peru, particularly writers who are travesti, trans, cuir/queer, and Indigenous, the author shows how these writers stake a claim for the liminal space that is neither one thing nor the other. This allows a freedom to expose oppression and to critique a national identity based on erasure. By employing a language of nonnormative gender and sexuality to dispute the state projects of modernity and modernization, the voice of the poor and racialized travesti evolves from powerlessness to become an agent of social transformation.

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Other Americans
The Art of Latin America in the US Imaginary

MATTHEW BUSH

How Contemporary Art, Literature, Film, and Television
Create an Imagined Version of Latin America in the
United States

“In this richly rendered book, Matthew Bush examines
the cultural imaginary of Latin America in the United
States, asking how cultural works produce feelings
of Latin Americanness for US audiences. Focusing
on the power of melodrama to represent conflict and
alterity across global borders, Bush examines affectively
powerful artwork that both generates and complicates
simplified understandings of Latin America—and can
even engender new hemispheric connections. Other
Americans is an exciting and important book.”
—Elisabeth Anker, author of Ugly Freedoms

Grounded in perspectives of affect theory, Other Americans
examines the writings of Roberto Bolaño and Daniel Alarcón;
films by Alfonso Cuarón, Claudia Llosa, Matt Piedmont, and Joel
and Ethan Coen; as well as the Netflix serials Narcos and El marginal.
These widely consumed works about Latin America—equally
balanced between narratives produced in the United States and in
the region itself—are laden with fear, anxiety, and shame, which has
an impact that exceeds the experience of reception. The negative
feelings encoded in visions of Latin America become common
coinage for US audiences, shaping their ideological relationship with
the region and performing an affective interpellation. By analyzing
the underlying melodramatic structures of these works that would
portray Latin America as an implicit other, Bush examines a process
of affective comprehension that foments an us/them, or north/south binary in the reception of Latin America’s globalized art.

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The Politics of Patronage Appointments in Latin American Central Administrations

Edited by FRANCISCO PANIZZA, B. GUY PETERS, and CONRADO RAMOS LARRABURU

A Systematic Analysis of Patronage Appointments in Public Bureaucracies of Seven Latin American Countries

“The Politics of Patronage in Latin American Central Administrations is a very different book from almost all others so far published on the state and the public sector in Latin America, as it offers us a much-needed new view on patronage and the civil service, and their relation with governance. No doubt, its groundbreaking approach, research, and conclusions will have an important impact on the discussion of politics, government, and the public sector in this region as well as others of the developing world.”

—José Luis Méndez Martínez, El Colegio de Mexico

“In Latin American countries, the politics of patronage has historically been fraught with negative connotations. This book offers a novel theoretical approach and hypotheses for analyzing the different roles played by political appointees. It shows that trust and political and technical competence are more relevant criteria than clientelism or patronalism. The Politics of Patronage Appointments in Latin American Central Administrations really produces novel knowledge about patronage, political parties, and officeholders in the Latin American public administration.”

—Eduardo Grin, Fundação Getulio Vargas, Brazil

Although merit system selection and management of public personnel is thought of as the standard for good governance, public employees frequently are appointed by political officials rather than being members of a career civil service. In fact, there has been an increase in the level of patronage appointments and politicization of public administration over the past several decades as political leaders attempt to impose their control over the public bureaucracy. Although widespread, patronage appointments in the public sector are particularly important in Latin America, where there is a tradition of extensive patronage. The Politics of Patronage Appointments in Latin American Central Administrations seeks to understand the motivations of patrons when they make appointments, the roles appointees play, the skills required to play these roles, and what accounts for different modalities of patronage. It moves beyond the conventional condemnation of patronage to examine the multiple uses of political appointments, which can be crucial for obtaining the services of highly qualified individuals who otherwise might not be willing to work in the public sector.
Claiming Brazil

Performances of Citizenship in the Centenary of Independence

GREGG BOCKETTI

A Timely Study of Brazil’s First Centenary of Independence and Exploration of Brazilian Nationhood and Citizenship

“Gregg Bocketti’s new book offers a fresh examination of a key moment in the history of modern Brazil, the hundredth anniversary of the country’s declaration of independence from Portugal. All the more exciting, it does so just in time for another Brazilian centennial and, perhaps, another inflection point in the trajectory of the South American giant. Not for these reasons alone, Claiming Brazil should find a wide readership among scholars and students of Latin American history and memory.”

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“Brazil’s 1922 Centenary was marked by marches and monuments. Claiming Brazil asks why elites believed their own unifying rhetoric about public displays even as the events emphasized long-term fractures. Skillfully analyzing bifurcations like modernity/tradition, nation/region, citizenship/foreignness, and whiteness/Blackness, Gregg Bocketti shows how the Centenary contributed to the rise of the Vargas dictatorship and seeks lessons for the 2022 bicentenary.”

—Jeffrey Lesser, Emory University

Brazil marked its centennial as an independent country in 1922. Claiming Brazil explores how Brazilians from different walks of life commemorated the event, and how this led to conflicting ideas of national identity. Civic rituals hold enormous significance, and Brazilian citizens, immigrants, and visitors employed them to articulate and perform their sense of what Brazil was, stood for, and could be. Gregg Bocketti argues that these celebrations, rather than uniting the country, highlighted tensions between modernity and tradition, over race and ethnicity, and between nation and region. Further, the rituals contributed to the collapse of the country’s social and political status quo and gave substance to the debates and ideas that characterized Brazilian life in the 1920s and then under the transformative rule of Getúlio Vargas (1930–1945). Now, at the bicentennial of Brazil’s independence, which itself unfolds in a period of political crisis and economic dislocation, and in the aftermath of several large civic events, it is an opportune moment to consider how Brazilians used civic rituals to engage with questions of identity, belonging, and citizenship one hundred years ago.

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TIMOTHY M. GILL

A Study of US Efforts to Undermine the Venezuelan Government in the Name of Promoting Democracy

“In this timely and urgent study, Timothy Gill exposes the latest sordid chapter in the shameful history of US intervention in Latin America. He untangles the labyrinth of programs and organizations that the United States has assembled, under the banner of ‘promoting democracy,’ to undermine the effort by the Bolivarian revolution in Venezuela to construct a democracy that would actually empower the broad masses. This is a must-read for students of Latin American and international politics and US foreign policy. Encountering US Empire in Socialist Venezuela will also be of great interest to all those concerned with building a more just and equitable international order.”

—William I. Robinson, author of Global Civil War: Capitalism Post-pandemic

“The United States has long promoted itself as a defender of democracy. In this fine study, Gill gives the lie to this view and shows how US democracy assistance programs were used to undermine rather than strengthen democracy in Chávez-era Venezuela. Using diplomatic cables and interviews, Gill deftly shows how nineteenth-century racism takes on new modalities in Washington’s twenty-first-century empire.”

—Gabriel Hetland, University at Albany

Since the end of World War II, the United States has come to dominate the world economically and politically, leading many to describe the United States as an empire. Scholars have analyzed how the US government has worked through international financial institutions, its Central Intelligence Agency, and outright warfare to achieve its will. In this book, Timothy M. Gill spotlights how the US government also worked through democracy promotion to undermine governments abroad, including in Venezuela. President Hugo Chávez, who ruled from 1999 until his death in 2013, was among the democratically elected Latin American state leaders who embraced socialism and challenged the idea of US global power. Gill shows how US government agencies funded and trained opposition parties and activists, and how such intervention often was justified in neocolonial and racist terms. Through analysis of documents obtained through Freedom of Information Act requests, embassy cables, and interviews with US government and Venezuelan nonprofit members, Gill details such operations and the imperial thinking behind them.
Hemispheric Blackness and the Exigencies of Accountability

JENNIFER CAROLINA GÓMEZ MENJÍVAR and HÉCTOR NICOLÁS RAMOS FLORES

Critically Assesses How Black Collectives across the Hemisphere Evoke Their Rights

“Hemispheric Blackness adds twelve significant and elucidating chapters to the dialogue about the African diaspora in the Spanish- and Portuguese-speaking Americas. Collectively, the chapters cut deeply into new dimensions and perspectives on the concept of Africanness, the historical and present-day interconnectedness of afro-descendants in North, South, and Central America and the Caribbean expanses. From the introduction to the final chapter, readers will be engrossed thoroughly, through interdisciplinary research approaches, in the vibrant advocacy for and affirmation of a unified Blackness in mind, body, and soul in colonial and postcolonial times. In many palpable ways, this anthology is a veritable tribute to the Black Lives Matter movement.”

—James J. Davis, professor of Spanish and associate dean for the Humanities, Howard University

Hemispheric Blackness and the Exigencies of Accountability examines the way Afrodescendant and Black communities use the land on which they live, the rule of law, and their bodies to assert their historical, ontological, and physical presence across South, Central, and North America. Their demand for the recognition of ancestral lands, responsive policies, and human rights sheds new light on their permanent yet tenuous presence throughout the region. The authors argue that by deploying a discourse of transcontinental historical continuity, Black communities assert their presence in local, national, and international political spheres. This conceptualization of hemispheric Blackness is the driving force confronting the historical loss, dismissal, and disparagement of Black lives across the Américas. Through twelve case studies that cover a wide range of locations, their work examines contemporary manifestations of sovereignty of Black body and mind, Black-Indigenous nexuses, and national revisions that challenge more than a quincentennial of denial and state unaccountability in the hemisphere.

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Kairotic Inspiration

Imagining the Future in the Sixth Extinction

SARAH ALLEN

Offering a New, Ecological Theory of Inspiration That Shifts the Concept toward Deep, Transformative Connections

On the precipice of the Sixth Extinction, we face a frightening fate—ongoing ecological crises that may result in not only the extinction of a million species within decades but another mass extinction event like the one that wiped out the dinosaurs. In *Kairotic Inspiration: Imagining the Future in the Sixth Extinction*, Sarah Allen suggests that humans face this future, whatever it brings, by attending to the ways in which all beings are caught in the entangled processes of becoming. But change is often painful and requires inspiration. Allen explores a theory that shifts the concept of inspiration away from the unique genius of the individual and instead situates it within conceptual, human and nonhuman animal relations that can disrupt the state of being. To expand the understanding of change beyond the polarized binary that defines difference, the author builds on Nietzsche’s conceptualization of the Dionysian, which explains how the self is unmade through immersive experiences. This unmaking creates room for a different experience of becoming, one which Donna Haraway calls “becoming-with” and “producing-with.” In the end, Allen demonstrates how deepening kairotic connections can transform us as beings, thrusting us further into the processes of becoming and embracing the change that is possible in this living, changing, endangered world.

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A Disability Materiality Approach to Literacy after Aphasia

ELISABETH L. MILLER

Offers a New Perspective on Developing More Accessible Research and Teaching Practices and Learning Spaces

“In What It Means to Be Literate, Elisabeth L. Miller challenges long-held assumptions about the relationship between embodiment, literacy, and disability as she takes a disability materiality look at literate practices navigated by people experiencing aphasia. . . . This is a necessary read for anyone interested in literacy studies or disability studies for understanding the complex interrelationships between literacy and disability.”
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“This manuscript has the potential to be a classic, in the sense that, even though we teach about literacy inexhaustibly in writing, rhetoric, and composition classrooms at all levels, we don’t have much good material to understand how people with disabilities shape new literate possibilities around a series of barriers and false boundaries.”
—Jay Dolmage, University of Waterloo

Disability and literacy are often understood as incompatible. Disability is taken to be a sign of illiteracy, and illiteracy to be a sign of disability. These oppositions generate damaging consequences for disabled students (and those labeled as such) who are denied full literacy education and for nonliterate adults who are perceived as lacking intelligence, knowledge, and ability. What It Means to Be Literate turns attention to disabled writers themselves, exposing how the cultural oppositions between disability and literacy affect how people understand themselves as literate and even as fully human. Drawing on interviews with individuals who have experienced strokes and brain injuries causing the language disability aphasia, Elisabeth L. Miller argues for the importance of taking a disability materiality approach to literacy that accounts for the embodied, material experiences of disabled people writing and reading. This approach reveals how aphasic writers’ literate practices may reinscribe, challenge, or even exceed scripts around the body in literacy (how brains, hands, eyes, mouths, voice boxes, and more operate to make reading and writing happen) as well as what and how spaces, activities, tools, and materials matter in literate practice. Miller pushes for a deeper understanding of how individuals’ specific bodies always matter for literate practice and identity, enabling researchers to better account for, and counter, ableist literate norms.
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Nature’s Crossroads
The Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota
Edited by GEORGE VRTIS and CHRISTOPHER W. WELLS
A Wide-Ranging Environmental and Historical Study of the Evolution of the Minneapolis–Saint Paul Area

“Nature’s Crossroads is likely to become the definitive book on Minnesota’s environmental history. This engaging volume explains how the dynamic flow of resources, people, and ideas between the Twin Cities and their hinterlands shaped the state’s history. Nature’s Crossroads will appeal not only to those who love Minnesota but to environmental historians, geographers, rural sociologists, urban planners, and others interested in understanding the complexity of seemingly simple midwestern landscapes.”
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“Here are compelling stories about the changing human communities of the Twin Cities and how they shaped and were shaped by their environments, from riverfronts to hinterlands. Topics range from water, energy, and acid rain to imagined eco-cities, bicycle paths, suburban sprawl, historic preservation, and, yes, lakes. Though the reader can move among chapters in any order, Vrtis and Wells provide structure and themes, including varied environmentalisms, Indigenous resistance, and environmental justice.”
—Kathryn Morse, Middlebury College

Minnesota’s Twin Cities have long been powerful engines of change. From their origins in the early nineteenth century, the Twin Cities helped drive the dispossession of the region’s Native American peoples, turned their riverfronts into bustling industrial and commercial centers, spread streets and homes outward to the horizon, and reached well beyond their urban confines, setting in motion the environmental transformation of distant hinterlands. As these processes unfolded, residents inscribed their culture into the landscape, complete with all its tensions, disagreements, contradictions, prejudices, and social inequalities. These stories lie at the heart of Nature’s Crossroads. The book features an interdisciplinary team of distinguished scholars who aim to open new conversations about the environmental history of the Twin Cities and Greater Minnesota.

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Five Bay Landscapes
Curious Explorations of the Great Lakes Basin

KAREN LUTSKY and SEAN BURKHOLDER

Offers Fresh Insights about Environmental Design and Planning along the Great Lakes Shoreline

“Negotiating fecund aqueous and terrestrial territories, Lutsky and Burkholder discover living landscapes of confounding complexities. By listening deeply to the shallow water bays, they and their contributors explore the sediments of peoples and ecologies that populate the Great Lakes. These muddy landscapes are a curious place to find such clarity.”

—Ron Henderson, Illinois Institute of Technology

“In their engaging accounts of shoreline explorations from Lake Superior to Lake Ontario, Karen Lutsky and Sean Burkholder reveal how local circumstances shed light on the complexities and contradictions of North America’s largest freshwater ecosystem. As they go, they pose urgent and timely questions about the capitalist and colonial regimes that have transformed the region—and offer alternative ways of valuing, imagining, and sustaining its extraordinary landscapes. This is important reading for anyone with an interest in the Great Lakes.”

—Jane Wolff, University of Toronto

Threatened by issues of environmental health, climate change, population growth, and industrial demands, the coastal zone of the Great Lakes reflects an increasingly dysfunctional relationship between the people of the basin and the resources that support them. Perhaps no place is the physical manifestation of this struggle more evident than in the basin’s shallow bays. While many regional and local responses to these issues focus on methods of control, Five Bay Landscapes argues that responses should begin with critical, experiential, and pluralistic understandings of place. Through a series of five narratives, each located on a bay within the Great Lakes, the authors share their practice of curious site explorations. These explorations, both written and visual, consider the nuances and systems of these shorelines along with the lessons these findings might offer for future design and planning interventions. Using the Great Lakes as a context, Five Bay Landscapes illuminates a dynamic and robust landscape system and establishes a series of methods for understanding, analyzing, and intervening within the changing landscape.

Karen Lutsky is assistant professor of landscape architecture at the University of Minnesota and director of the Great Lakes Design Labs. Her design research and teaching focuses on how landscape architects and designers might better design “with” changing landscapes throughout the Great Lakes Basin, whether it be the quick littoral zone or slow-growing trees.

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Technocratic Visions
Engineers, Technology, and Society in Mexico
Edited by J. JUSTIN CASTRO and JAMES A. GARZA

Explores Mexico’s Long History of State-Influenced Engineering

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—David S. Dalton, author of Mestizo Modernity: Race, Technology, and the Body in Postrevolutionary Mexico

Technocratic Visions examines the context and societal consequences of technologies, technocratic governance, and development in Mexico, home of the first professional engineering school in the Americas. Contributors focus on the influential role of engineers, especially civil engineers, but also mining engineers, military engineers, architects, and other infrastructural and mechanical technicians. During the mid-nineteenth century, a period of immense upheaval and change domestically and globally, troubled governments attempted to expand and modernize Mexico’s engineering programs while resisting foreign invasion and adapting new Western technologies to existing precolonial and colonial foundations. The Mexican Revolution in 1910 greatly expanded technocratic practices as state agents attempted to control popular unrest and unify disparate communities via science, education, and infrastructure. Within this backdrop of political unrest, Technocratic Visions describes engineering sites as places both praised and protested, where personal, local, national, and global interests combined into new forms of societal creation; and as places that became centers of contests over representation, health, identity, and power. With an eye on contextualizing current problems stemming from Mexico’s historical development, this volume reveals how these transformations were uniquely Mexican and thoroughly global.

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Seduced by Radium
How Industry Transformed Science in the American Marketplace

MARIA RENTETZI
Traces the Evolution of Radium from a Scientific Object to a Desirable Commodity

“Seduced by Radium is utterly original. By focusing on the development and marketing strategies employed by chemical corporations, Maria Rentetzi reveals the many products they sold to consumers and their uses for a wide range of problems. Analysis through the lens of gender shows how such strategies differed for women and men with consequences for both. This book is extremely important both for its subject matter and for its thoughtful analysis. Anyone with an interest in corporations and consumerism, as well as chemicals and consequences, will appreciate its valuable insights.”

—Frederick Rowe Davis, author of Banned: A History of Pesticides and the Science of Toxicology

The discovery of radium by Marie and Pierre Curie in 1898 eventually led to a craze for radium products in the 1920s until their widespread use proved lethal for consumers, patients, and medical practitioners alike. Radium infiltrated American culture, Maria Rentetzi reveals, not only because of its potential to treat cancer but because it was transformed from a scientific object into a familiar, desirable commodity. She explores how Standard Chemical Company in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania—the first successful commercial producer of radium in the United States—aggressively promoted the benefits of radium therapy and its curative properties as part of a lucrative business strategy. Over-the-counter products, from fertilizers to paints and cosmetics to tonics and suppositories, inspired the same level of trust in consumers as a revolutionary pharmaceutical. The radium industry in the United States marketed commodities like Liquid Sunshine and Elixir of Youth at a time when using this new chemical element in the laboratory, in the hospital, in private clinics, and in commercial settings remained largely free of regulation. Rentetzi shows us how marketing campaigns targeted individually to men and women affected not only how they consumed these products of science but also how that science was understood and how it contributed to the formation of ideas about gender. Seduced by Radium ultimately reveals how innovative advertising techniques and seductive, state-of-the-art packaging made radium a routine part of American life, shaping scientific knowledge about it and the identities of those who consumed it.

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The Dynamics of Science
Computational Frontiers in History and Philosophy of Science

Edited by GRANT RAMSEY and ANDREAS DE BLOCK

Provides a Fresh Perspective on What Science Is and How and Why It Changes

“A revolution is brewing in the discipline of history and philosophy of science, and it is easy to foresee a near future in which computational methods will be as important to the historian and philosopher of science as historical case studies are nowadays. If you don’t want to miss the revolution, Grant Ramsey and Andreas De Block’s groundbreaking volume is a must-read: its eleven chapters by an all-star cast will show you the promises of this new approach.”

—Edouard Machery, University of Pittsburgh

Millions of scientific articles are published each year, making it difficult to stay abreast of advances within even the smallest subdisciplines. Traditional approaches to the study of science, such as the history and philosophy of science, involve closely reading a relatively small set of journal articles. And yet many questions benefit from casting a wider net: Is most scientific change gradual or revolutionary? What are the key sources of scientific novelty? Over the past several decades, a massive effort to digitize the academic literature and equip computers with algorithms that can distantly read and analyze a digital database has taken us one step closer to answering these questions. The Dynamics of Science brings together a diverse array of contributors to examine the largely unexplored computational frontiers of history and philosophy of science. Together, they reveal how tools and data from automated textual analysis, or machine “reading,” combined with methods and models from game theory and cultural evolutionary theory, can begin to answer fundamental questions about the nature and history of science.

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The Architecture of Evolution
The Science of Form in Twentieth-Century Evolutionary Biology

MARCO Tamborini

How the History of Morphology Made the Advent of Evolutionary Developmental Biology Possible

“Marco Tamborini’s book is a much-needed history of morphological thought in the twentieth century. It provides an engaging intellectual journey, leading us through biology, architecture, philosophy, engineering, mathematics, politics, and art. This is a highly original contribution that shows how the science of form emerged from an international and interdisciplinary enterprise.”
—Maurizio Esposito, University of Lisbon, Portugal

In the final decades of the twentieth century, the advent of evolutionary developmental biology (evo-devo) offered a revolutionary new perspective that transformed the classical neo-Darwinian, gene-centered study of evolution. In The Architecture of Evolution, Marco Tamborini demonstrates how this radical innovation was made possible by the largely forgotten study of morphology. Despite the key role morphology played in the development of evolutionary biology since the 1940s, the architecture of organisms was excluded from the Modern Evolutionary Synthesis. And yet, from the beginning of the twentieth century to the 1970s and ‘80s, morphologists sought to understand how organisms were built and how organismal forms could be generated and controlled. The generation of organic form was, they believed, essential to understanding the mechanisms of evolution. Tamborini explores how the development of evo-devo and the recent organismal turn in biology involved not only the work of morphologists but those outside the biological community with whom they exchanged their data, knowledge, and practices. Together with architects and engineers, they worked to establish a mathematical and theoretical basis for the study of organic form as a mode of construction, developing and reinterpreting important notions that would play a central role in the development of evolutionary developmental biology in the late 1980s. This book sheds light not only on the interdisciplinary basis for many of the key concepts in current developmental biology but also on contributions to the study of organic form outside the English-speaking world.

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Biological Rhythms Emerge as a Subject of Scientific Research

JOLE SHACKELFORD

The First Systematic Academic History of the Study of Biological Rhythms

“As the first thorough scholarly treatment of an important subject, Jole Shackelford’s study improves upon partisan accounts produced by scientists, who generally were trying to advance their own arguments rather than create a properly contextualized historical analysis. But these volumes do more than that: the stories told here raise many fundamental themes about the nature of science, about scientific controversies, and the way we think about organisms and their relationship to the environment. Shackelford provides an original analysis that will be an important starting point for all subsequent research on this topic. His command of this very technical subject is masterful, and the scientific context is developed in exceptional detail. His work also serves as an interesting survey of biological and medical science, over and above its value as a history of chronobiology.”

—Sharon E. Kingsland, Johns Hopkins University

In three volumes, historian Jole Shackelford delineates the history of the study of biological rhythms—now widely known as chronobiology—from antiquity into the twentieth century. Perhaps the most well-known biological rhythm is the circadian rhythm, tied to the cycles of day and night and often referred to as the “body clock.” But there are many other biological rhythms, and although scientists and the natural philosophers who preceded them have long known about them, only in the past thirty years have a handful of pioneering scientists begun to study such rhythms in plants and animals seriously. Tracing the intellectual and institutional development of biological rhythm studies, Shackelford offers a meaningful, evidence-based account of a field that today holds great promise for applications in agriculture, health care, and public health. Volume 1 follows early biological observations and research, chiefly on plants; volume 2 turns to animal and human rhythms and the disciplinary contexts for chronobiological investigation; and volume 3 focuses primarily on twentieth-century researchers who modeled biological clocks and sought them out, including three molecular biologists whose work in determining clock mechanisms earned them a Nobel Prize in 2017.
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Making Entomologists
How Periodicals Shaped Scientific Communities in Nineteenth-Century Britain

MATTHEW WALE

Illuminates the Diverse Communities of Victorian Insect Collectors Who Contributed to the Study of Natural History

“The diverse array of nineteenth-century British entomologists is vividly brought to life in Matthew Wale’s lively account. The quirky, the cantankerous, the liberal, the gentlemanly, the mercenary—as well as class and gender differences—are exhibited through the revealing lens of the scientific periodical. Wale convincingly challenges a narrative of professionalization by showing how periodicals both reflected and shaped the key entomological practices that defined the ‘imagined communities’ they aimed to establish.”
—Anne Secord, University of Cambridge

“Matthew Wale provides wonderfully fresh insight into vernacular science by deftly combining print history with investigations into the many activities of entomological enthusiasts during the Victorian period. . . . Wale shows how this community of eager readers can be explored for greater historical understanding of the forms of expertise and participation, as well as the emergence of subtle social divisions that would eventually be expressed in the divide between amateurs and the professional world of museums.”
—Janet Browne, Harvard University

Popular natural history periodicals in the nineteenth century had an incredible democratizing power. By welcoming contributions from correspondents regardless of their background, they posed a significant threat to those who considered themselves to be gatekeepers of elite science, and who in turn used their own periodicals to shape more exclusive communities. Making Entomologists reassesses the landscape of science participation in the nineteenth century, offering a more nuanced analysis of the supposed amateur-professional divide that resonates with the rise of citizen science today. Matthew Wale reveals how an increase in popular natural history periodicals during the nineteenth century was instrumental in shaping not only the life sciences and the field of entomology but also scientific communities that otherwise could not have existed. These publications enabled many actors—from wealthy gentlemen of science to working-class naturalists—to participate more fully within an extended network of fellow practitioners and, crucially, imagine themselves as part of a wider community. Women were also active participants in these groups, although in far smaller numbers than men. Although periodicals of the nineteenth century have received considerable scholarly attention, this study focuses specifically on the journals and magazines devoted to natural history.
The Globalization of Wheat
A Critical History of the Green Revolution

MARCI R. BARANSKI

Debunks Myths of the Green Revolution with a Long-Awaited Critique of Wide Adaptation

“This well-researched, well-written, and important book establishes Marci Baranski as one of the best of the new generation of historians of science. The Globalization of Wheat not only peels back the layers of politics behind the Green Revolution’s ‘miracle seeds’ but shows how those events brought about a distorted notion of what we should value in seeds. This is a vital contribution to the ongoing rethinking of this famous episode in agricultural history.”

—Glenn Davis Stone, author of The Agricultural Dilemma: How Not to Feed the World

In The Globalization of Wheat, Marci R. Baranski explores Norman Borlaug’s complicated legacy as godfather of the Green Revolution. Winner of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1970 for his role in fighting global hunger, Borlaug, an American agricultural scientist and plant breeder who worked for the Rockefeller Foundation, left a legacy that divides opinions even today. His high-yielding dwarf wheat varieties, known as miracle seeds, effectively doubled and tripled crop yields across the globe, from Kenya to India and Argentina to Mexico due to their wide adaptation. But these modern seeds also required expensive chemical fertilizers and irrigation, both of which were only available to wealthier farmers. Baranski argues that Borlaug’s new technologies ultimately privileged wealthier farmers, despite assurances to politicians that these new crops would thrive in diverse geographies and benefit all farmers. As large-scale monocultures replaced traditional farming practices, these changes were codified into the Indian wheat research system, thus limiting attention to traditional practices and marginal environments. In the shadow of this legacy, and in the face of accelerating climate change, Baranski brings new light to Borlaug’s role in a controversial concept in agricultural science.

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The twelfth volume of the John Tyndall Correspondence contains 326 letters and covers the fifteen months of Tyndall’s life from March 1871 through May 1872, a time when he was a central figure in the field and had a substantial reputation in both the United Kingdom and the United States. It begins just before the publication of Fragments of Science in April and Hours of Exercise in May. He was busy administering the Royal Institution and the Royal Society; he was also working as the scientific consultant to Trinity House, which was involved in overseeing lighthouses in the United Kingdom, of which Ireland was a part at this time. Unlike other volumes, this one is not defined as much by one or two major projects or events for Tyndall, but instead includes a number of smaller projects and issues for him personally and professionally. As a leading man of science, and preoccupied with the work required for Trinity House, he had little time for socializing or research and began to refuse both social and professional invitations. Although well established, he remained concerned with his image, which manifests in a number of ways throughout this period.
**Literacy as Conversation**

Learning Networks in Urban and Rural Communities

**ELI GOLDBLATT AND DAVID A. JOLLIFFE**

A Hopeful Approach to the Problem of Literacy among Communities in Need

“Literacy as Conversation offers a deep dive into community literacy projects that work in both urban and rural areas. It advocates for more partners in shoring up the sagging corners of American communities in which literacy is badly needed.”
—*Teachers College Record*

“Literacy as Conversation is a genuine and important contribution to public discourse about literacy and the work literacy does in the world. . . . Crucially, the authors go further than most in bridging the divide between specialized academic audiences and more general audiences.”
—Paul Feigenbaum, Florida International University

In *Literacy as Conversation*, the authors tell stories of successful literacy learning outside of schools and inside communities, both within urban neighborhoods of Philadelphia and in rural and semirural towns of Arkansas. They define literacy not as a basic skill but as a rich, broadly interactive human behavior: the ability to engage in a conversation carried on, framed by, or enriched through written symbols. Eli Goldblatt takes us to after-school literacy programs, community arts centers, and urban farms in the city of Philadelphia, while David Jolliffe explores learning in a Latinx youth theater troupe, a performance based on the words of men on death row, and long-term cooperation with a rural health care provider in Arkansas. As different as urban and rural settings can be—and as beset as they both are with the challenges of historical racism and economic discrimination—the authors see much to encourage both geographical communities to fight for positive change.

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