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Complaint!
SARA AHMED

“Sara Ahmed always has her finger on the pulse of the times as she assists us to explore the deeper meanings and philosophical nuances of quotidian concepts and practices. Beautifully written and thoroughly engaging, Complaint! is precisely the text we need at this moment as we seek to understand and transform institutional structures promoting racism and heteropatriarchy.”—ANGELA Y. DAVIS

In Complaint! Sara Ahmed examines what we can learn about power from those who complain about abuses of power. Drawing on oral and written testimonies from academics and students who have made complaints about harassment, bullying, and unequal working conditions at universities, Ahmed explores the gap between what is supposed to happen when complaints are made and what does happen. To make complaints within institutions is to learn how they work and for whom they work: complaint as feminist pedagogy. Ahmed explores how complaints are made behind closed doors and how doors are often closed upon those who complain. To open these doors, to get complaints through, keep them going, or keep them alive, Ahmed emphasizes, requires forming new kinds of collectives. The book offers a systematic analysis of the methods used to stop complaints and a powerful and poetic meditation on what complaints can be used to do. Following a long lineage of Black feminist and feminist of color critiques of the university, Ahmed delivers a timely consideration of how institutional change becomes possible and why it is necessary.

Sara Ahmed is an independent scholar and author of What’s the Use?, Living a Feminist Life, and other books also published by Duke University Press.

Also by Sara Ahmed

What’s the Use?
On the Uses of Use
paper, $26.95/£20.99
978-1-4780-0650-3 / 2019

Living a Feminist Life
paper, $27.95/£20.99
978-0-8223-8319-4 / 2017

Willful Subjects
paper, $27.95/£20.99
978-0-8223-5783-4 / 2014
In this brilliant reading of one of the late twentieth century’s most interesting writers, language ‘messes with flesh’ while ‘logic messes with language,’ transmuting Kathy Acker’s sign-worlds into philosophy. I love the fearless way in which McKenzie Wark thinks. I also love the calm voice with which she walks herself (and us) through difficult spaces in theory and memory. Exploring how gender structures writing in ways related to, but ultimately different from, the norms that structure heterosexuality, Philosophy for Spiders radically expands the field of trans girl lit.”—SIANNE NGAI, author of Theory of the Gimmick: Aesthetic Judgment and Capitalist Form

“McKenzie Wark’s highly personal sex memoir evolves the growing ‘My Kathy’ genre in trans directions. This impassioned, reasonable, and subjective tribute makes more room for Kathy to live on as the future’s own creations.”—SARAH SCHULMAN, author of Let the Record Show: A Political History of Act Up New York, 1987–1993

It’s time to recognize Kathy Acker as one of the great postwar American writers. Over the decades readers have found a punk Acker, a feminist Acker, a queer Acker, a kink Acker, and an avant-garde Acker. In Philosophy for Spiders, McKenzie Wark adds a trans Acker. Wark recounts her memories of Acker (with whom she had a passionate affair) and gives a comprehensive reading of her published and archived works. Wark finds not just an inventive writer of fiction who pressed against the boundaries of gender, but a theorist whose comprehensive philosophy of life brings a conceptual intelligence to the everyday life of those usually excluded from philosophy’s purview. As Wark shows, Acker’s engagement with topics such as masturbation, sadism, body-building, and penetrative sex are central to her distinct phenomenology of the body that theorizes the body’s relation to others, the city, and technology.

McKenzie Wark is Professor of Media and Culture at Eugene Lang College at The New School and author of several books, including Sensoria: Thinkers for the Twenty-First Century, Reverse Cowgirl, and Capital is Dead: Is This Something Worse? Her correspondence with Kathy Acker was published as I’m Very Into You.


**Birthing Black Mothers**

JENNIFER C. NASH

“Viewing Black motherhood as a trending political site, Jennifer C. Nash boldly pushes Black feminists to reflect critically on their own embrace of crisis rhetoric that casts Black maternal bodies as mere symbols of state violence marked by suffering, trauma, and grief. While powerfully arguing we risk reproducing Black mothers as problems in need of intervention and relying on low-wage Black birthworkers to save them, Nash points to ways we can theorize new forms of Black maternal freedom that refuse confinement to a marketed crisis frame.”—DOROTHY ROBERTS, author of *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty*

“Investigating the fraught position in which Black mothers find themselves and the complex ways they engage with the discourse of crisis that is attached to them, *Birthing Black Mothers* will generate a wonderfully complex debate in Black feminism. The difficult conversations that Jennifer C. Nash’s arguments will incite are well worth the discomfort. This brilliant book is the most exciting piece of scholarship I have read this year.”—KHIARA M. BRIDGES, author of *The Poverty of Privacy Rights*

In *Birthing Black Mothers* Black feminist theorist Jennifer C. Nash examines how the figure of the “Black mother” has become a powerful political category. “Mothering while Black” has become synonymous with crisis as well as a site of cultural interest, empathy, fascination, and support. Cast as suffering and traumatized by their proximity to Black death—especially through medical racism and state-sanctioned police violence—Black mothers are often rendered as one-dimensional symbols of tragic heroism. In contrast, Nash examines Black mothers’ self-representations and public performances of motherhood—including Black doulas and breastfeeding advocates alongside celebrities such as Beyoncé, Serena Williams, and Michelle Obama—that are not rooted in loss. Through cultural critique and in-depth interviews, Nash acknowledges the complexities of Black motherhood outside its use as political currency. Throughout, Nash imagines a Black feminist project that refuses the lure of locating the precarity of Black life in women and instead invites readers to theorize, organize, and dream into being new modes of Black motherhood.

Jennifer C. Nash is Jean Fox O’Barr Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies at Duke University and author of *The Black Body in Ecstasy: Reading Race, Reading Pornography* and *Black Feminism Reimagined*, both also published by Duke University Press.

Also by Jennifer C. Nash

**Black Feminism Reimagined**

*After Intersectionality*

Paper, $24.95/£18.99  
978-1-4780-0059-4 / 2019

**The Black Body in Ecstasy**

*Reading Race, Reading Pornography*  
Paper, $25.95/£19.99  
978-0-8223-5820-2 / 2014
**Amkoullel, the Fula Boy**

**AMADOU HAMPATÉ BÂ**

Born in 1900 in French West Africa, Malian writer Amadou Hampâté Bâ was one of the towering figures in the literature of twentieth-century Francophone Africa. In *Amkoullel, the Fula Boy*, Bâ tells in striking detail the story of his youth, which was set against the aftermath of war between the Fula and Toucouleur peoples and the installation of French colonialism. A master storyteller, Bâ recounts pivotal moments of his life, and the lives of his powerful and large family, from his first encounter with the white Commandant through the torturous imprisonment of his stepfather to his forced attendance at French school. He also charts a larger story of life prior to and at the height of French colonialism: interethnic conflicts, the clash between colonial schools and Islamic education, and the central role indigenous African intermediaries and interpreters played in the functioning of the colonial administration. Engrossing and novelistic, *Amkoullel, the Fula Boy* is an unparalleled rendering of an individual and society under transition as they faced the upheavals of colonialism.

Amadou Hampâté Bâ (1900–1991) was one of the major intellectual and literary figures of twentieth-century Africa, as well as a colonial official and postcolonial diplomat. He is the author of the novel *The Fortunes of Wangrin* and numerous books in French.

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**A Black Intellectual’s Odyssey**

**FROM A PENNSYLVANIA MILLTOWN TO THE IVY LEAGUE**

**MARTIN KILSON**

With a foreword by CORNEL WEST and an afterword by STEFANO HARNEY and FRED MOTEN

“Martin Kilson taught me by example for nearly fifty years what it is to be a serious intellectual with one’s own voice, style, and temperament. My own odyssey is unimaginable without his.”

— CORNEL WEST, from the Foreword

In 1969, Martin Kilson became the first tenured African American professor at Harvard University, where he taught African and African American politics for over thirty years. In *A Black Intellectual’s Odyssey*, Kilson takes readers on a fascinating journey from his upbringing in the small Pennsylvania mill town of Ambler to his experiences attending Lincoln University—the country’s oldest HBCU—to pursuing graduate study at Harvard before becoming a faculty member there. He gives a sweeping sociological tour of Ambler as a multiethnic, working-class company town while sketching the social, economic, and racial elements that marked everyday life. While at Lincoln and during his graduate work at Harvard, Kilson observed how class, political, and racial dynamics influenced his peers’ political engagement, diverse career paths, and relationships with whites. Throughout his career, Kilson engaged in pioneering scholarship while mentoring countless students. This is as much a story of his travels from the racist margins of twentieth-century America to one of the nation’s most prestigious institutions as it is a portrait of the places that shaped him.

Martin Kilson (1931–2019) was Frank G. Thompson Professor of Government Emeritus at Harvard University. He wrote and edited several books, including *Transformation of the African American Intelligentsia, 1880–2012*. Cornel West is Dietrich Bonhoeffer Professor at Union Theological Seminary. Stefano Harney and Fred Moten are two of Martin Kilson’s many students. They are authors of *The Undercommons: Fugitive Planning and Black Study and All Incomplete*. 
**Toward Camden**

**MERCY ROMERO**

In *Toward Camden*, Mercy Romero writes about the relationships that make and sustain the largely African American and Puerto Rican Cramer Hill neighborhood in New Jersey where she grew up. She walks the city and writes outdoors to think about the collapse and transformation of property. She revisits lost and empty houses—her family’s house, the Walt Whitman House, and the landscape of a vacant lot. Throughout, Romero engages with the aesthetics of fragment and ruin; her writing juts against idioms of redevelopment. She resists narratives of the city that are inextricable from crime and decline and witnesses everyday lives lived at the intersection of spatial and Puerto Rican diasporic memory. *Toward Camden* travels between what official reports say and what the city’s vacant lots withhold.

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**Magical Habits**

**MONICA HUERTA**

“Magical Habits is as much a treasure trove as it is a book—full of surprises, glittering insights, lyrical vignettes, personal archives, political history, family lore, and brilliant literary critique.”

— *JUSTIN TORRES*

In *Magical Habits* Monica Huerta draws on her experiences growing up in her family’s Mexican restaurants and her life as a scholar of literature and culture to meditate on how relationships among self, place, race, and storytelling contend with both the afterlives of history and racial capitalism. Whether dwelling on mundane aspects of everyday life, such as the smell of old kitchen grease or grappling with the thorny, unsatisfying question of authenticity, Huerta stages a dynamic conversation among genres, voices, and archives: personal and critical essays exist alongside a fairy tale, photographs and restaurant menus complement fictional monologues based on her family’s history. Developing a new mode of criticism through storytelling, Huerta takes readers through Cook County courtrooms, the Cristero Rebellion (in which her great-grandfather was martyred by the Mexican government), Japanese baths in San Francisco—and a little bit about Chaucer too. Ultimately, Huerta sketches out habits of living while thinking that allow us to consider what it means to live with and try to peer beyond history even as we are caught up in the middle of it.

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Monica Huerta is Assistant Professor of English and American Studies at Princeton University.
Roadrunner
JOSHUA CLOVER

“Roadrunner is a wonderful book: unique, passionate, sardonic, and as intellectually playful as it is rigorous. It is thrilling to be in the presence of a writer realizing all of his gifts—and yet he, and the reader, never lose sight of the song or cease to hear it. In that sense, Joshua Clover has not only realized himself as a writer, he has realized the song.”—GREIL MARCUS, author of The History of Rock ’n’ Roll in Ten Songs

“Roadrunner is incisive, poetic, and full of life, a beautifully circuitous meditation that mirrors how obsessive music fandom feels. Joshua Clover is in his finest critical form here.”—JESSICA HOPPER, author of The First Collection of Criticism By A Living Female Rock Critic

Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers’ 1972 song “Roadrunner” captures the freedom and wonder of cruising down the highway late at night with the radio on. Although the song circles Boston’s beltway, its significance reaches far beyond Richman’s deceptively simple declarations of love for modern moonlight, the made world, and rock & roll. In Roadrunner, cultural theorist and poet Joshua Clover charts both the song’s emotional power and its elaborate history, tracing its place in popular music from Chuck Berry to M.I.A. He also locates “Roadrunner” at the intersection of car culture, industrialization, consumption, mobility, and politics. Like the song itself, Clover tells a story about a particular time and a place—the American era that rock & roll signifies—that becomes a story about love and the modern world.

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One song, one book, one series. Each book in the Singles series tells a complex story about a single song. Not just a lone track on an album, but a single: a song distributed to and heard by millions that creates a shared moment it is bound to outlive, revealing social fault lines in the process. These books combine popular culture and fandom with music criticism and scholarly research to ask how singles change lives, reshape perceptions, bring people together, and drive them apart. What is it about a single that can pry open a whole world? That can feel common to all and different for each? How can something so little mean so much? Singles offers insightful, provocative answers to these questions.
Diminished Faculties
A Political Phenomenology of Impairment
JONATHAN STERNE

“Offering a compelling account of the phenomenology of impairment, this fascinating, brilliant, and witty book will take disability studies in at least three new directions.”
—MICHAEL BÉRUBÉ, author of The Secret Life of Stories: From Don Quixote to Harry Potter, How Understanding Intellectual Disability Transforms the Way We Read

“In this intimate critical phenomenology, Jonathan Sterne shows us that the agential subject of disability studies is interpretive, nonstandard, somewhat unreliable, and nevertheless political. Diminished Faculties is at once an account of the lived experience of impairment and an inventory of what it can engender. Crip humor, technological hacks, imaginary archives, and material metaphors form the myriad registers of Sterne’s authorial voice.”—AIMI HAMRAIE, author of Building Access: Universal Design and the Politics of Disability

“With its capacious unpressured mode of being, theorizing, and storytelling, this profound book teaches us how to think and how to be.”—KATHLEEN STEWART, coauthor of The Hundreds

In Diminished Faculties Jonathan Sterne offers a sweeping cultural study and theorization of impairment. Drawing on his personal history with thyroid cancer and a paralyzed vocal cord, Sterne undertakes a political phenomenology of impairment in which experience is understood from the standpoint of a subject that is not fully able to account for itself. He conceives of impairment as a fundamental dimension of human experience, examining it as both political and physical. While some impairments are enshrined as normal in international standards, others are treated as causes or effects of illness or disability. Alongside his fractured account of experience, Sterne provides a tour of alternative vocal technologies and practices; a study of “normal” hearing loss as a cultural practice rather than a medical problem; and an intertwined history and phenomenology of fatigue that follows the concept as it careens from people, to materials science, to industrial management, to spoons. Sterne demonstrates how impairment is a problem, opportunity, and occasion for approaching larger questions about disability, subjectivity, power, technology, and experience in new ways. Diminished Faculties ends with a practical user’s guide to impairment theory.

Also by Jonathan Sterne

MP3
The Meaning of a Format
paper, $28.95/£21.99
978-0-8223-5287-7 / 2012

The Audible Past
Cultural Origins of Sound Reproduction
paper, $31.95/£23.99
978-0-8223-3013-4 / 2003

Jonathan Sterne is James McGill Professor, Department of Art History and Communications at McGill University, and author of MP3: The Meaning of a Format and The Audible Past: Cultural Origins of Sound Reproduction, both also published by Duke University Press, and editor of The Sound Studies Reader. He also makes music and other audio works. Visit his website at sterneworks.org.
Writings on Media
History of the Present
STUART HALL
Edited by CHARLOTTE BRUNSDON

“How refreshing and urgent to revisit Stuart Hall’s formative ideas about racism, identity, ideology, and media at the very moment that media has become such a contested site and source of ideological work. Hall’s searing and critical insights about what media does, how it works, and why it matters have never been as pressing as they are today. In our global and national media ecologies where disputes over facts, epistemological turmoil, fake news, and ideological rigidities are routine, Charlotte Brunsdon’s curated collection of Hall’s essays on the media is a remarkable and indispensable gift.”—HERMAN GRAY, Emeritus Professor of Sociology, University of California, Santa Cruz

“Stuart Hall revolutionized the critical study of media, positioning them—newspapers, photographs, television—as key sites of struggle over cultural meaning and power, and thus as central to the project of cultural studies. Above all, however, Hall did not just write about media, but used them prolifically as outlets for critical intervention in the world. This superb set of essays testifies to the uniquely powerful voice of one of the most important public intellectuals in postimperial Britain.”—IEN ANG, Distinguished Professor of Cultural Studies, Western Sydney University

Writings on Media gathers more than twenty of Stuart Hall’s media analyses, from scholarly essays such as “Encoding and Decoding” (1973) to other writings addressed to wider publics. Hall explores the practices of news photography, the development of media and cultural studies, the changing role of television, and how the nation imagines itself through popular media. He attends to Britain’s imperial history and the politics of race and cultural identity as well as the media’s relationship to the political project of the state. Testifying to the range and agility of Hall’s critical and pedagogic engagement with contemporary media culture—and also to his collaborative mode of working—this volume reaffirms his stature as an innovative media theorist while demonstrating the continuing relevance of his methods of analysis.

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Stuart Hall (1932–2014) was one of the most prominent and influential scholars and public intellectuals of his generation. Hall taught at the University of Birmingham and the Open University, was the founding editor of New Left Review, and was the author of Cultural Studies 1983: A Theoretical History, Familiar Stranger: A Life Between Two Islands, and other books also published by Duke University Press.

Charlotte Brunsdon is Professor of Film and Television Studies at the University of Warwick. Her most recent book is Television Cities: Paris, London, Baltimore, also published by Duke University Press.
There’s a Disco Ball Between Us
A Theory of Black Gay Life

JAFARI S. ALLEN

“There’s a disco ball between us is a timely and necessary account of what the period leading up to, during, and after the long shadow of the 1980s means for the current moment in Black queer world-making. At once poetic and playful, it pushes the boundaries of traditional scholarship, providing a methodology for analyzing Black queer culture. To use the vernacular of the ballroom children, folks are going to gag at its deft reads, melodic writing, and creative rendering of Black queer history.”—E. PATRICK JOHNSON, author of Honeypot: Black Southern Women Who Love Women

“In this innovative and generously envisioned book, Jafari S. Allen presents an unprecedented consideration of Black queerness as he weaves together a loving tapestry of Black feminist and Black queer theorists that spans half a century of critical work. Suffused with the ‘Blackfullness’ of queer love, loss, and world-making, There’s a Disco Ball Between Us is a lyrical, incisive, history-making, and paradigm shifting work.”—OMISE’EKE NATASHA TINSLEY, author of Ezili’s Mirrors: Imagining Black Queer Genders

In There’s A Disco Ball Between Us, Jafari S. Allen offers a sweeping and lively ethnographic and intellectual history of what he calls “Black gay habits of mind.” In conversational and lyrical language, Allen locates this sensibility as it emerged from radical Black lesbian activism and writing during the long 1980s. He traverses multiple temporalities and locations, drawing on research and fieldwork conducted across the globe, from Nairobi, London, and Paris to Toronto, Miami, and Trinidad and Tobago. In these locations and archives, Allen traces the genealogies of Black gay politics and cultures in the visual art, poetry, film, Black feminist theory, historiography, and activism of thinkers and artists such as Audre Lorde, Marsha P. Johnson, Essex Hemphill, Colin Robinson, Marlon Riggs, Pat Parker, and Joseph Beam. Throughout, Allen renarrates Black queer history while cultivating a Black gay method of thinking and writing. In so doing, he speaks to the urgent contemporary struggles for social justice while calling on Black studies to pursue scholarship, art, and policy derived from the lived experience and fantasies of Black people throughout the world.

Also by Jafari S. Allen

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Maroon Choreography
fahima ife

"An incredible tempest of a book."—FRED MOTEN

In Maroon Choreography fahima ife speculates on the long (im)material, ecological, and aesthetic afterlives of Black fugitivity. In three long-form poems and a lyrical essay, they examine Black fugitivity as an ongoing phenomenon we know little about beyond what history tells us. As both poet and scholar, ife unsettles the history and idea of Black fugitivity, troubling senses of historic knowing while moving inside the continuing afterlives of those people who disappeared themselves into rural spaces beyond the reach of slavery. At the same time, they interrogate how writing itself can be a fugitive practice and a means to find a way out of ongoing containment, indebtedness, surveillance, and ecological ruin. Offering a philosophical performance in Black study, ife prompts us to consider how we—in our study, in our mutual refusal, in our belatedness, in our habitual assemblage—linger beside the unknown.

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“Beyond This Narrow Now”
Or, Delimitations, of W. E. B. Du Bois
NAHUM DIMITRI CHANDLER

"As one of our master teachers, Chandler is at his best here."—HORTENSE J. SPILLERS

In “Beyond This Narrow Now” Nahum Dimitri Chandler shows that the premises of W. E. B. Du Bois's thinking at the turn to the twentieth century stand as fundamental references for the whole itinerary of his thought. Opening with a distinct approach to the legacy of Du Bois, Chandler proceeds through a series of close readings of Du Bois’s early essays, previously unpublished or seldom studied, with discrete annotations of The Souls of Black Folk: Essays and Sketches of 1903, elucidating and elaborating basic epistemological terms of his thought. With theoretical attention to how the African American stands as an example of possibility for Du Bois and renders problematic traditional ontological thought, Chandler also proposes that Du Bois's most well-known phrase—“the problem of the color line”—sustains more conceptual depth than has yet been understood, with pertinence for our accounts of modern systems of enslavement and imperial colonialism and the incipient moments of modern capitalization. Chandler’s work exemplifies a more profound engagement with Du Bois, demonstrating that he must be re-read, appreciated, and studied anew as a philosophical writer and thinker contemporary to our time.

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Couplets
Travels in Speculative Pragmatism

BRIAN MASSUMI

In *Couplets*, Brian Massumi presents twenty-four essays that represent the full spectrum of his work during the past thirty years. Conceived as a companion volume to *Parables for the Virtual*, *Couplets* addresses the key concepts of *Parables* from different angles and contextualizes them, allowing their stakes to be more fully felt. Rather than organizing the essays chronologically or by topic, Massumi pairs them into couplets to encourage readers to make connections across conventional subject matter categories, encounter disjunctions, and to link different phases in the evolution of his work. In his analyses of topics ranging from art, affect, and architecture to media theory, political theory, and the philosophy of experience, Massumi charts a field on which a family of conceptual problems plays out in ways that bear on the potentials for acting and perceiving the world. As an essential guide to Massumi’s oeuvre, *Couplets* is both a primer for his new readers and a supplemental resource for those already engaged with his thought.

THOUGHT IN THE ACT
A series edited by Erin Manning and Brian Massumi

Brian Massumi is a Canadian philosopher and social theorist, and until recently, Professor of Communication at the University of Montreal. He is the author of many books, including *Ontopower*, *The Power at the End of the Economy*, and *What Animals Teach Us about Politics*, all also published by Duke University Press.

Parables for the Virtual
Movement, Affect, Sensation
Twentieth Anniversary Edition with a new preface

BRIAN MASSUMI

Since its publication twenty years ago, Brian Massumi’s pioneering *Parables for the Virtual* has become an essential text for interdisciplinary scholars across the humanities. Massumi views the body and media such as television, film, and the Internet as cultural formations that operate on multiple registers of sensation. Renewing and assessing William James’s radical empiricism and Henri Bergson’s philosophy of perception through the filter of the postwar French philosophy of Deleuze, Guattari, and Foucault, Massumi links a cultural logic of variation to questions of movement, affect, and sensation. Replacing the traditional opposition of literal and figural with distinctions between stasis and motion and between actual and virtual, Massumi tackles related theoretical issues by applying them to cultural mediums as diverse as architecture, body art, the digital art of Stelarc, and Ronald Reagan’s acting career. The result is an intriguing combination of cultural theory, science, and philosophy that asserts itself in a crystalline and multifaceted argument. This twentieth anniversary edition includes a new preface in which Massumi situates the book in relation to developments since its publication and outlines the evolution of its main concepts. It also includes two short texts, “Keywords for Affect” and “Missed Conceptions about Affect.”

POST-CONTEMPORARY INTERVENTIONS
A series edited by Fredric Jameson, Roberto M. Dainotto, and Michael Hardt

Brian Massumi is a Canadian philosopher and social theorist, and until recently, Professor of Communication at the University of Montreal.
Between Gaia and Ground
Four Axioms of Existence and the Ancestral Catastrophe of Late Liberalism
ELIZABETH A. POVINELLI

In *Between Gaia and Ground* Elizabeth A. Povinelli theorizes the climatic, environmental, viral, and social catastrophe present as an ancestral catastrophe that Indigenous and colonized peoples have been suffering through for centuries. In this way, the violence and philosophies the West relies on now threatens the West itself. Engaging with the work of Glissant, Deleuze and Guattari, Cesaire, and Arendt, Povinelli highlights four axioms of existence—the entanglement of existence, the unequal distribution of power, the collapse of the event as essential to political thought, and the legacies of racial and colonial histories. She traces these axioms’ inspiration in anticolonial struggles against the dispossession and extraction that have ruined the lived conditions for many on the planet. By examining the dynamic and unfolding forms of late liberal violence, Povinelli attends to a vital set of questions about changing environmental conditions, the legacies of violence, and the limits of inherited western social theory. *Between Gaia and Ground* also includes a glossary of the keywords and concepts that Povinelli has developed throughout her work.

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Multisituated
Ethnography as Diasporic Praxis
KAUSHIK SUNDER RAJAN

In *Multisituated* Kaushik Sunder Rajan evaluates the promises and potentials of multisited ethnography in light of contemporary debates around decolonizing anthropology and the university. He observes that at the current moment, anthropology is increasingly peopled by diasporic students and researchers, all of whom are accountable to multiple communities beyond the discipline. In this light, Sunder Rajan draws on his pedagogical experience and dialogues to reconceptualize ethnography as a multisituated practice of knowledge production, ethical interlocution, and political intervention. Such a multisituated ethnography responds to contemporary anthropology’s myriad commitments as it privileges attention to questions of scale, comparison, and the politics of ethnographic encounters. Foregrounding the conditions of possibility and difficulty for those doing and teaching ethnography in the twenty-first century, Sunder Rajan gestures toward an ethos and praxis of ethnography that would open new forms of engagement and research.

Kaushik Sunder Rajan is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago and author of *Pharmacocracy: Value, Politics, and Knowledge in Global Biomedicine*, *Lively Capital: Biotechnologies, Ethics, and Governance in Global Markets*, and *Biocapital: The Constitution of Postgenomic Life*, all also published by Duke University Press.
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**Media Hot and Cold**

**NICOLE STAROSIELSKI**

In *Media Hot and Cold* Nicole Starosielski examines the cultural dimensions of temperature to theorize the ways heat and cold can be used as a means of communication, subjugation, and control. Diving into the history of thermal media, from infrared cameras to thermostats to torture sweatboxes, Starosielski explores the many meanings and messages of temperature. During the twentieth century, heat and cold were broadcast through mass thermal media. Today, digital thermal media such as bodily air conditioners offer personalized forms of thermal communication and comfort. Although these new media promise to help mitigate the uneven effects of climate change, Starosielski shows how they can operate as a form of biopower by determining who has the ability to control their own thermal environment. In this way, thermal media can enact thermal violence in ways that reinforce racialized, colonial, gendered, and sexualized hierarchies. By outlining how the control of temperature reveals power relations, Starosielski offers a framework to better understand the dramatic transformations of hot and cold media in the twenty-first century.

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Stories That Make History
Mexico through Elena Poniatowska’s Crónicas
LYNN STEPHEN

From covering the massacre of students at Tlatelolco in 1968 and the 1985 earthquake to the Zapatista rebellion in 1994 and the disappearance of forty-three students in 2014, Elena Poniatowska has been one of the most important chroniclers of Mexican social, cultural, and political life. In Stories That Make History, Lynn Stephen examines Poniatowska’s writing, activism, and political participation, using them as a lens through which to understand critical moments in contemporary Mexican history. Through her crónicas—narrative journalism written in a literary style featuring first-hand testimonies—Poniatowska told the stories of Mexico’s most marginalized people. Throughout, Stephen shows how Poniatowska helped shape Mexican politics and forge a multigenerational political community committed to social justice. In so doing, she presents a biographical and intellectual history of one of Mexico’s most cherished writers and a unique history of modern Mexico.

Lynn Stephen is Philip H. Knight Chair, Distinguished Professor of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Anthropology, and graduate faculty in Indigenous, Race, and Ethnic Studies at the University of Oregon. She is the author or editor of fourteen books, including We Are the Face of Oaxaca: Testimony and Social Movements, also published by Duke University Press, and most recently coeditor of Indigenous Women and Violence: Feminist Activist Research in Heightened States of Injustice.

Policing Protest
The Post-Democratic State and the Figure of Black Insurrection
PAUL A. PASSAVANT

“This book affected me like a good shot of whiskey. Complex, bracing, needed.”
—LESTER K. SPENCE

In Policing Protest Paul A. Passavant explores how the policing of protest in the United States has become increasingly hostile since the late 1990s, moving away from strategies that protect protesters toward militaristic practices designed to suppress protests. He identifies reactions to three interrelated crises that converged to institutionalize this new mode of policing: the political mobilization of marginalized social groups in the Civil Rights era that led to a perceived crisis of democracy, the urban fiscal crisis of the 1970s, and a crime crisis that was associated with protests and civil disobedience of the 1960s. As Passavant demonstrates, these reactions are all haunted by the figure of Black insurrection, which continues to shape policing of protest and surveillance, notably in response to the Black Lives Matter movement. Ultimately, Passavant argues, this trend of violent policing strategies against protesters is evidence of the emergence of a post-democratic state in the United States.

GLOBAL AND INSURGENT LEGALITIES
A series edited by Eve Darian-Smith and Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller

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Whiteness Interrupted
White Teachers and Racial Identity in Predominantly Black Schools
MARCUS BELL

In *Whiteness Interrupted* Marcus Bell presents a revealing portrait of white teachers in majority Black schools in which he examines the limitations of understandings of how white racial identity is formed. Through in-depth interviews with dozens of white teachers from a racially segregated, urban school district in Upstate New York, Bell outlines how whiteness is constructed based on localized interactions and takes a different form in predominantly Black spaces. He finds that in response to racial stress in a difficult teaching environment, white teachers conceptualized whiteness as a stigmatized category predicated on white victimization. When discussing race outside Black majority spaces, Bell’s subjects characterized American society as postracial, in which race seldom affects outcomes. Conversely, in discussing their experiences within predominantly Black spaces, they rejected the idea of white privilege, often angrily, and instead focused on what they saw as the racial privilege of Blackness. Throughout, Bell underscores the significance of white victimization narratives in Black spaces and their repercussions as the United States becomes a majority-minority society.

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Hawai‘i Is My Haven
Race and Indigeneity in the Black Pacific
NITASHA TAMAR SHARMA

*Hawai‘i Is My Haven* maps the context and contours of Black life in the Hawaiian Islands. This ethnography emerges from a decade of fieldwork with both Hawai‘i-raised Black locals and Black transplants who moved to the Islands from North America, Africa, and the Caribbean. Nitasha Tamar Sharma highlights the paradox of Hawai‘i as a multiracial paradise and site of unacknowledged anti-Black racism. While Black culture is ubiquitous here, African-descended people seem invisible. In this formerly sovereign nation structured neither by the US Black/White binary nor the one drop rule, non-White multiracials, including Black Hawaiians and Black Koreans, illustrate the coarticulation and limits of race and the native/settler divide. Despite erasure and racism, nonmilitary Black residents consider Hawai‘i their haven, describing it as a place to “breathe” that offers the possibility of becoming local. Sharma’s analysis of race, indigeneity, and Asian settler colonialism shifts North American debates in Black and Native studies to the Black Pacific. *Hawai‘i Is My Haven* illustrates what the Pacific offers members of the African diaspora and how they in turn illuminate race and racism in “paradise.”

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Trouillot Remixed
The Michel-Rolph Trouillot Reader

MICHEL-ROLPH TROUILLOT
Edited by YARIMAR BONILLA, GREG BECKETT, and MAYANTHI L. FERNANDO

“To begin from Trouillot is to reconstitute all, to reimagine all.”—CHRISTINA SHARPE

Throughout his career, the internationally renowned Haitian anthropologist Michel-Rolph Trouillot unsettled key concepts in anthropology, history, postcolonial studies, Black studies, Caribbean studies, and beyond. From his early critique of the West to the ongoing challenges he leveled at disciplinary and intellectual boundaries and formations, Trouillot centered the Caribbean as a site both foundational to the development of Western thought and critical to its undoing. Trouillot Remixed offers a representative cross-section of his work that includes his most famous writings as well as lesser-known and harder to find pieces essential to his oeuvre. Encouraging readers to engage with Trouillot's scholarship in new ways, this collection demonstrates the breadth of his writing, his enduring influence on Caribbean studies, and his relevance to politically engaged scholarship more broadly.

Michel-Rolph Trouillot (1949–2012) was Professor of Anthropology and Social Sciences at the University of Chicago and the author of several books, including Global Transformations: Anthropology and the Modern World and Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History. Yarimar Bonilla is Professor of Africana, Puerto Rican, and Latino Studies at Hunter College, and Professor of Anthropology at The Graduate Center at the City University of New York. Greg Beckett is Associate Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Western University. Mayanthi L. Fernando is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Plantation Life
Corporate Occupation in Indonesia’s Oil Palm Zone

TANIA MURRAY LI and PUJO SEMEDI

In Plantation Life Tania Murray Li and Pujo Semedi examine the structure and governance of contemporary palm oil plantations in Indonesia, which supply fifty percent of the world’s palm oil. They attend to the exploitative nature of plantation life, wherein villagers’ well-being is sacrificed in the name of economic development. While plantations are often plagued by ruined ecologies, injury among workers, and a devastating loss of livelihoods for former landholders, small-scale independent farmers produce palm oil more efficiently with far less damage to life and land. Li and Semedi theorize “corporate occupation” to underscore how massive forms of capitalist production and control over the palm oil industry replicate colonial-style relations that undermine citizenship. In so doing, they question the assumption that corporations are necessary for rural development, contending that the dominance of plantations stems from a political system that privileges corporations.

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Decay
GHASSAN HAGE, editor

“Decay encourages anthropologists to examine entropy and the tendency toward disorder as a new way of thinking about social change, persistence, and relationality.”—ELIZABETH A. POVINELLI

In thirteen sharp essays, the contributors to Decay attend to the processes and experiences of symbolic and material decay in a variety of sociopolitical contexts across the globe. They examine decay in its myriad manifestations—biological, physical, organizational, moral, political, personal, and social—and in its numerous contexts—colonialism and imperialism, government and the state, racism, the environment, and infrastructure. The volume’s topics are wide in scope, ranging from the discourse of social decay in contemporary Australian settler colonialism and the ways infrastructures both create and experience decay to cultural decay in the aftermath of the Sri Lankan civil war and the relations between individual, institutional, and societal decay in an American high security prison. By using decay as a problematic and expounding its mechanisms, conditions, and temporalities, the contributors provide a nuanced and rigorous way to more fully grapple with the exigencies of the current sociopolitical moment.

Contributors
Cameo Dalley, Peter D. Dwyer, Akhil Gupta, Ghassan Hage, Michael Herzfeld, Elise Klein, Bart Klem, Tamara Kohn, Michael Main, Fabio Mattioli, Debra McDougall, Monica Minnegal, Violeta Schubert

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Terror Capitalism
Uyghur Dispossession and Masculinity in a Chinese City
DARREN BYLER

In Terror Capitalism anthropologist Darren Byler theorizes the contemporary Chinese colonization of the Uyghur Muslim minority group in the northwest autonomous region of Xinjiang. He shows that the mass detention of over one million Uyghurs in “reeducation camps” is part of processes of resource extraction in Uyghur lands that have led to what he calls terror capitalism—a configuration of ethnoracialization, surveillance, and mass detention that in this case promotes settler colonialism. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork in the regional capital Ürümchi, Byler shows how media infrastructures, the state’s enforcement of “Chinese” cultural values, and the influx of Han Chinese settlers contribute to Uyghur dispossession and their expulsion from the city. He particularly attends to the experiences of young Uyghur men—who are the primary target of state violence—and how they develop masculinities and homosocial friendships to protect themselves against gendered, ethnoracial, and economic violence. By tracing the political and economic stakes of Uyghur colonization, Byler demonstrates that state-directed capitalist dispossession is co-constructed with a colonial relation of domination.

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Healing at the Periphery
Ethnographies of Tibetan Medicine in India

LAURENT PORDIÉ and STEPHAN KLOOS, editors

India has long occupied an important place in Tibetan medicine’s history and development. However, Indian Himalayan practitioners of Tibetan medicine, or amchi, have largely remained overlooked at the Tibetan medical periphery, despite playing a central social and medical role in their communities. Power and legitimacy, religion and economic development, biomedical encounters and Indian geopolitics all intersect in the work and identities of contemporary Himalayan amchi. This volume examines the crucial moment of crisis and transformation that occurred in the early 2000s to offer insights into the beginnings of Tibetan medicine’s professionalization, industrialization, and official recognition in India and elsewhere. Based on fine-grained ethnographic studies in Ladakh, Zanskar, Sikkim, and the Darjeeling Hills, Healing at the Periphery asks how the dynamics of capitalism, social change, and the encounter with biomedicine affect small communities on the fringes of modern India; and, conversely, what local transformations of Tibetan medicine tell us about contemporary society and health care in the Himalayas and the Tibetan world.

Contributors: Florian Besch, Calum Blaikie, Sienna R. Craig, Barbara Gerke, Isabelle Guérin, Kim Gutschow, Pascale Hancart Petitet, Stephan Kloos, Fernanda Pirie, Laurent Pordié

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At the Limits of Cure

BHARAT JAYRAM VENKAT

Can a history of cure be more than a history of how disease comes to an end? In 1950s Madras, an international team of researchers demonstrated that antibiotics were effective in treating tuberculosis. But just half a century later, reports out of Mumbai stoked fears about the spread of totally drug-resistant strains of the disease. Had the curable become incurable? Through an anthropological history of tuberculosis treatment in India, Bharat Jayram Venkat examines what it means to be cured, and what it means for a cure to come undone. At the Limits of Cure tells a story that stretches from the colonial period—a time of sanatoria, travel cures, and gold therapy—into a postcolonial present marked by antibiotic miracles and their failures. Venkat juxtaposes the unraveling of cure across a variety of sites: in idyllic hill stations and crowded prisons, aboard ships and on the battlefield, and through research trials and clinical encounters. If cure is frequently taken as an ending (of illness, treatment, and suffering more generally), Venkat provides a foundation for imagining cure otherwise in a world of fading antibiotic efficacy.

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Reimagining Social Medicine from the South
ABIGAIL H. NEELY

In Reimagining Social Medicine from the South, Abigail H. Neely explores social medicine’s possibilities and limitations at one of its most important origin sites: the Pholela Community Health Centre (pCHC) in South Africa. The pCHC’s focus on medical and social factors of health yielded remarkable success. And yet, South Africa’s systemic racial inequality hindered health center work and witchcraft illnesses challenged a program rooted in the sciences. To understand Pholela’s successes and failures, Neely interrogates the “social” in social medicine. She makes clear that the social sciences the pCHC used failed to account for the roles that Pholela’s residents and their environment played in the development and success of its program. At the same time, the pCHC’s reliance on biomedicine prevented it from recognizing the impact of witchcraft illnesses and the social relationships they emerged from on health. By rewriting the story of social medicine from Pholela, Neely challenges global health practitioners to recognize the multiple worlds and actors that shape health and healing in Africa and beyond.

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Collective Biologies
Healing Social Ills through Sexual Health Research in Mexico
EMILY A. WENTZELL

In Collective Biologies, Emily A. Wentzell uses sexual health research participation as a case study for investigating the use of individual health behaviors to aid groups facing crisis and change. Wentzell analyzes couples’ experiences of a longitudinal study of HPV occurrence in men in Cuernavaca, Mexico. She observes how their experiences reflected Mexican cultural understandings of group belonging through categories like family and race. For instance, partners drew on collective rather than individualistic understandings of biology to hope that men’s performance of “modern” masculinities, marriage, and healthcare via HPV research would aid groups ranging from church congregations to the Mexican populace. Thus, Wentzell challenges the common regulatory view of medical research participation as an individual pursuit. Instead, she demonstrates that medical research is a daily life arena which people might use for fixing embodied societal problems. By identifying forms of group interconnectedness as “collective biologies,” Wentzell investigates how people can use their own actions to enhance collective health and well-being in ways that neoliberal emphasis on individuality obscures.

Emily A. Wentzell is Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Iowa, author of Maturing Masculinities: Aging, Chronic Illness, and Viagra in Mexico, and coeditor of Medical Anthropology at the Intersections: Histories, Activisms, and Futures, both also published by Duke University Press.
Subversive Archaism
Troubling Traditionalists and the Politics of National Heritage
MICHAEL HERZFELD

In Subversive Archaism, Michael Herzfeld explores how individuals and communities living at the margins of the modern nation-state use nationalist discourses of tradition to challenge state authority under both democratic and authoritarian governments. Through close attention to the claims and experiences of mountain shepherds in Greece and urban slum dwellers in Thailand, Herzfeld shows how these subversive archaists draw on national histories and past polities to claim legitimacy for their defiance of bureaucratic authority. Although vilified by government authorities as remote, primitive, or dangerous—often as preemptive justification for violent repression—these groups are not revolutionaries and do not reject national identity, but they do question the equation of state with nation. Herzfeld explores the political strengths and vulnerabilities of their deployment of heritage and the weaknesses they expose in the bureaucratic and ethnonational state in an era of accelerated globalization.

THE LEWIS HENRY MORGAN LECTURES
A series edited by Robert J. Foster and Daniel R. Reichman

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Loss and Wonder at the World’s End
LAURA A. OGDEN

“A masterful, inspiring, wholly original work.”—KATHLEEN STEWART

In Loss and Wonder at the World’s End, Laura A. Ogden brings together animals, people, and things—from beavers, stolen photographs, lichen, American explorers, and bird song—to catalog the ways environmental change and colonial history are entangled in the Fuegian Archipelago of southernmost Chile and Argentina. Repeated algal blooms have closed fisheries in the archipelago. Glaciers are in retreat. Extractive industries such as commercial forestry, natural gas production, and salmon farming along with the introduction of non-native species are rapidly transforming assemblages of life. Ogden archives forms of loss—including territory, language, sovereignty, and life itself—as well as forms of wonder, or moments when life continues to flourish even in the ruins of these devastations. Her account draws on long-term ethnographic research with settler and Indigenous communities; archival photographs; explorer journals; as well as experiments in natural history and performance studies. Loss and Wonder at the World’s End frames environmental change as imperialism’s shadow, a darkness cast upon the Earth in the wake of other losses.

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Anthropology, Film Industries, Modularity
RAMYAR D. ROSSOUKH and STEVEN C. CATON, editors

From Bangladesh and Hong Kong to Iran and South Africa, film industries around the world are rapidly growing at a time when new digital technologies are fundamentally changing how films are made and viewed. Larger film industries like Bollywood and Nollywood aim to attain Hollywood’s audience and profitability while smaller, less commercial, and often state-funded enterprises support various cultural and political projects. The contributors to Anthropology, Film Industries, Modularity take an ethnographic and comparative approach to capturing the diversity and growth of global film industries. They outline how modularity—the specialized filmmaking tasks that collectively produce a film—operates as a key feature in every film industry independent of local context. Whether examining the process of dubbing Hollywood films into Hindi, virtual reality filmmaking in South Africa, or on-location shooting in Yemen, the contributors’ anthropological methodology brings into relief both the universal practices and the local contingencies and deeper cultural realities of film production in new ways.

Contributors
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See How We Roll
Enduring Exile between Desert and Urban Australia
MELINDA HINKSON

In See How We Roll Melinda Hinkson follows the experiences of Nungarrayi, a Warlpiri woman from the central Australian desert, as she struggles to establish a new life for herself in the city of Adelaide. Banished from her hometown, on the urban streets Nungarrayi energetically navigates promises of transformation as well as sedimented racialized expectations. Drawing on a decades-long friendship, Hinkson explores these circumstances through Nungarrayi’s relationships: those between her country and kin that sustain and confound life beyond the desert, those that regulate her marginalized citizenship, as well as the new friendships called out by displacement and metropolitan life. An intimate ethnography, See How We Roll provides great insight into the enduring violence of the settler colonial state while illuminating the efforts of Indigenous people to create lives of dignity and shared purpose in the face of turbulence, grief, and tightening governmental controls.

GLOBAL INSECURITIES
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A Mass Conspiracy to Feed People
Food Not Bombs and the World-Class Waste of Global Cities
DAVID BOARDER GILES

In A Mass Conspiracy to Feed People, David Boarder Giles explores the ways in which capitalism simultaneously manufactures waste and scarcity. Illustrating how communities of marginalized people and discarded things gather and cultivate political possibilities, Giles documents the work of Food Not Bombs (FNB), a global movement of grassroots soup kitchens that recover wasted grocery surpluses and redistribute them to those in need. He explores FNB’s urban contexts: the global cities in which late-capitalist economies and unsustainable consumption precipitate excess, inequality, food waste, and hunger. Beginning in urban dumpsters, Giles traces the logic by which perfectly edible commodities are nonetheless thrown out—an act that manufactures food scarcity—to the social order of “world-class” cities and the pathways of discarded food as it circulates through the FNB kitchen and the anticapitalist political movements it represents. Describing the mutual entanglement of global capitalism and anticapitalist transgression, Giles captures those emergent forms of generosity, solidarity, and resistance that spring from the global city’s marginalized residents.

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Black Gathering
Art, Ecology, Ungiven Life
SARAH JANE CERVENAK

In Black Gathering Sarah Jane Cervenak engages with Black artists and writers who create alternative spaces for Black people to gather free from interruption or regulation. Drawing together Black feminist theory, critical theories of ecology and ecoaesthetics, and Black aesthetics, Cervenak shows how novelists, poets, and visual artists such as Gayl Jones, Toni Morrison, Clementine Hunter, Samiya Bashir, and Leonardo Drew advance an ecological imagination that unsettles Western philosophical ideas of the earth as given to man. In their aestheticization and conceptualization of gathering, these artists investigate the relationships between art, the environment, home, and forms of Black togetherness. Cervenak argues that by offering a formal and conceptual praxis of gathering, Black artists imagine liberation and alternative ways of being in the world that exist beyond those Enlightenment philosophies that presume Black people and earth as given to enclosure and ownership.

Sarah Jane Cervenak is Associate Professor of Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and of African American and African Diaspora Studies at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. She is the author of Wandering: Philosophical Performances of Racial and Sexual Freedom, also published by Duke University Press.
To Make Negro Literature
Writing, Literary Practice, and African American Authorship
ELIZABETH McHENRY

In To Make Negro Literature Elizabeth McHenry traces African American authorship in the decade following the 1896 legalization of segregation. She shifts critical focus from the published texts of acclaimed writers to unfamiliar practitioners, whose works reflect the unsettledness of African American letters in this period. Analyzing literary projects that were unpublished, unsuccessful, or only partially achieved, McHenry recovers a hidden genealogy of Black literature as having emerged tentatively, laboriously, and unevenly. She locates this history in books sold by subscription, in lists and bibliographies of African American authors and books assembled at the turn of the century, in the act of ghostwriting, and in manuscripts submitted to publishers for consideration and the letters of introduction that accompanied them. By attending to these sites and prioritizing overlooked archives, McHenry reveals a radically different literary landscape, revising concepts of Black authorship and offering a fresh account of the development of “Negro literature” focused on the never published, the barely read, and the unconventional.

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No One’s Witness
A Monstrous Poetics
RACHEL ZOLF

 “[This book] shows in brilliant and moving ways how language must change to come close to registering the living aftermath of destruction.” — JUDITH BUTLER

In No One’s Witness Rachel Zolf activates the last three lines of a poem by Jewish Nazi holocaust survivor Paul Celan—“No one / bears witness for the / witness”—to theorize the poetics and im/possibility of witnessing. Drawing on Black studies, continental philosophy, queer theory, experimental poetics, and work by several writers and artists, Zolf asks what it means to witness from the excessive, incalculable position of No One. In a fragmentary and recursive style that enacts the monstrous speech it pursues, No One’s Witness demonstrates the necessity of confronting the Nazi holocaust in relation to transatlantic slavery and its afterlives. Thinking along with Black feminist theory’s notions of entangled swarm, field, plenum, chorus, No One’s Witness interrogates the limits and thresholds of witnessing, its dangerous perhaps. No One operates outside the bounds of the sovereign individual, hauntologically informed by the fleshly no-thingness that has been historically ascribed to Blackness and that Blackness enacts within, apposite to, and beyond No One. No One bears witness to becomings beyond comprehension, making and unmaking monstrous forms of entangled future anterior life.

BLACK OUTDOORS
Innovations in the Poetics of Study
A series edited by J. Kameron Carter and Sarah Jane Cervenak

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**Interplay of Things**  
Religion, Art, and Presence Together  
**ANTHONY B. PINN**

In *Interplay of Things* Anthony B. Pinn theorizes religion as a technology for interrogating human experiences and the boundaries between people and other things. Rather than considering religion in terms of institutions, doctrines, and creeds, Pinn shows how religion exposes the openness and porousness of all things and how they are always involved in processes of exchange and interplay. Pinn examines work by Nella Larsen and Richard Wright that illustrates an openness between things and traces how pop art and readymades point to the multidirectional nature of influence. He also shows how Ron Athey’s and Clifford Owens’ performance art draws out inherent interconnectedness to various cultural codes in ways that reveal the symbiotic relationship between art and religion as a technology. Theorizing that antiblack racism and gender- and class-based hostility constitute efforts to close off the porous nature of certain bodies, Pinn shows how many artists have rebelled against these attempts to counter openness. His analyses offer a means with which to understand the porous, unbounded, and open nature of humans and things.

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**Embodying Black Religions in Africa and Its Diasporas**

**YOLANDA COVINGTON-WARD and JEANETTE S. JOUILI**, editors

The contributors to *Embodying Black Religions in Africa and Its Diasporas* investigate the complex intersections between the body, religious expression, and the construction and transformation of social relationships and political and economic power. Among other topics, the essays examine the dynamics of religious and racial identity among Brazilian Neo-Pentecostals, the significance of cloth coverings in Islamic practice in northern Nigeria, the ethics of socially engaged hip hop lyrics by Black Muslim artists in Britain, ritual dance performances among Mama Tchamba devotees in Togo, and how Ifá practitioners from Mexico, Colombia, Venezuela, Trinidad, and the United States join together in a shared spiritual ethnicity. From possession and spirit-induced trembling to dance, the contributors outline how embodied religious practices are central to expressing and shaping interiority and spiritual lives, national and ethnic belonging, ways of knowing and techniques of healing, and sexual and gender politics. In this way, the body is a crucial site of religiously motivated social action for people of African descent.


**RELIGIOUS CULTURES OF AFRICAN AND AFRICAN DIASPORA PEOPLE**  
A series edited by Jacob K. Olupona, Dianne M. Stewart, and Terrence L. Johnson

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Moving Home
Gender, Place, and Travel Writing in the Early Black Atlantic
SANDRA GUNNING

In *Moving Home*, Sandra Gunning examines nineteenth-century African diasporic travel writing to expand and complicate understandings of the Black Atlantic. Gunning draws on the writing of missionaries, abolitionists, entrepreneurs, and explorers whose work challenges the assumptions that travel writing is primarily associated with leisure or scientific research. For instance, Yoruba ex-slave turned Anglican bishop Samuel Ajayi Crowther played a role in the Christianization of colonial Nigeria. Sarah Forbes Bonetta, a formerly enslaved girl gifted to Queen Victoria, traveled the African colonies as the wife of a prominent colonial figure and at the protection of her benefactress. Alongside Nancy Gardiner Prince, Martin R. Delany, Robert Campbell, and others, these writers used their mobility as African diasporic and colonial subjects to explore the Atlantic world and beyond while they negotiated the complex intersections between nation and empire. Rather than categorizing them as merely precursors of Pan-Africanist traditions, Gunning traces their successes and frustrations to capture a sense of the historical and geographical specificities that shaped their careers.

NEXT WAVE
*New Directions in Women’s Studies*
A series edited by Caren Kaplan, Inderpal Grewal, and Robyn Wiegman

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Suspicion
Vaccines, Hesitancy, and the Affective Politics of Protection in Barbados
NICOLE CHARLES

In 2014 Barbados introduced a vaccine to prevent certain strains of the human papillomavirus (HPV) and reduce the risk of cervical cancer in young women. Despite the disproportionate burden of cervical cancer in the Caribbean, many Afro-Barbadians chose not to immunize their daughters. In *Suspicion*, Nicole Charles reframes Afro-Barbadian vaccine refusal from a question of hesitancy to one of suspicion. Drawing on ethnographic fieldwork, Black feminist theory, transnational feminist studies and science and technology studies, Charles foregrounds Afro-Barbadians’ gut feelings, emotions, and the lingering trauma of colonial and biopolitical violence. She shows that far from being an irrational act, suspicion is a fraught and generative affective orientation grounded in concrete histories of government mistrust and coercive medical practices on colonized peoples. By contextualizing suspicion within these longer cultural and political histories, Charles troubles traditional narratives of vaccine hesitancy while offering new entry points into discussions on racialized biopolitics, neocolonialism, care, affect, and biomedicine across the Black diaspora.

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Speaking for the People
Native Writing and the Question of Political Form
MARK RIFKIN

In Speaking for the People, Mark Rifkin examines nineteenth-century Native writings to reframe contemporary debates around Indigenous recognition, refusal, and resurgence. Rifkin shows how works by Native authors (William Apess, Elias Boudinot, Sarah Winnemucca, and Zitkala-Ša) illustrate the intellectual labor involved in representing modes of Indigenous political identity and placemaking. These writers highlight the complex processes involved in negotiating the character, contours, and scope of Indigenous sovereignties under ongoing colonial occupation. Rifkin argues that attending to these writers’ engagements with non-native publics helps provide further analytical tools for addressing the complexities of Indigenous governance on the ground—both then and now. Thinking about Native peoplehood and politics as a matter of form opens possibilities for addressing the difficult work involved in navigating among varied possibilities for conceptualizing and enacting peoplehood in the context of continuing settler intervention. As Rifkin demonstrates, attending to writings by these Indigenous intellectuals provides ways of understanding Native governance as a matter of deliberation, discussion, and debate, emphasizing the open-ended unfinishedness of self-determination.

Mark Rifkin is Professor of English and Women’s, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of North Carolina, Greensboro. He is the author of several books, including Fictions of Land and Flesh: Blackness, Indigeneity, Speculation and Beyond Settler Time: Temporal Sovereignty and Indigenous Self-Determination, both also published by Duke University Press.

Life-Destroying Diagrams
EUGENIE BRINKEMA

In Life-Destroying Diagrams, Eugenie Brinkema brings the insights of her radical formalism to bear on supremely risky terrain: the ethical extremes of horror and love. Through close readings of works of film, literature, and philosophy, she explores how diagrams, grids, charts, lists, abecedaria, toroids, tempos, patterns, colors, negative space, lengths, increments, and thresholds attest to formal logics of torture and cruelty, violence and finitude, friendship and eros, debt and care. Beginning with a wholesale rethinking of the affect of horror, orienting it away from entrenched models of feeling toward impersonal schemes and structures, Brinkema moves outward to consider the relation between objects and affects, humiliation and metaphysics, genre and the general, bodily destruction and aesthetic generation, geometry and scenography, hatred and value, love and measurement, and, ultimately, the tensions, hazards, and speculative promise of formalism itself. Replete with etymological meditations, performative typography, and lyrical digressions, Life-Destroying Diagrams is at once a model of reading without guarantee and a series of generative experiments in the writing of aesthetic theory.

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Bigger Than Life
The Close-Up and Scale in the Cinema
MARY ANN DOANE

In *Bigger Than Life* Mary Ann Doane examines how the scalar operations of cinema, especially those of the close-up, disturb and reconfigure the spectator’s sense of place, space, and orientation. Doane traces the history of scalar transformations from early cinema to the contemporary use of digital technology. In the early years of cinema, audiences regarded the monumental close-up, particularly of the face, as grotesque and often horrifying, even as it sought to expose a character’s interiority through its magnification of detail and expression. Today, large-scale technologies such as IMAX and sound surround strive to dissolve the cinematic frame and invade the spectator’s space, “immersing” them in image and sound. The notion of immersion, Doane contends, is symptomatic of a crisis of location in technologically mediated space and a reconceptualization of position, scale, and distance. In this way, cinematic scale and its modes of spatialization and despatialization have shaped the modern subject, interpolating them into the incessant expansion of commodification.

Mary Ann Doane is Class of 1937 Professor of Film and Media at the University of California, Berkeley and author of *The Emergence of Cinematic Time: Modernity, Contingency, the Archive* and *Femmes Fatales: Feminism, Film Theory, Psychoanalysis*.

How Do We Look?
Resisting Visual Biopolitics
FATIMAH TOBING RONY

In *How Do We Look?* Fatimah Tobing Rony draws on transnational images of Indonesian women as a way to theorize what she calls visual biopolitics—the ways visual representation determines which lives are made to matter more than others. Rony outlines the mechanisms of visual biopolitics by examining Paul Gauguin’s 1893 portrait of Annah la Javanaise—a trafficked thirteen-year-old girl found wandering the streets of Paris—as well as US ethnographic and documentary films. In each instance, the figure of the Indonesian woman is inextricably tied to discourses of primitivism, savagery, colonialism, exoticism, and genocide. Rony also focuses on acts of resistance to visual biopolitics in film, writing, and photography. These works, such as Rachmi Diyah Larasati’s *The Dance that Makes You Vanish*, Vincent Monnikendam’s *Mother Dao* and the collaborative films of Nia Dinata, challenge the naturalized methods of seeing that justify exploitation, dehumanization, and early death of people of color. By theorizing the mechanisms of visual biopolitics, Rony elucidates both its violence and its vulnerability.

A CAMERA OBSCURA BOOK

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On Living with Television
AMY HOLDSWORTH

In On Living with Television, Amy Holdsworth examines the characteristics of intimacy, familiarity, repetition, and duration that have come to exemplify the medium. Drawing on feminist television studies, queer theory, and disability studies as well as autobiographical life-writing practices, Holdsworth shows how television shapes everyday activities, from eating and sleeping to driving and homemaking. Recounting her own life with television, she offers a sense of the joys and pleasures Disney videos brought to her disabled sister, traces how bedtime television becomes part of a daily routine between child and caregiver, explores her own relationship to binge-eating and binge-viewing, and considers the idea of home through the BBC family drama Last Tango in Halifax. By foregrounding the ways in which television structures our relationships, daily routines, and sense of time, Holdsworth demonstrates how television emerges as a potent vehicle through which to write about life.
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**Saturation**
An Elemental Politics

**MELODY JUE** and **RAFICO RUIZ**, editors

The contributors to *Saturation* develop saturation as a heuristic to analyze phenomena in which the elements involved are difficult or impossible to separate. In ordinary language, saturation describes the condition of being thoroughly soaked, while in chemistry it is the threshold at which something can be maximally dissolved or absorbed in a solution. Contributors to this collection expand notions of saturation beyond water to consider saturation in sound, infrastructure, media, Big Data, capitalism, and visual culture. Essays include analyses of the thresholds of HIV detectability in bloodwork, militarism’s saturation of oceans, and the deleterious effects of the saturation of cellphone and Wi-Fi signals into the human body. By channeling saturation to explore the relationship between media, the environment, technology, capital, and the legacies of settler colonialism, *Saturation* illuminates how the relations and interactions between elements, the natural world, and anthropogenic infrastructures, politics, and processes exist in and through each other.

**Contributors** Marija Cetinić, Jeff Diamanti, Bishnupriya Ghosh, Lisa Yin Han, Stefan Helmreich, Mél Hogan, Melody Jue, Rahul Mukherjee, Max Ritts, Rafico Ruiz, Bhaskar Sarkar, John Shiga, Avery Slater, Janet Walker, Joanna Zylinska

**ELEMENTS**
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**Assembly Codes**
The Logistics of Media

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With a Foreword by **JOHN DURHAM PETERS**

The contributors to *Assembly Codes* examine how media and logistics set the conditions for the circulation of information and culture. They document how logistics—the techniques of organizing and coordinating the movement of materials, bodies, and information—has substantially impacted the production, distribution, and consumption of media. At the same time, physical media, such as paperwork, along with media technologies ranging from phone systems to software are central to the operation of logistics. The contributors interrogate topics ranging from the logistics of film production and the construction of internet infrastructure to the environmental impact of the creation, distribution, and sale of vinyl records. In charting the specific points of contact, dependence, and friction between media and logistics, *Assembly Codes* demonstrates that media and logistics are co-constitutive and that one cannot be understood apart from the other.

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Nervous Systems
Art, Systems, and Politics since the 1960s
JOHANNA GOSSE and TIMOTHY STOTT, editors

The contributors to Nervous Systems reassess contemporary artists’ and critics’ engagement with social, political, biological, and other systems as a set of complex and relational parts: an approach commonly known as systems thinking. Demonstrating the continuing relevance of systems aesthetics within contemporary art, the contributors highlight the ways that artists adopt systems thinking to address political, social, and ecological anxieties. They cover a wide range of artists and topics, from the performances of the Argentinian collective the Rosario Group and the grid drawings of Charles Gaines to the video art of Singaporean artist Charles Lim and the mapping of global logistics infrastructures by contemporary artists like Hito Steyerl and Christoph Büchel. Together, the essays offer an expanded understanding of systems aesthetics in ways that affirm its importance beyond technological applications detached from cultural contexts.


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Art as Information Ecology
Artworks, Artworlds, and Complex Systems Aesthetics
JASON A. HOELSCHER

In Art as Information Ecology, Jason A. Hoelscher offers not only an information theory of art, but an aesthetic theory of information. Applying close readings of the information theories of Claude Shannon and Gilbert Simondon to 1960s American art, Hoelscher proposes that art is information in its aesthetic or indeterminate mode—information oriented less toward answers and resolvability than toward questions, irresolvability, and sustained difference. These irresolvable differences, Hoelscher demonstrates, fuel the richness of aesthetic experience by which viewers glean new information and insight from an artwork with each encounter. In this way, art constitutes information that remains in formation, as a difference that makes a difference that keeps on differencing. Considering the artwork of Frank Stella, Robert Morris, Adrian Piper, the Drop City commune, Eva Hesse, and others, Hoelscher finds that art exists within an information ecology of complex feedback between artwork and artworld, driven by the unfolding of difference. By charting how information in its aesthetic mode can exist beyond today’s strictly quantifiable and monetizable forms, Hoelscher reconceives our understanding of how artworks work and how information operates.

THOUGHT IN THE ACT
A series edited by Erin Manning and Brian Massumi

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Warring Visions
Photography and Vietnam

THY PHU

In Warring Visions, Thy Phu explores photography from dispersed communities throughout Vietnam and the Vietnamese diaspora, both during and after the Vietnam War, to complicate narratives of conflict and memory. While the visual history of the Vietnam War has been dominated by American documentaries and war photography, Phu turns to photographs circulated by the Vietnamese themselves, capturing a range of subjects, occasions, and perspectives. Phu’s concept of warring visions refers to contrasts in the use of war photos in North Vietnam, which highlighted national liberation and aligned itself with an international audience, and those in South Vietnam, which focused on family and everyday survival. Phu also uses warring visions to enlarge the category of war photography, a genre that usually consists of images illustrating the immediacy of combat and the spectacle of violence, pain, and wounded bodies. She pushes this genre beyond such definitions by analyzing pictures of family life, weddings, and other quotidian scenes of life during the war. Phu thus expands our understanding of how war is waged, experienced, and resolved.

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Becoming Palestine
Toward an Archival Imagination of the Future

GIL Z. HOCHBERG

In Becoming Palestine, Gil Z. Hochberg examines how contemporary Palestinian artists, filmmakers, dancers, and activists use the archive in order to radically imagine Palestine’s future. She shows how artists such as Jumana Manna, Kamal Aljafari, Larissa Sansour, Farah Saleh, Basel Abbas, and Ruanna Abou-Rahme reimagine the archive, approaching it not through the desire to unearth hidden knowledge, but to sever the identification of the archive with the past. In their use of archaeology, musical traditions, and archival film and cinematic footage, these artists imagine a Palestinian future unbounded from colonial space and time. By urging readers to think about archives as a break from history rather than as history’s repository, Hochberg presents a fundamental reconceptualization of the archive’s liberatory potential.

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**Domestic Contradictions**
Race and Gendered Citizenship from Reconstruction to Welfare Reform

PRIYA KANDASWAMY

In *Domestic Contradictions*, Priya Kandaswamy analyzes how race, class, gender, and sexuality shaped welfare practices in the United States alongside the conflicting demands that this system imposed upon Black women. She turns to an often-neglected moment in welfare history, the advent of the Freedmen’s Bureau during Reconstruction, and highlights important parallels with welfare reform in the late twentieth century. Kandaswamy demonstrates continuity between the figures of the “vagrant” and “welfare queen” in these time periods, both of which targeted Black women. These constructs upheld gendered constructions of domesticity while defining Black women’s citizenship in terms of an obligation to work rather than a right to public resources. Pushing back against this history, Kandaswamy illustrates how the Black female body came to represent a series of interconnected dangers—to white citizenship, heteropatriarchy, and capitalist ideals of productivity—and how a desire to curb these threats drove state policy. Challenging dominant feminist historiographies, Kandaswamy builds on Black feminist and queer of color critiques to situate the gendered afterlife of slavery as central to the historical development of the welfare state.

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**Transnational Feminist Itineraries**
Situating Theory and Activist Practice

ASHWINI TAMBE and MILLIE THAYER, editors

*Transnational Feminist Itineraries* brings together scholars and activists from multiple continents to demonstrate the ongoing importance of transnational feminist theory in challenging neoliberal globalization and the rise of authoritarian nationalisms around the world. The contributors illuminate transnational feminism’s unique constellation of elements: its specific mode of thinking across scales; its historical understanding of identity categories; and its expansive imagining of solidarity based on difference rather than similarity. Contesting the idea that transnational feminism works in opposition to other approaches—especially intersectional and decolonial feminisms—this volume instead argues for their complementarity. Throughout, the contributors call for reaching across social, ideological, and geographical boundaries to better confront the growing reach of nationalism, authoritarianism, and religious and economic fundamentalism.

Contributors: Mary Bernstein, Isabel Maria Cortesão Casimiro, Rafael de la Dehesa, Carmen L. Díaz Alba, Inderpal Grewal, Cricket Keating, Amy Lind, Laura L. Lovett, Kathryn Moeller, Nancy A. Naples, Jennifer C. Nash, Amrita Pande, Srilakshmi Roy, Cara K. Snyder, Ashwini Tambe, Millie Thayer, Catarina Casimiro Trindade

NEXT WAVE
New Directions in Women’s Studies
A series edited by Caren Kaplan, Inderpal Grewal, and Robyn Wiegman

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Transnational Feminist Approaches to Anti-Muslim Racism
SHERENE H. RAZACK and ZEYNEP K. KORKMAN, issue editors
A special issue of Meridians: feminism, race, transnationalism

This special issue advances transnational feminist approaches to the globally proliferating phenomenon of anti-Muslim racism. The contributors trace the global circuits and formations of power through which anti-Muslim racism travels, operates, and shapes local contexts. The essays center attention on and explore the gendered, sexualized, and racialized forms of anti-Muslim oppression and resistance in modern social theory, law, protest cultures, social media, art, and everyday life in the United States and transnationally. The contributors illuminate the complex nature of global anti-Muslim racism through various topics including Islamophobia in the context of race, gender, and religion; hate crimes; the sexualization of Islam in social media; queer Muslim futurism; the connection between secularism and feminism in Pakistan; the racialization of Muslims in the early Cold War period; and anti-Muslim racism in Russia. Together the essays provide a complex picture of the multifaceted nature of the worldwide spread of anti-Muslim racism.

Contributors

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The Work of Rape
RANA M. JALEEL

In The Work of Rape Rana M. Jaleel argues that the redefinition of sexual violence within international law as a war crime, crime against humanity, and genocide owes a disturbing and unacknowledged debt to power and knowledge achieved from racial, imperial, and settler-colonial domination. Prioritizing critiques of racial capitalism from women of color, Indigenous, queer, trans, and global South perspectives, Jaleel reorients how violence is socially defined and distributed through legal definitions of rape. From Cold War conflicts in Latin America, the 1990s ethnic wars in Rwanda and Yugoslavia, and the War on Terror to ongoing debates about sexual assault on college campuses, Jaleel considers how legal and social iterations of rape and the terms that define it—consent, force, coercion—are unstable indexes and abstractions of social difference that mediate racial and colonial positionalities. Jaleel traces how post-Cold War orders of global security and governance simultaneously transform the meaning of sexualized violence, extend US empire, and disavow legacies of enslavement, Indigenous dispossession, and racialized violence within the United States.

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In *Nature’s Wild*, Andil Gosine engages with questions of humanism, queer theory, and animality to examine and revise understandings of queer desire in the Caribbean. Surveying colonial law, visual art practices, and contemporary activism, Gosine shows how the very concept of homosexuality in the Caribbean (and in the Americas more broadly) has been overdetermined by a colonially influenced human/animal divide. Gosine refutes this presupposed binary and embraces animality through a series of case studies: a homoerotic game called *puhgah*, the institution of gender-based dress codes in Guyana, efforts toward the decriminalization of sodomy in Trinidad and Tobago—including the work of famed activist Colin Robinson, paintings of human animality by Guadeloupean artist Kelly Sinnapah Mary, and Gosine’s own artistic practice. In so doing, he troubles the ways in which individual and collective anxieties about “wild natures” have shaped the existence of Caribbean people while calling for a reassessment of what political liberation might look like.
Sexology and Its Afterlives
JOAN LUBIN and JEANNE VACCARO, issue editors
A special issue of Social Text

As a field of study, sexology emerged in the nineteenth century, bringing together academics, non-medical professionals, and reformers in Europe and North America who sought to systematically study human sexuality and sexual behavior. The field reached its peak in the postwar United States in projects like the Kinsey Reports before gradually being discredited and fading from public consciousness. The contributors to this special issue engage with the contemporary material and aesthetic detritus of the sexological project and ask how the remnants of its history persist to the present. Using a variety of interdisciplinary approaches, they critique the way sexology embedded bodily difference in public policy and infrastructure. The contributors show how Blackness disrupts visual representations of female pleasure, articulate an aesthetics of trans-madness, and reflect on the broader implications of sex segregation in public toilets.

Contributors Lucas Crawford, Jina B. Kim, Joan Lubin, Amber Musser, Susan Stryker, Jeanne Vaccaro

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Reading Sex Work
HEATHER BERG, issue editor
A special issue of the South Atlantic Quarterly

In this special issue, contributors theorize sexual labor as both work and a site of labor resistance and transformation. Rather than critiquing sex work itself, they consider what scholars of migration, sexuality, digital labor, and service work can learn from sex workers' interventions into their own conditions, including critical insights into power and control, gendered labor, and collective organizing. They critique the introduction of respectability politics into sex worker activism; study the insights of Black trans women sex workers into labor and the pleasures it affords; and explore erotic labor as an escape from work that leads the way to an antiwork politics of refusal and community care. Contributors to this issue highlight sex workers' own production of knowledge for navigating racial capitalism, state violence, and economic precarity.

Contributors femi babylon, Camille Barbagallo, Heather Berg, Thaddeus Blanchette, Vanessa Carlisle, Julian Glover, Kate Hardy, Annie McClanahan, Gregory Mitchell, Jon-David Settell, Svatl Shah, Jayne Swift

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Making Women Pay
Microfinance in Urban India
SMITHA RADHAKRISHNAN

In *Making Women Pay*, Smitha Radhakrishnan explores India’s microfinance industry, which in the last two decades has come to saturate the everyday lives of women in the name of state-led efforts to promote financial inclusion and women’s empowerment. Despite this favorable language, she argues, microfinance in India does not provide a market-oriented development intervention, even though it may appear to help women borrowers. Rather, this commercial industry seeks to extract the maximum value from its customers through exploitative relationships that benefit especially class-privileged men. Through ethnography, interviews, and historical analysis, Radhakrishnan demonstrates how the unpaid and underpaid labor of marginalized women borrowers ensures both profitability and symbolic legitimacy for microfinance institutions, their employees, and their leaders. In doing so, she centralizes gender in the study of microfinance, reveals why most microfinance programs target women, and explores the exploitative implications of this targeting.

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Atmospheres of Violence
Structuring Antagonism and the Trans/Queer Ungovernable
ERIC A. STANLEY

“Stanley’s queer and trans stories rise beyond assimilation, honoring our gorgeous survival and refusals as resistance.”—TOURMALINE

Advances in LGBTQ rights in the recent past—marriage equality, the repeal of Don’t Ask Don’t Tell, and the expansion of hate crimes legislation—have been accompanied by a rise in attacks against trans, queer and/or gender-nonconforming people of color. In *Atmospheres of Violence*, theorist and organizer Eric A. Stanley shows how this seeming contradiction reveals the central role of racialized and gendered violence in the United States. Rather than suggesting that such violence is evidence of individual phobias, Stanley shows how it is a structuring antagonism in our social world. Drawing on an archive of suicide notes, AIDS activist histories, surveillance tapes, and prison interviews, they offer a theory of anti-trans/queer violence in which inclusion and recognition are forms of harm rather than remedies to it. In calling for trans/queer organizing and worldmaking beyond these forms, Stanley points to abolitionist ways of life that might offer livable futures.

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Poetic Operations
Trans of Color Art in Digital Media
micha cárdenas

“In this beautifully written book, micha cárdenas directs us to look at how the algorithm, as analytic and praxis, holds the possibility of trans of color survival. Deftly moving across numerous geographies, texts, and fields of inquiry, Poetic Operations is a bold contribution to trans of color studies.”—C. RILEY SNORTON, author of Black on Both Sides: A Racial History of Trans Identity

“micha cárdenas’ powerful new work extends intersectionality as a mode for understanding the relationships between race, class, gender identity, sexual orientation, disability, and other axes of power, oppression, and resistance. Doing important theoretical and analytical work in its analysis of trans of color media arts practice, Poetic Operations will be useful for those working in media studies, digital studies, trans studies, and art history, as well as anyone interested in interrogating power.”—SASHA COSTANZA-CHOCK, author of Design Justice: Community-Led Practices to Build the Worlds We Need

In Poetic Operations artist and theorist micha cárdenas considers contemporary digital media, artwork, and poetry in order to articulate trans of color strategies of safety and survival. Drawing on decolonial theory, women of color feminism, media theory, and queer of color critique, cárdenas develops a method she calls algorithmic analysis. Understanding algorithms as sets of instructions designed to perform specific tasks (like a recipe), she breaks them into their component parts, called operations. By focusing on these operations, cárdenas identifies how trans and gender nonconforming artists, especially artists of color, rewrite algorithms to counter violence and develop strategies for liberation. In her analyses of Giuseppe Campuzano’s holographic art, Esdras Parra’s and Kai Cheng Thom’s poetry, Mattie Brice’s digital games, Janelle Monáe’s music videos, and her own artistic practice, cárdenas shows how algorithmic analysis provides new modes of understanding the complex processes of identity and oppression and the intersection of gender, sexuality, and race.

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ASTERISK is a book series that takes transgender studies beyond transgender—and beyond gender—as its privileged object of analysis. In focusing on the conceptual and methodological operations signaled by the prefix trans- and its grammatical capacity to attach to innumerable suffixed terms, ASTERISK puts transgender into conversation with whatever can come after trans-. It places particular emphasis on articulating transness with other modes of embodiment that are marginalized through racialization, attribution of disability, and the ascription of a less than human status. At the same time, ASTERISK foregrounds a trans perspective that too often falls between the cracks of contemporary queer and feminist frameworks.
The Ruse of Repair
US Neoliberal Empire and the Turn from Critique
PATRICIA STUELKE

“[Stuelke’s] examination of the rise of US neoliberal empire in the 1970s and 1980s . . . is sui generis and eye-opening.”—DAVID L. ENG

Since the 1990s, literary and queer studies scholars have eschewed Marxist and Foucauldian critique and hailed the reparative mode of criticism as a more humane and humble way of approaching literature and culture. The reparative turn has traveled far beyond the academy, influencing how people imagine justice, solidarity, and social change. In The Ruse of Repair, Patricia Stuelke locates the reparative turn’s hidden history in the failed struggle against US empire and neoliberal capitalism in the 1970s and 1980s. She shows how feminist, antiracist, and anti-imperialist liberation movements’ visions of connection across difference, practices of self care, and other reparative modes of artistic and cultural production have unintentionally reinforced forms of neoliberal governance. At the same time, the US government and military, universities, and other institutions have appropriated and depoliticized these same techniques to sidestep addressing structural racism and imperialism in more substantive ways. In tracing the reparative turn’s complicated and fraught genealogy, Stuelke questions reparative criticism’s efficacy in ways that will prompt critics to reevaluate their own reading practices.

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Disaffected
The Cultural Politics of Unfeeling in Nineteenth-Century America
XINE YAO

In Disaffected Xine Yao explores the racial and sexual politics of unfeeling—affects that are not recognized as feeling—as a means of survival and refusal in nineteenth-century America. She positions unfeeling beyond sentimentalism’s paradigm of universal feeling. Yao traces how works by Herman Melville, Martin Delany, Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Frances Ellen Watkins Harper, and Sui Sin Far engaged major sociopolitical issues in ways that resisted the weaponization of white sentimentalism against the lives of people of color. Exploring variously pathologized, racialized, queer, and gendered affective modes like unsympathetic Blackness, queer female frigidity, and Oriental inscrutability, these authors departed from the values that undergird the politics of recognition and the liberal project of inclusion. By theorizing feeling otherwise as an antisocial affect, form of dissent, and mode of care, Yao suggests that unfeeling can serve as a contemporary political strategy for people of color to survive in the face of continuing racism and white fragility.

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**Adorno’s Aesthetic Theory at Fifty**
**PETER E. GORDON**, issue editor

A special issue of *New German Critique: An Interdisciplinary Journal of German Studies*

It has been fifty years since Theodor Adorno’s *Aesthetic Theory* was first published in 1970, a year after his death. The work appeared at a historical moment when political tension on the left was at its height and the movements of pop art and postmodernism began eclipsing the modernist aesthetic values Adorno cherished. *Aesthetic Theory* was met with initial resistance, in part because its aesthetic criteria appeared antiquated. This issue reckons with the dialectical complexity of this often misunderstood and misinterpreted work. Essay topics include the metaphysics of landscapes, the potential of film as a medium for social critique, Adorno’s conception of the spiritual in art, and a nuanced reading of his polemic against Oswald Spengler’s *Decline of the West*. Bringing together philosophers, art historians, musicologists, and literary theorists, this issue shows that *Aesthetic Theory* still has lessons that extend beyond disciplinary bounds.

*Contributors*  J. M. Bernstein, Hent de Vries, Peter E. Gordon, Eva Geulen, Martin Jay, Sherry Lee, Max Pensky, with two additional essays on Adorno by Mikko Immanen and Ricardo Samaniego de la Fuente

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**The Deconstruction of Sex**
**JEAN-LUC NANCY** and **IRVING GOH**

With an afterword by **CLaire Colebrook**

In *The Deconstruction of Sex*, Jean-Luc Nancy and Irving Goh discuss how a deconstructive approach to sex helps us negotiate discourses about sex and foster a better understanding of how sex complicates our everyday existence in the age of MeToo. Throughout their conversation, Nancy and Goh engage with topics ranging from relation, penetration, and subjection to touch, erotics, and jouissance. They show how despite being entrenched in social norms and central to our being-in-the-world, sex lacks a clearly defined essence. At the same time, they point to the potentiality of literature to inscribe the senses of sex. In so doing, Nancy and Goh prompt us to reconsider our relations to ourselves and others through sex in more sensitive, respectful, and humble ways without bracketing the troubling aspects of sex.

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The Lettered Barriada
Workers, Archival Power, and the Politics of Knowledge in Puerto Rico

JORELL A. MELÉNDEZ-BADILLO

In *The Lettered Barriada*, Jorell A. Meléndez-Badillo tells the story of how a cluster of self-educated workers burst into Puerto Rico’s world of letters and navigated the colonial polity that emerged out of the 1898 US occupation. They did so by asserting themselves as citizens, producers of their own historical narratives, and learned minds. Disregarded by most of Puerto Rico’s intellectual elite, these workers engaged in dialogue with international peers and imagined themselves as part of a global community. They also entered the world of politics through the creation of the Socialist Party, which became an electoral force in the first half of the twentieth century. Meléndez-Badillo shows how those workers produced, negotiated, and deployed powerful discourses that eventually shaped Puerto Rico’s national mythology. By following those ragtag intellectuals as they became politicians and statesmen, Meléndez-Badillo also demonstrates how they engaged in racial and gender silencing, epistemic violence, and historical erasures in the fringes of society. Ultimately, *The Lettered Barriada* is about the politics of knowledge production and the tensions between working-class intellectuals and the state.

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Cocaine
From Coca Fields to the Streets

ENRIQUE DESMOND ARIAS and THOMAS GRISAFFI, editors

The contributors to *Cocaine* analyze the contemporary production, transit, and consumption of cocaine throughout Latin America and the illicit economy’s entanglement with local communities. Based on in-depth interviews and archival research, these essays examine how government agents, acting both within and outside the law, and criminal actors seek to manage the flow of illicit drugs to both maintain order and earn profits. Whether discussing the moral economy of coca cultivation in Bolivia, criminal organizations and drug traffickers in Mexico, or the routes cocaine takes as it travels into and through Guatemala, the contributors demonstrate how entire ways of life are built around cocaine commodification. They consider how the authority of state actors is coupled with the self-regulating practices of drug producers, traffickers, and dealers, complicating notions of governance and of the relationships between economic and moral economies. The collection also outlines a more progressive drug policy that acknowledges the important role drugs play in the lives of those at the urban and rural margins.


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**Unintended Lessons of Revolution**
Student Teachers and Political Radicalism in Twentieth-Century Mexico

**TANALÍS PADILLA**

In the 1920s, Mexico established normales rurales—boarding schools that trained teachers in a new nation-building project. Drawn from campesino ranks and meant to cultivate state allegiance, their graduates would facilitate land distribution, organize civic festivals, and promote hygiene campaigns. In *Unintended Lessons of Revolution*, Tanalís Padilla traces the history of the normales rurales, showing how they became sites of radical politics. As Padilla demonstrates, the popular longings that drove the Mexican Revolution permeated these schools. By the 1930s, ideas about land reform, education for the poor, community leadership, and socialism shaped their institutional logic. Over the coming decades, the tensions between state consolidation and revolutionary justice produced a telling contradiction: the very schools meant to constitute a loyal citizenry became hubs of radicalization against a government that increasingly abandoned its commitment to social justice. Crafting a story of struggle and state repression, Padilla illuminates education’s radical possibilities and the nature of political consciousness for youths whose changing identity—from campesinos, to students, to teachers—speaks to Mexico’s twentieth-century transformations.

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**Hegemonic Mimicry**
Korean Popular Culture of the Twenty-First Century

**KYUNG HYUN KIM**

In *Hegemonic Mimicry*, Kyung Hyun Kim considers the recent global success of Korean popular culture—the Korean wave of pop music, cinema, and television also known as hallyu—from a transnational and transcultural perspective. Using the concept of mimicry to think through hallyu’s adaptation of American sensibilities and genres, he shows how the commercialization of Korean popular culture has upended the familiar dynamic of major-to-minor cultural influence, enabling hallyu to become a dominant global cultural phenomenon. At the same time, its worldwide popularity has rendered its Korean-ness opaque. Kim argues that Korean cultural subjectivity over the past two decades is one steeped in ethnic rather than national identity. Explaining how South Korea leapt over the linguistic and cultural walls surrounding a supposedly “minor” culture to achieve global ascendance, Kim positions K-pop, Korean cinema and television serials, and even electronics as transformative acts of reappropriation that have created a hegemonic global ethnic identity.

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In the Event of Women
TANI BARLOW

In the Event of Women outlines the stakes of what Tani Barlow calls “the event of women.” Focusing on the era of the late nineteenth century through the mid-twentieth century Cultural Revolution, Barlow shows that an event is a politically inspired action to install a newly discovered truth, in this case the mammal origins of human social evolution. Highbrow and lowbrow social theory circulating in Chinese urban print media placed humanity’s origin story in relation to commercial capital’s modern advertising industry and the conclusion that women’s liberation involved selling, buying, and advertising industrial commodities. The political struggle over how the truth of women in China would be performed and understood, Barlow shows, means in part that an event of women was likely global because its truth is vested in biology and physiology. In so doing, she reveals the ways in which historical universals are effected in places where truth claims are not usually sought. This book reconsiders Alain Badiou’s concept of the event; particularly the question of whose political moment marks newly discovered truths.

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Newborn Socialist Things

Laurence Coderre

Contemporary China is seen as a place of widespread commodification and consumerism, while the Maoist Cultural Revolution that preceded it is typically understood as a time when goods were scarce and the state criticized what little consumption was possible. Indeed, with the exception of the likeness and words of Mao Zedong, the media and material culture of the Cultural Revolution are often characterized as a void out of which the postsocialist world of commodity consumption miraculously sprang fully formed. In Newborn Socialist Things, Laurence Coderre explores the material culture of the Cultural Revolution to show how it paved the way for commodification in contemporary China. Examining objects ranging from retail counters and porcelain statuettes to textbooks and vanity mirrors, she shows how the project of building socialism in China has always been intimately bound up with consumption. By focusing on these objects—or “newborn socialist things”—along with the Cultural Revolution’s media environment, discourses of materiality, and political economy, Coderre reconfigures understandings of the origins of present-day China.

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The Maoism of PRC History
Against Dominant Trends in Anglophone Academia
AMINDA SMITH and FABIO LANZA, issue editors
A special issue of positions: asia critique

Contributors to this special issue investigate the current state of People’s Republic of China (PRC) history, positing that the methods Anglophone, non-Chinese scholars have developed and deployed over the last several decades led to important misreadings of the historical record. The contributors argue that Chinese people have, from the rise and fall of Maoist ideology to the subsequent post-disillusionment era, produced political subjectivities and revolutionary upheavals that challenged traditional societal and pedagogical systems. Therefore, producing better scholarship requires taking seriously the way PRC history is necessarily and profoundly political. Essay topics include the unattainable and unfilled aspirations that Maoism engendered, the problems that mark the practice of PRC history to this day, and the ideological approach that frames both how we read Mao-era sources and understand Maoist politics in general. Other topics include how US academia writes the history of the PRC—especially with the problematic dominance of social scientific methods—and the differences between labor in Maoist China and labor under capitalism.

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A Fictional Commons
Natsume Sōseki and the Properties of Modern Literature
MICHAEL K. BOURDAGHS

Modernity arrived in Japan, as elsewhere, through new forms of ownership. In A Fictional Commons, Michael K. Bourdaghs explores how the literary and theoretical works of Natsume Sōseki (1867–1916), widely celebrated as Japan’s greatest modern novelist, exploited the contradictions and ambiguities that haunted this new system. Many of his works feature narratives about inheritance, thievery, and the struggle to obtain or preserve material wealth, while also imagining alternative ways of owning and sharing. For Sōseki, literature was a means for thinking through—and beyond—private property. Bourdaghs puts Sōseki into dialogue with thinkers from his own era (including William James and Mizuno Rentarō, author of Japan’s first copyright law) and discusses how his work anticipates such theorists as Karatani Kōjin and Franco Moretti. As Bourdaghs shows, Sōseki both appropriated and rejected concepts of ownership and subjectivity in ways that theorized literature as a critical response to the emergence of global capitalism.

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Arbitrage—the trading practice that involves buying assets in one market at a cheap price and immediately selling them in another market for a profit—is fundamental to financial trading and economic understandings of how financial markets function. Because traders complete transactions quickly and use other people’s money, arbitrage is considered to be riskless. Yet, despite the rhetoric of riskless trading, the arbitrage in mortgage-backed securities led to the 2008 financial crisis. In *Capturing Finance* Carolyn Hardin offers a new way of understanding arbitrage as a means for capturing value in financial capitalism. She shows how arbitrage relies on a system of abstract domination built around risk. The commonsense beliefs that taking on debt is necessary for affording everyday life and that investing is necessary to secure retirement income compel individuals to assume risk while financial institutions amass profits. Hardin insists that mitigating financial capitalism’s worst consequences, such as perpetuating class and racial inequities, requires challenging the narratives that naturalize risk as a necessary element of financial capitalism as well as social life writ large.

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**Capturing Finance**

Arbitrage and Social Domination

**CAROLYN HARDIN**

“This brilliant and beautifully written book sets a new standard for the social study of finance.”

—ARJUN APPADURAI

Viapolitics

Borders, Migration, and the Power of Locomotion

**WILLIAM WALTERS, CHARLES HELLER,**
and **LORENZO PEZZANI,** editors

Vehicles, their infrastructures, and the environments they traverse are fundamental to the movement of migrants and states’ attempts to govern them. This volume’s contributors use the concept of viapolitics to name and foreground this contested entanglement and examine the politics of migration and bordering across a range of sites. They show how these elements constitute a key site of knowledge and struggle in migratory processes and offer a privileged vantage point from which to interrogate practices of mobility and systems of control in their deeper histories and wider geographic connections. This transdisciplinary group of scholars explores a set of empirically rich and diverse cases: from the Spanish and European authorities’ attempts to control migrants’ entire trajectories to infrastructures of escort of Indonesian labor migrants; from deportation train cars in the 1920s United States to contemporary stowaways at sea; from illegalized migrants walking across treacherous Alpine mountain passes to aerial geographies of deportation. Throughout, *Viapolitics* interrogates anew the phenomenon called “migration,” questioning how different forms of contentious mobility are experienced, policed, and contested.

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The Nature of Space
MILTON SANTOS
Translated by BRENDA BALETTI with an introduction by SUSANNA HECHT

"Milton Santos is one of the most distinguished intellectuals of our epoch."—SASKIA SASSEN

In The Nature of Space, pioneering Afro-Brazilian geographer Milton Santos attends to globalization writ large and how local and global orders intersect in the construction of space. Santos offers a theory of human space based on relationships between time and ontology. He argues that when geographers consider the inseparability of time and space, they can then transcend fragmented realities and partial truths without trying to theorize their way around them. Based on these premises, Santos examines the role of space, which he defines as indissoluble systems of objects and systems of actions in social processes, while providing a geographic contribution to the production of a critical social theory.

The Infrastructure of Emergency
STEPHANIE FOOTE, JOHN LEVI BARNARD, JESSICA HURLEY, and JEFFREY INSKO, issue editors

A special issue of American Literature

Contributors to this special issue explore the ways literature and literary studies contribute to historical understandings and imagined futures of infrastructure under conditions of planetary ecological emergency. Focusing particularly on the infrastructures of empire and capital, as well as the local and global environmental ramifications of their historical unfolding, the authors consider the roles that literature can play in the theorization of infrastructure. The issue covers how settler capitalism has shaped the infrastructural transformation of the continent, from the settler colonial project of the nineteenth century to “transform dirt into infrastructure” to the deep entanglement of ecological emergency with the arrival of the internet in the United States. The issue also focuses on the intersections of infrastructure with the ongoing emergencies of racial oppression. It covers topics ranging from an emergent formal technique in contemporary African American fiction called “geomemory”—where the racial emergencies of the present are revealed to be the result of still-active infrastructures of the plantation—to the conglomeration of the buildings, laws, institutions, and capital markets that constitute the US healthcare system.

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Big, Ambitious Novels by Twenty-First-Century Women, Parts 1 and 2

COURTNEY JACOBS and JAMES ZEIGLER, issue editors

In a 2000 review of Zadie Smith’s White Teeth, critic James Wood dismissed the genre of “big, ambitious novels”—which he claimed were too dense with information to express any authentic feeling—as “hysterical realism.” The contributors to these special issues take Wood’s derisive claims as a rallying cry to examine encyclopedic or maximalist novels by women published in the past two decades, including works by Emil Ferris, Valeria Luiselli, Ruth Ozeki, Alexis Wright, Olga Tokarczuk, Lucy Ellmann, Madeleine Thien, Anna Burns, Marisha Pessl, and Rachel Blau DuPlessis. They demonstrate how these authors repurpose a literary form long associated with expansive masculinity to identify and critique conditions that result in sexist harm. These issues are among the first to acknowledge the wealth and number of these kinds of novels by women and explore how authors apply techniques of literary maximalism to feminist interests.

Contributors to Part 1
Maheen Ahmed, Katarzyna Bartoszyńska, Bradley J. Fest, Courtney Jacobs, Shiamin Kwa, Patricia Stuelke, Siân White, Marjorie Worthington, James Zeigler

Contributors to Part 2
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**Soundscapes of Liberation**

African American Music in Postwar France  
**CELESTE DAY MOORE**

In *Soundscapes of Liberation*, Celeste Day Moore traces the popularization of African American music in postwar France, where it signaled new forms of power and protest. Moore surveys a wide range of musical genres, soundscapes, and media: the US military’s wartime records and radio programs, the French record industry’s catalogs of blues, jazz, and R&B recordings, the translations of jazz memoirs, a provincial choir specializing in spirituals, and US State Department-produced radio programs that broadcast jazz and gospel across the French empire. In each of these contexts, individual intermediaries such as educators, producers, writers, and radio deejays imbued African American music with new meaning, value, and political power. Their work resonated among diverse Francophone audiences but also transformed the lives and labor of African American musicians, who found financial and personal success as well as discrimination in France. By showing how the popularity of African American music was intertwined with contemporary structures of racism and imperialism, Moore demonstrates this music’s centrality to postwar France and the convergence of decolonization, the expanding globalized economy, the Cold War, and worldwide liberation movements.

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**Radiation Sounds**

Marshallese Music and Nuclear Silences  
**JESSICA A. SCHWARTZ**

On March 1, 1954, the US military detonated “Castle Bravo,” its most powerful nuclear bomb, at Bikini Atoll in the Marshall Islands. Two days later, the US military evacuated the Marshallese to a nearby atoll where they became part of a classified study, without their consent, on the effects of radiation on humans. In *Radiation Sounds* Jessica A. Schwartz examines the seventy-five years of Marshallese music developed in response to US nuclear militarism on their homeland. Schwartz shows how Marshallese singing draws on religious, cultural, and political practices to make heard the deleterious effects of US nuclear violence. Schwartz also points to the literal silencing of Marshallese voices and throats compromised by radiation as well as the United States’ silencing of information about the human radiation study. In foregrounding the centrality of the aural and sensorial in understanding nuclear testing’s long-term effects, Schwartz offers new modes of understanding the relationships between the voice, sound, militarism, indigeneity, and geopolitics.

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African Motors
Technology, Gender, and the History of Development

JOSHUA GRACE

In *African Motors*, Joshua Grace examines how everyday Tanzanian drivers, mechanics, and passengers reconstituted the automobile into a uniquely African form between the late 1800s to the early 2000s. Drawing on hundreds of oral histories, ethnographic fieldwork as an apprentice in Dar es Salaam’s informal network of garages, and extensive archival research, Grace counters the pervasive narratives that Africa is incompatible with technology and that the African use of cars is merely an appropriation of technology created elsewhere. Although automobiles were invented in Europe and introduced as part of colonial rule, Grace shows how Tanzanians transformed them, increasingly associating their own car use with *maendeleo*, the Kiswahili word for progress or development. Focusing on the formation of masculinities based in automotive cultures, Grace also outlines the process through which African men remade themselves and their communities by adapting technological things and systems for local purposes. Ultimately, *African Motors* is an African-centered story of development featuring myriad examples of everyday Africans forging both individual and collective cultures of social and technological wellbeing through movement, making, and repair.

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African Ecomedia
Network Forms, Planetary Politics

CAJETAN IHEKA

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Nollywood’s Local Address
MATTHEW H. BROWN

In *Indirect Subjects*, Matthew H. Brown analyzes the content of the prolific Nigerian film industry’s mostly direct-to-video movies alongside local practices of production and circulation to show how screen media play spatial roles in global power relations. Scrutinizing the deep structural and aesthetic relationship between Nollywood, as the industry is known, and Nigerian state television, Brown tracks how several Nollywood films, in ways similar to both state television programs and colonial cinema productions, invite local spectators to experience liberal capitalism not only as a form of exploitation but a set of expectations about the future. This mode of address, which Brown refers to as “periliberalism,” sustains global power imbalances by locating viewers within liberalism but distancing them from its processes and benefits. Locating the wellspring of this hypocrisy in the British Empire’s practice of indirect rule, Brown contends that culture industries like Nollywood can sustain capitalism by isolating ordinary African people, whose labor and consumption fuel it, from its exclusive privileges.

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