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A spirited argument for moving beyond the legacy of the Civil Rights era to best understand the current situation of African Americans

Black America in the Shadow of the Sixties
Notes on the Civil Rights Movement, Neoliberalism, and Politics
Clarence Lang

Combining interdisciplinary scholarship, political reportage, and personal reflection, this daring book measures the current celebrations of 1960s-era civil rights anniversaries against the realization of a black American presidency, and the stark social and economic conditions of contemporary Black America. Clarence Lang argues that the ways in which we remember the 1960s have serious repercussions for how we characterize the progressive legacies of that period; understand the concepts of black community, leadership, and politics; and approach the limitations and prospects for social change today. The persistence of the Sixties in the political outlook of scholars and activists highlights the need for frameworks more closely aligned with a current historical context shaped by the damaging effects of neoliberalism.

On the rise since the 1970s, neoliberalism rejects social welfare protections for the citizenry in favor of individual liberty, unfettered markets, and a laissez-faire national state. Neoliberalism’s effects have included the transition from industrial production to an economy driven by financial capital; market deregulation and austerity; privatization; anti-union policies; the erosion of work conditions and pay in order to generate greater productivity and higher corporate profits; declining family income and rising household debt; heightened state surveillance, harassment and imprisonment of people of color, as well as racial terrorism by white civilians; greater class stratification, both between and within racial/ethnic groupings; and a heightened concentration of wealth among the top one percent in this nation.

The current commemorations of 1960s black freedom milestones, as well as the celebration of the nation’s first black president, are important and meaningful. Yet they also expose the necessity of a more fully critical interpretation of the Sixties and suggest the significant factor of African American history—both as subject and practice—in propelling us forward.

Clarence Lang is Associate Professor of African & African-American Studies, and American Studies, at the University of Kansas.

“... a profound, provocative, and persuasive argument ... [A] remarkable manuscript, an intellectual and political intervention of extraordinary significance.”
—George Lipsitz, University of California, Santa Barbara

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Recent revisionist scholarship has argued that representations by white “outsider” observers of black American music have distorted historical truths about how the blues came to be. While these scholarly arguments have generated an interesting debate concerning how the music has been framed and disseminated, they have so far only told an American story, failing to acknowledge that in the post-war era the blues had spread far beyond the borders of the United States. As Christian O’Connell shows in *Blues, How Do You Do?* Paul Oliver’s largely neglected scholarship—and the unique transatlantic cultural context it provides—is vital to understanding the blues.

O’Connell’s study begins with Oliver’s scholarship in his early days in London as a writer for the British jazz press and goes on to examine Oliver’s encounters with visiting blues musicians, his State Department–supported field trip to the US in 1960, and the resulting photographs and oral history he produced, including his epic “blues narrative,” *The Story of the Blues* (1969). *Blues, How Do You Do?* thus aims to move away from debates that have been confined within the limits of national borders—or relied on clichés of British bands popularizing American music in America—to explore how Oliver’s work demonstrates that the blues became a reified ideal, constructed in opposition to the forces of modernity.

Christian O’Connell is a Senior Lecturer in American History at the University of Gloucestershire.
Changing Hands

Industry, Evolution, and the Reconfiguration of the Victorian Body

Peter J. Capuano

In Changing Hands, Peter J. Capuano sifts through Victorian literature and culture for changes in the way the human body is imagined in the face of urgent questions about creation, labor, gender, class, and racial categorization, using “hands” (the “distinguishing mark of . . . humanity”) as the primary point of reference. Capuano complicates his study by situating the historical argument in the context of questions about the disappearance of hands during the twentieth century into the haze of figurative meaning. Out of this curious aporia, Capuano exposes a powerful, “embodied handedness” as the historical basis for many of the uncritically metaphoric, metonymic, and/or ideogrammatic approaches to the study of the human body in recent critical discourse.

Peter J. Capuano is Assistant Professor in the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and a faculty member of the University of California’s Dickens Project.

“Changing Hands is a major contribution to Victorian studies, revealing the human hand as a fascinating nexus for the scientific, industrial, religious, and social upheavals of the age. Capuano’s provocative examples and arguments freshly illuminate the whole landscape of nineteenth-century writing: this is a manual for our critical moment.”
—Andrew Stauffer, University of Virginia

“Changing Hands offers a revelatory account of the impact of industrialism and evolutionary discourse on conceptions of human agency and identity, which Peter Capuano brilliantly elicits from figurations of the human hand. In capturing the pervasive importance of a trope long hidden in plain sight, Capuano transfigures a broad range of nineteenth-century reflection.”
—James Eli Adams, Columbia University

“Changing Hands is a well-written, highly readable volume offering a significant scholarly payload. Scholars will be citing and extending this work for some time to come.”
—Pamela Gilbert, University of Florida

LITERARY STUDIES

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Berossus and Manetho operated at the crossings of several political, social, and intellectual worlds. They were members of native elites under the domination of Macedonian overlords; in their writings we can see suggestions that they collaborated in the foreign rule of their lands, but at the same time we see them advocating for their cultures. Their histories were written in Greek and betray active engagement with Greek historical writing, but at the same time these texts are clearly composed from native records, are organized along lines determined by local systems of time-reckoning, and articulate views that are deeply informed by regional scholarly and wisdom traditions. In this volume John Dillery charts the interactions of all these features of these historians. An afterword considers Demetrius, the approximate contemporary of Berossus and Manetho in time, if not in culture. While his associates wrote new histories, Demetrius’ project was a rewriting of an existing text, the Bible. This historiographical “corrective” approach sheds light on the novel historiography of Manetho and Berossus.

John D. Dillery is Professor of Classics, University of Virginia. This is his third book.

“Clio’s Other Sons will be required reading for scholars of Hellenistic history and the history of Egypt and the Near East.”
—Andrew Erskine, University of Edinburgh
When Barack Obama entered the White House, he faced numerous urgent issues. Despite the citizens' demand for strong presidential leadership, President Obama, following a long-standing precedent for the development and implementation of major policies, appointed administrators—so-called policy czars—charged with directing the response to the nation's most pressing crises.

Combining public administration and political science approaches to the study of the American presidency and institutional politics, Justin S. Vaughn and José D. Villalobos argue that the creation of policy czars is a strategy for combating partisan polarization and navigating the federal government's complexity. They present a series of in-depth analyses of the appointment, role, and power of various czars: the energy czar in the mid-1970s, the drug czar in the late 1980s, the AIDS czar in the 1990s, George W. Bush's national security czars after 9/11, and Obama's controversial czars for key domestic issues.

Laying aside inflammatory political rhetoric, Vaughn and Villalobos offer a sober, empirical analysis of precisely what constitutes a czar, why Obama and his predecessors used czars, and what role they have played in the modern presidency.

Justin S. Vaughn is Assistant Professor of Political Science at Boise State University.

José D. Villalobos is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Texas at El Paso.

“This is an engaging, timely book with a useful premise: that the so-called ‘czars’ appointed by presidents are means to a laudable end, rather than un-American—and unconstitutional—monstrosities.”

—Andrew Rudalevige, Bowdoin College
Ethical Programs

Hospitality and the Rhetorics of Software

James J. Brown, Jr.

Living in a networked world means never really getting to decide in any thorough going way who or what enters your “space” (your laptop, your iPhone, your thermostat . . . your home). With this as a basic frame-of-reference, James J. Brown’s Ethical Programs examines and explores the rhetorical potential and problems of a hospitality ethos suited to a new era of hosts and guests. Brown reads a range of computational strategies and actors, from the general principles underwriting the Transmission Control Protocol (TCP), which determines how packets of information can travel through the internet, to the Obama election campaign’s use of the power of protocols to reach voters, harvest their data, incentivize and, ultimately, shape their participation in the campaign. In demonstrating the kind of rhetorical spaces networked software establishes and the access it permits, prevents, and molds, Brown makes a significant contribution to the emergent discourse of software studies as a major component of efforts in broad fields including media studies, rhetorical studies, and cultural studies.

James J. Brown is an Assistant Professor of English and Director of the Digital Studies Center at Rutgers University–Camden. His teaching and research focus on rhetoric, writing, new media, and software studies.

“Jim Brown’s work is a critical contribution to the growing body of scholarship studying software as a cultural form. Ethical Programs exposes the way computer programs—typically understood as strictly utilitarian tools—in fact embody, structure, and project a sense of ethics in networked environments.”

—Mark Sample, Davidson College

“James J. Brown Jr. is without question one of the most sophisticated theorists working in the rapidly emerging field of digital rhetoric today.”

—Elizabeth Losh, University of California, San Diego
Public opinion and political behavior experts explore voter choice in Latin America with this follow-up to the 1960 landmark *The American Voter*.

**The Latin American Voter**

*Pursuing Representation and Accountability in Challenging Contexts*

Ryan E. Carlin, Matthew M. Singer, and Elizabeth J. Zechmeister

In this volume, experts on Latin American public opinion and political behavior employ region-wide public opinion studies, elite surveys, experiments, and advanced statistical methods to reach several key conclusions about voting behavior in the region’s emerging democracies. In Latin America, to varying degrees the average voter grounds his or her decision in factors identified in classic models of voter choice. Individuals are motivated to go to the polls and select elected officials on the basis of class, religion, gender, ethnicity, and other demographic factors; substantive political connections including partisanship, left-right stances, and policy preferences; and politician performance in areas like the economy, corruption, and crime. Yet evidence from Latin America shows that the determinants of voter choice cannot be properly understood without reference to context—the substance (specific cleavages, campaigns, performance) and the structure (fragmentation and polarization) that characterize the political environment. Voting behavior reflects the relative youth and fluidity of the region’s party systems, as parties emerge and splinter to a far greater degree than in long-standing party systems. Consequently, explanations of voter choice centered around country differences stand on equal footing to explanations focused on individual-level factors.

Ryan E. Carlin is Associate Professor of Political Science at Georgia State University.

Matthew M. Singer is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut.

Elizabeth J. Zechmeister is Professor of Political Science and Director of the Latin American Public Opinion Project at Vanderbilt University.
Cicero’s Use of Judicial Theater

Jon Hall

In *Cicero’s Use of Judicial Theater*, Jon Hall examines Cicero’s use of showmanship in the Roman law-courts, looking in particular at the nonverbal devices that he employs during his speeches as he attempts to manipulate opinion. Cicero’s speeches in the law-courts often incorporate theatrical devices including the use of family relatives as props during emotional appeals, exploitation of tears and supplication, and the wearing of specially dirtied attire by defendants during a trial, all of which contrast strikingly with the practices of the modern advocate. Hall investigates how Cicero successfully deployed these techniques and why they played such a prominent part in the Roman courts. These “judicial theatrics” are rarely discussed by the ancient rhetorical handbooks, and *Cicero’s Judicial Theater* argues that their successful use by Roman orators derives largely from the inherent theatricality of aristocratic life in ancient Rome—most of the devices deployed in the courts appear elsewhere in the social and political activities of the elite.

While *Cicero’s Judicial Theater* will be of interest primarily to professional scholars and students studying the speeches of Cicero, its wider analyses, both of Roman cultural customs and the idiosyncratic practices of the law-courts, will prove relevant also to social historians, as well as historians of legal procedure.

*Jon Hall* is Associate Professor in the Department of Classics, University of Otago, New Zealand.
Traces the principle that luxury corrupts its possessor as seen through a millennium of Greek literature.

**Corrupting Luxury in Ancient Greek Literature**
Robert J. Gorman and Vanessa B. Gorman

A widely accepted truism says that luxury corrupts, and in both popular and scholarly treatments, the ancient city of Sybaris remains the model for destructive opulence. This volume demonstrates the scarcity of evidence for Sybarite luxury, and examines the vocabulary of luxury used by the Hellenic world. Focus on the word *truph* reveals it means an attitude of entitlement: not necessarily a bad trait, unless in extreme form. This pattern holds for all Classical evidence, even the historian Herodotus, where the idea of pernicious luxury is commonly thought to be thematic.

Advancing a new method to evaluate this fragmentary evidence, the authors argue that almost all relevant ancient testimony is liable to have been distorted during transmission. They present two conclusions: first, that there exists no principle of pernicious luxury as a force of historical causation in Hellenic or Hellenistic literature. Rather, that idea is derived from early Latin prose historiography and introduced from that genre into the Greek writers of the Roman period, who in turn project the process back in time to explain events such as the fall of Sybaris. The second conclusion is methodological. The authors lay down a strategy to determine the content and extent of fragments of earlier authors found in cover texts such as Athenaeus, by examining the diction along synchronic and diachronic lines.

Serious scholars of intellectual history, the history of morality, and historiographical methodology will find this work of interest.

**Robert J. Gorman** is Associate Professor of Classics at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

**Vanessa B. Gorman** is Associate Professor of History at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.
The type of government and the interplay of macro- and microlevel political institutions affect a country’s ability to attract foreign investment.

**GOVERNANCE AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT IN CHINA, INDIA, AND TAIWAN**

_Credibility, Flexibility, and International Business_

Yu Zheng

Yu Zheng challenges the idea that democracy is the prerequisite for developing countries to attract foreign direct investment (FDI) and promote economic growth. He examines the relationship between political institutions and FDI through the use of cross-national analysis and case studies of three rapidly growing Asian economies with a focus on the role of microinstitutional “special economic zones” (SEZ). China’s authoritarian system allows for bold, radical economic reform, but China has attracted FDI largely because of its increasingly credible investment environment as well as its central and local governments’ efforts to overcome constraints on investment. India’s democratic institutions provide more political insurance to foreign investors, but its market became conducive to FDI only when the government adopted more flexible investment policies. Taiwan’s democratic transition shifted its balance of policy credibility and flexibility, which was essential for the nation’s economic takeoff and sustained growth. Zheng concludes that a more accurate understanding of the relationship between political institutions and FDI comes from careful analysis of institutional arrangements that entail a trade-off between credibility and flexibility of governance.

Yu Zheng is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Connecticut.

“[Zheng] adds significantly to our knowledge of FDI as well as insights into how governments act to overcome their institutional obstacles in order to attract investment. The original data on China is innovative and very well-presented.”

—Robert Blanton, University of Memphis
Intellectual Empathy

Critical Thinking for Social Justice

Maureen Linker

Intellectual Empathy provides a step-by-step method for facilitating discussions of socially divisive issues. Maureen Linker, a philosophy professor at the University of Michigan–Dearborn, developed Intellectual Empathy after more than a decade of teaching critical thinking in metropolitan Detroit, one of the most racially and economically divided urban areas, at the crossroads of one of the Midwest’s largest Muslim communities. The skills acquired through Intellectual Empathy have proven to be significant for students who pursue careers in education, social work, law, business, and medicine.

Now, Linker shows educators, activists, business managers, community leaders—anyone working toward fruitful dialogues about social differences—how potentially transformative conversations break down and how they can be repaired. Starting from Socrates’s injunction know thyself, Linker explains why interrogating our own beliefs is essential. In contrast to traditional approaches in logic that devalue emotion, Linker acknowledges the affective aspects of reasoning and how emotion is embedded in our understanding of self and other. Using examples from classroom dialogues, online comment forums, news media, and diversity training workshops, readers learn to recognize logical fallacies and critically, yet empathically, assess their own social biases, as well as the structural inequalities that perpetuate social injustice and divide us from each other.

Maureen Linker is Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of Michigan–Dearborn; she received the University Distinguished Teaching Award and the Susan B. Anthony Award for advancing the cause of women.

“Linker accomplishes what so many of us struggle with daily in our teaching and research: a nuanced and dynamic balance between focusing on the structural forces that produce inequalities and the everyday interactions that sustain them.”

—Patrick R. Grzanka, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

A guide for facilitating discussions about socially divisive issues for students, educators, business managers, and community leaders
An exploration of poetry as an expression of biology

In The Necropastoral: Poetry, Media, Occults, poet Joyelle McSweeney presents an ecopoetics and a theory of Art that reflect such biological principles as degradation, proliferation, contamination, and decay. In these ambitious, bustling essays, McSweeney resituates poetry as a medium amid media; hosts “strange meetings” of authors, texts, and artworks across the boundaries of genre, period, and nation; and examines such epiphenomena as translation, anachronism, and violence. Through readings of artists as diverse as Wilfred Owen, Andy Warhol, Harryette Mullen, Roberto Bolaño, Aimé Césaire, and Georges Bataille, The Necropastoral shows by what strategies Art persists amid lethal conditions as a spectacular, uncanny force.

Joyelle McSweeney is Associate Professor of English at the University of Notre Dame. Her first collection of poetry, The Red Bird, was chosen by Allen Grossman to inaugurate the Fence Modern Poets Series in 2001. Her poetry, hybrid fiction and other prose, translations, and critical writings have appeared in journals such as the Boston Review, American Book Review, and boundary2. With Johannes Göransson, she publishes Action Books and Action, Yes, a press and web-quarterly dedicated to international writing and hybrid forms.

“Joyelle McSweeney is a poet with a vocation—a calling to the world. What is given her (the vocation) is to make others see what is given her to see.”

— Allen Grossman

“McSweeney treats words, like images, as instances of their precise contents rather than symbolic references.”

— Matthew Henriksen
Wicked Takes the Witness Stand

A Tale of Murder and Twisted Deceit in Northern Michigan

Mardi Link

On a bitterly cold afternoon in December 1986, a Michigan State trooper found the frozen body of Jerry Tobias in the bed of his pickup truck. The 31-year-old oil field worker and small-time drug dealer was curled up on his side on the truck’s bare metal, pressed against the tailgate, clad only in jeans, a checkered shirt, and cowboy boots. Inside the cab of the truck was a fresh package of expensive steaks from a local butcher shop—the first lead in a case that would be quickly lost in a thicket of bungled forensics, shady prosecution, and a psychopathic star witness out for revenge.

Award-winning author Mardi Link’s third book of Michigan true crime, Wicked Takes the Witness Stand, unravels this mysterious and still unsolved case that sucked state police and local officials into a morass of perjury and cover-up and ultimately led to the separate conviction and imprisonment of five innocent men. This unbelievable story will leave the reader shocked and aching for justice.

Mardi Link is a journalist, a former police reporter, and the author of two true crime books, Isadore’s Secret: Sin, Murder, and Confession in a Northern Michigan Town and When Evil Came to Good Hart, which spent two months on the Heartland Indie Bestseller List and was a finalist for the Michigan Notable Book Award.
This book provides the first comprehensive examination of the urban phenomenon known as Ballroom culture that first gained notoriety in the documentary *Paris Is Burning* in 1990. *Butch Queens Up in Pumps* uniquely explores the ways in which Black LGBT people in Detroit use performance and other cultural practices—such as alternative identity, kinship, and community formations—to contend with or alter the conditions in which they live.

*Butch Queens Up in Pumps* is as much an examination of Black queer cultural formations as it is an ethnographic account of Ballroom culture in Detroit. Marlon M. Bailey’s rare perspective as both participant and observer in the Ballroom scene makes for compelling reading and lends his analysis an uncommon immediacy and authenticity, producing a remarkable performance ethnography that delves deeply into this subcultural phenomenon. The book will appeal to scholars and students across a wide range of disciplines, including African American studies, gender and sexuality studies, performance studies, dance, and anthropology, and to anyone interested in the politics, prevention, and activism surrounding HIV/AIDS.

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Marlon M. Bailey is Associate Professor of Gender Studies and American Studies at Indiana University.

“At once revelatory and heartbreaking, Bailey’s ethnographic details leap off the page, putting the reader dead center inside the kaleidoscopic world that is ballroom. Beyond his wonderful storytelling, however, Bailey’s research is undergirded by the very ‘ethics of care’ practiced by the members of the ball houses he studies, as well as a nuanced theorizing that sacrifices none of the material implications of the political economy of racialized spaces—specifically the ballroom scene in Detroit.”

—Dwight McBride, Northwestern University
Meditations on those entities the audience does not see—and their profound significance in the theater

Dark Matter
Invisibility in Drama, Theater, and Performance
Andrew Sofer

Physicists have discovered that the vast majority of the universe’s mass is constituted by what remains transparent. So far, this mysterious “dark matter” can only be traced by its gravitational effects on visible matter. Taking up this analogy, theater scholar Andrew Sofer outlines a fresh theoretical framework and critical vocabulary for examining the invisible and how it continually structures and focuses an audience’s theatrical experience. Sofer argues that we cannot understand theater and drama without investigating whatever is “not there, yet not not there—on stage. Dark Matter provides an enhanced understanding of theater’s capacity to alter our perceptual field through means beside the visual—to alter others’ consciousness at will—and how playwrights and other practitioners have exploited that capacity throughout theatrical history. Sofer discusses black magic in Doctor Faustus; offstage sex in A Midsummer Night’s Dream; masked women in The Rover; self-consuming bodies in Suddenly Last Summer; surveillance technology in The Archbishop’s Ceiling; and trauma on the contemporary stage. Each discussion pinpoints new and striking facets of drama and performance that escape sight. Taken together, Sofer’s lively case studies illuminate how dark matter is woven into the very fabric of theatrical representation.

Andrew Sofer teaches in the English department at Boston College. He is the author of The Stage Life of Props and Wave, a collection of poetry.

“Dark Matter enables us to think carefully about invisibility and absence in the theater. It’s about performativity, a current fascination of theorists. Sofer writes well about performing ontological uncertainty, and has a broad and comprehensive understanding of drama through the ages and around the world.”

—David Bevington, University of Chicago

“No one, to my knowledge, has undertaken a book-length study of the important phenomenon of unseen objects, people, and actions as Sofer has done, and certainly no one has applied to the phenomenon the rich body of theoretical discourse, drawn not only from theatre, but from the sciences and social sciences, to help the reader understand something of the complexity of it.”

—Marvin Carlson, The Graduate Center, City University of New York

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Hammarskjöld
A Life
Roger Lipsey

After his mysterious death, Dag Hammarskjöld was described by John F. Kennedy as the “greatest statesman of our century.” Second secretary-general of the United Nations (1953–61), he is the only person to have been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize posthumously. Through extensive research in little explored archives and personal correspondence, Roger Lipsey has produced the definitive biography of Dag Hammarskjöld.

The website related to Hammarskjöld: A Life can be found at www.dag-hammarskjold.com.

Roger Lipsey, author, art historian, editor, and translator, has written on a wide range of topics and intellectual figures. He was the general editor of the monumental three-volume edited works of Ananda K. Coomaraswamy (Princeton University Press, 1977), which included the first and still unsurpassed biography of Coomaraswamy. Other works include An Art of Our Own: The Spiritual in Twentieth-Century Art (Shambhala, 1988, currently in print with Dover Books) and the prizewinning Angelic Mistakes: The Art of Thomas Merton (New Seeds, 2006). He is director of the parent company that publishes Parabola magazine.

“Lipsey is a patient, discreet, and compassionate guide to Hammarskjöld’s inner world. ... [H]is biography of Hammarskjöld illuminates how the Christian mystical tradition became the secret source of Hammarskjöld’s life and thought.”

— New York Review of Books

“...political junkies and history buffs will relish this definitive, painstakingly thorough treatment of a great statesman and consummate diplomat.”

— Publishers Weekly

“Lipsey brings ... a significant amount of new materials (from personal and national archives), which he has superbly put together and analyzed.”

— The Nation
An engaging new history of the Great Lakes State

**Michigan**

*A History of Explorers, Entrepreneurs, and Everyday People*

Roger L. Rosentreter

The history of Michigan is a fascinating story of breathtaking geography enriched by an abundant water supply, of bold fur traders and missionaries who developed settlements that grew into major cities, of ingenious entrepreneurs who established thriving industries, and of celebrated cultural icons like the Motown sound. It is also the story of the exploitation of Native Americans, racial discord that resulted in a devastating riot, and ongoing tensions between employers and unions. *Michigan: A History of Explorers, Entrepreneurs, and Everyday People* recounts this colorful past and the significant role the state has played in shaping the United States. Well-researched and engagingly written, the book spans from Michigan’s geologic formation to important 21st-century developments in a concise but detailed chronicle that will appeal to general readers, scholars, and students interested in Michigan’s past, present, and future.

Roger L. Rosentreter is Visiting Professor in the Department of History at Michigan State University, where he specializes in the history of the U.S. Civil War. He is the former editor of *Michigan History* magazine and author of *Seeking Lincoln in Michigan*.
Partisan Gerrymandering and the Construction of American Democracy

Erik J. Engstrom

Erik J. Engstrom offers a historical perspective on the effects of gerrymandering on elections and party control of the U.S. national legislature. Aside from the requirements that districts be continuous and, after 1842, that each select only one representative, there were few restrictions on congressional districting. Unrestrained, state legislators drew and redrew districts to suit their own partisan agendas. With the rise of the “one-person, one-vote” doctrine and the implementation of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, however, redistricting became subject to court oversight.

Engstrom evaluates the abundant cross-sectional and temporal variation in redistricting plans and their electoral results from all the states, from 1789 through the 1960s, to identify the causes and consequences of partisan redistricting. His analysis reveals that districting practices across states and over time systematically affected the competitiveness of congressional elections; shaped the partisan composition of congressional delegations; and, on occasion, determined party control of the House of Representatives.

Erik J. Engstrom is Professor of Political Science at the University of California, Davis.

“Partisan Gerrymandering and the Construction of American Democracy provides a rich look at the practice of gerrymandering. It is a nice mix of history and quantitative analysis. . . . It will be the definitive work on the subject for decades to come.”

—Charles Stewart, MIT

Since the nation’s founding, the strategic manipulation of congressional districts has influenced American politics and public policy.
An intriguing look at contemporary views regarding the casts of victims from Mt. Vesuvius’ eruption

Pompeii’s Living Statues
*Ancient Roman Lives Stolen from Death*
Eugene Dwyer

In AD 79, Mt. Vesuvius erupted in two stages. While the first stage was incredibly destructive, it was the second stage, a so-called pyroclastic flow, that inundated Pompeii with a combination of superheated gases, pumice, and rocks, killing tens of thousands of people and animals and burying them in ash and mud.

During excavations of the town in 1863, Giuseppe Fiorelli, the director of the dig, poured plaster of paris into a cavity under the soil revealed by a workman’s pick. When the plaster set and the mound was uncovered, all were amazed to see the secret that the ground had held for 1,800 years: a detailed cast of an ancient Pompeian such as no one had seen before, frozen in the instant of dying and complete in every respect, including outlines of the clothes he was wearing at the time of the destruction. The bodies, photographed and exhibited in the specially built Pompeii Museum, completely changed the world’s ideas of life in ancient Italy.

*Pompeii’s Living Statues* is a narrative account, supported by contemporary documents, of the remarkable discovery of those ancient victims preserved in the volcanic mud of Vesuvius.

Eugene Dwyer is Professor of Art History at Kenyon College. Trained at Harvard and the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University, he has contributed articles to numerous volumes on Italian architecture and archaeology published by presses including Cambridge University Press, Getty Publications, and the University of Michigan Press. He is the author of *Pompeian Domestic Sculpture: A Study of Five Pompeian Houses and Their Contents*.

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**Writing History in the Digital Age**
Jack Dougherty and Kristen Nawrotzki, editors

*Writing History in the Digital Age* began as a one-month experiment in October 2010, featuring chapter-length essays by a wide array of scholars with the goal of rethinking traditional practices of researching, writing, and publishing, and the broader implications of digital technology for the historical profession. The essays and discussion topics were posted on a WordPress platform with a special plug-in that allowed readers to add paragraph-level comments in the margins, transforming the work into socially networked texts. This first installment drew an enthusiastic audience, over 50 comments on the texts, and over 1,000 unique visitors to the site from across the globe, with many who stayed on the site for a significant period of time to read the work.

To facilitate this new volume, Jack Dougherty and Kristen Nawrotzki designed a born-digital, open-access platform to capture reader comments on drafts and shape the book as it developed. Following a period of open peer review and discussion, the finished product now presents 20 essays from a wide array of notable scholars, each examining (and then breaking apart and reexamining) how digital and emergent technologies have changed the ways that historians think, teach, author, and publish.

**Jack Dougherty** is Associate Professor of educational studies at Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He is collaborating with students and colleagues on a public history web-book titled *On The Line: How Schooling, Housing, and Civil Rights Shaped Hartford and Its Suburbs*, which has received funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

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**Burton V. Barnes** is Stephen H. Spurr Professor of Forestry in the School of Natural Resources and Environment at the University of Michigan. He is best known for his love of field teaching and his research and publications in forest and landscape ecology. **Warren H. Wagner, Jr.** was a world authority on ferns. He had been Professor Emeritus of Botany and Natural Resources at the University of Michigan and a member of the National Academy of Sciences before his death at the age of eighty in 2000.

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