Sweet Tea
A Play

E. Patrick Johnson
With a foreword by Jane M. Saks

This book is the stage version of E. Patrick Johnson’s *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South—An Oral History*, a groundbreaking text for the fields of black studies, queer studies, and Southern oral history and ethnography. Between 2004 and 2006, Johnson edited a series of narratives from black gay men who were born and raised in the South and have continued to live there. While the scholarly text of *Sweet Tea* has enjoyed wide circulation, Johnson knew that the stories of these individuals weren’t able to come fully alive on the page. He transformed the text into a theatrical performance, which originally toured the country as *Pourin’ Tea: Black Gay Men of the South Tell Their Tales*. The oral history has also been adapted into a documentary, *Making Sweet Tea*.

Based on several mounted tours and individual stagings, *Sweet Tea: A Play* provides an opportunity for readers, students, theater practitioners, and audiences from different backgrounds to engage with the lives of these incredible characters.

**E. PATRICK JOHNSON** is the Carlos Montezuma Professor of Performance Studies and a professor of African American studies at Northwestern University, where he is the founder and director of the Black Arts Initiative. *Sweet Tea: Black Gay Men of the South—An Oral History* was published in 2008 and has won many awards, as have his books *Black. Queer. Southern. Women.—An Oral History* and *Appropriating Blackness: Performance and the Politics of Authenticity*. He is also the author of *Honeypot: Black Southern Women Who Love Women*, and the editor or coeditor of several volumes, including *No Tea, No Shade: New Writings in Black Queer Studies*, *Black Queer Studies—A Critical Anthology* (with Mae G. Henderson), and *solo/black/woman: scripts, interviews, and essays* (with Ramón H. Rivera-Servera, published by Northwestern University Press).

“Sweet Tea takes on some complicated subject matters—a father’s recounting of coming out to his four-year-old son is particularly moving—but overall its tone feels more personal than provocative. When he is telling his story through his own eyes rather than the eyes of those he’s interviewed, it’s a pleasure to get to know Johnson himself…”

—Missy Frederick, *Washingtonian*

**ALSO OF INTEREST**

*Sovereignty: A Play*
Mary Kathryn Nagle
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Love Child’s Hotbed of Occasional Poetry  
Poems & Artifacts  
Nikky Finney

Love Child’s Hotbed of Occasional Poetry is a twenty-first-century paean to the sterling love songs humming throughout four hundred years of black American life. National Book Award winner Nikky Finney’s fifth collection contains lighthouse poems, narrative hotbeds, and treasured artifacts—copper coins struck from a new matrix for poetry, one that testifies from the witness stand and punctuates the occasional lyric within a new language of “docu-poetry.”

The ancestors arise and fly, and the black female body is the “insurgent sensualist,” hunted but fighting to live and love in the ways it wants and knows best: “I loved being / a black girl but had not yet learned / to play dead . . .”

The tenderness of a father’s handwritten notes shadows the collection like a ghost, while the treasured, not-for-sale interiority of a black girl’s fountainhead takes over every page. “One yellow gal with an all-black tongue has gone missing.” Finney has composed a new black spiritual, and one of the great voices of our time again stamps her singular sound into the new day.

NIKKY FINNEY is the author of four books of poetry, including Head Off & Split (Northwestern University Press, 2011), winner of the National Book Award for Poetry. She is the John H. Bennett, Jr., Chair in Creative Writing and Southern Letters at the University of South Carolina. Finney has received the Art for Change Fellowship from the Ford Foundation and currently serves as an ambassador for the University of Arizona Poetry Center’s Art for Justice Project.

Excerpt from the poem  
Maven
Imagine, hatch, comprehend, apprehend:  
Know the inside and the out. You are just  
a girl when your mother dies. Left to tend  
the rest of the flock, you, the oldest,  
the one most like your father, taught  
to leave no stone unturned, marry thrift  
and industry, while burying your head  
in the stacks. Sangfroid but never  
silent. Inquire, picture, ponder, think  
over, think and think again. Giddy  
with your own mind. MASTER EVERYTHING  
is the family crest; no veil feigning, faking  
guise, masquerade, or fanfare. There is  
a right way and a wrong. When you give  
your hand to the world, your responsibility:  
To have a mind, keep a mind, change  
a mind—and be the last to die.
Tapping Out
Poems

Nandi Comer

The relentless motions and blinding colors of lucha libre, the high-flying wrestling sport, are the arresting backdrop to Nandi Comer’s collection Tapping Out. Mexican freestyle wrestling becomes the poet’s lyrical motif, uncovering what is behind the intricate masks we wear in society and our search for place within our personal histories. Comer’s poetic narratives include explorations of violence, trauma, and identity. The exquisite complications of the black experience in settled and unsettled spaces propel her linear explorations, which challenge the idea of metaphor and cadence.

The harsh realities of being migrant and immigrant, being birthright and oppressed, are as hard-pressed as the plancha move to the body. Each poem in Tapping Out is a “freestyle movement” of language and complexity put on full display, under the bright lights and roars of survival. Comer’s splendid and barbed, Detroit style of language melts the masks with searing words.

Central Air
Poems

Mike Puican

Set in the urban Chicago landscape, Central Air explores the human challenge of living with strong desires, limited knowledge, and no saving direction. The voices in this mix of elegies and soft litanies negotiate lives within the strangeness and unpredictability of each moment. In every case, language is a swift prayer, ode, and lyric. Chicago is an intensely experienced, blue-collar workplace where injustice is given. The poems are stern, compressed, and unsentimental. But they are also empathic to human shortcomings and doubts, scored in unobtrusive consistency in both voice and language.

Puican’s focus on the city, its people and underbellied spaces, pays homage in the tradition of the great Chicago masters: Carl Sandburg, Gwendolyn Brooks, and Campbell McGrath. This contemporary Chicago son finds his own place with lyrical integrity.

MIKE PUICAN has published poems in Poetry, Bloomsbury Review, Crab Orchard Review, and New England Review, among others. His work has also been featured on WBEZ, Chicago’s NPR affiliate. Puican was a member of the 1996 Chicago Slam Team and holds an M.F.A. in poetry from Warren Wilson College. As a longtime board member of the Guild Literary Complex in Chicago, he has been deeply involved in supporting and promoting other Chicago writers. He also leads poetry workshops at St. Leonard’s House for formerly incarcerated men and at the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in Chicago.

Sudden Rain

As I write this, the snow melts; the landscape regains its dignity. One by one the street lights sparkle and ignite. A sudden rain becomes a layer of darkness the world moves through. A darkness, not like one I’ve known.

The moon rises over an open field, soybeans sprout in all directions, birds perch in trees, grackles and skycatchers mostly, their small beaks aimed for a few seconds at Mars. In the distance a tangled string of commuter traffic eventually winds. I’m writing this; there is contained in this moment some possibility the last one did not have.

Step aside, Lord, step aside . . .
POETRY

The Collected Poems of Sterling A. Brown
Sterling A. Brown
Edited by Michael S. Harper
With a new foreword by Cornelius Eady

Sterling A. Brown was renowned for his prolific poetry and scholarship on African American folklife. A contemporary of Langston Hughes, Claude McKay, and Jean Toomer and the first poet laureate of the District of Columbia, Brown gained acclaim for blues, jazz, and southern folklore. His celebrated works, including Southern Road, are collages of narrative and dialect expressing an unflinching poetic voice.

Edited by the late distinguished poet Michael S. Harper, this new edition includes a foreword by award-winning poet Cornelius Eady and introductory texts by James Weldon Johnson and Sterling Stuckey. The result is a tour de force by one of the most distinctive poets in American letters.

STERLING A. BROWN (1901–1989) was one of the most important and influential figures in the development of African American literature and criticism in the twentieth century. Born in Washington, D.C., he became not only a poet but a folklorist, anthologist, critic, and reviewer. Brown was a professor at Howard University for forty years.

MICHAEL S. HARPER (1938–2016) was a celebrated poet and professor. The first poet laureate of Rhode Island, he taught at Brown University from 1970 to 2013.

CORNELIUS EADY is the author of numerous books of poetry, including Hardheaded Weather and The Gathering of My Name. He is the cofounder of Cave Canem.

—Maya Angelou

ALSO OF INTEREST

Pardon My Heart: Poems
Marcus Jackson
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Bessie
Who will know Bessie now of those who loved her;
Who of her gawky pals could recognize
Bess in this woman, gaunt of flesh and painted,
Dispair deep bitten in her soft brown eyes?
Would the lads who walked with her in dusk-cooled byways
Know Bessie now should they meet her again?
Would knowing men of Fifth St. think that Bessie ever
Was happy-hearted, brave-eyed as she was then?
Bessie with her plaited hair, Bessie in her gingham,
Bessie with her bird voice, and laughter like the sun,
Bess who left behind the stupid, stifling shanties,
And took her to the cities to get her share of fun. . . .
Her mammy and her dad for whom she was a darling,
Who talked of her at night, and dreamt dreams so—
They wouldn’t know her now, even if they were knowing,
And it’s well for them they went just as soon as they did go.
Cat in the Agraharam and Other Stories
Dilip Kumar
Translated from the Tamil by Martha Ann Selby

This collection of stories from celebrated author Dilip Kumar offers a distinct perspective on everyday life in the South Indian cities of Coimbatore and Chennai. The stories set in the Sowcarpet neighborhood of Chennai give readers a glimpse into the orthodox world of Gujarati Vaishnavas, transplants from the northwestern region of Kutch, who find themselves living usually at odds—and occasionally in harmony—with the Tamil-speaking community.

The volume is introduced by its award-winning translator, Martha Ann Selby, who worked closely with the author. The universal appeal of these stories is rooted in their utterly truthful local specificity as they explore complex themes of abduction and restoration, humiliation and despair, and related issues of identity and wholeness. Known by Tamil readers for his description and detail, Kumar also writes with humor and a deep compassion for his characters, highlighting their strengths in the face of degradation and strife. His perspective and insight build on his own status as a northerner in this southern setting for whom Tamil is a second language—much like his characters.

DILIP KUMAR is an award-winning Tamil-language writer and editor. He has published three short-story collections and a critical work and has edited two anthologies, Contemporary Tamil Short Fiction and The Tamil Story: Through the Times, through the Tides.

MARmA ANN SELBy is a professor of South Asian studies in the Department of Asian Studies at the University of Texas, Austin. She is the translator of Crow Long, Blessed Night: Love Poems from Classical India; The Circle of Six Seasons: Poems from Sanskrit, Prakrit, and Old Tamil; and Tamil Love Poetry: The Five Hundred Short Poems of the “Ainkurunuru.”

ALSO OF INTEREST

The Tale of the Missing Man: A Novel
Manonno Ahosham
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Chasing Dragonflies
A Natural, Cultural, and Personal History
Cindy Crosby
Illustrations by Peggy Macnamara

Chasing Dragonflies: A Natural, Cultural, and Personal History is an engaging, beautifully illustrated introduction to these remarkable insects. Drawing on her experiences as a natural history instructor, dragonfly monitor, cancer survivor, grandmother, and steward, Crosby tells the stories of dragonflies: their roles in poetry and art, their fascinating sex life—unique within the animal kingdom—and their evolution from dark-water dwellers to denizens of the air. We follow Crosby and other citizen-scientists into the prairies, wetlands, and woodlands of the Midwest, where they observe the environment and chronic dragonfly populations and migration to decipher critical clues about our changing waterways and climate.

Woven throughout are personal stories: reflections on the author’s cancer diagnosis and recovery, change, loss, aging, family, joy, and discovering what it means to be at home in the natural world. Crosby draws an intimate portrait of a landscape teeming with variety and mystery, one that deserves our attention and conservation. As warm as it is informative, this book will interest gardeners, readers of literary nonfiction, and anyone intrigued by transformation, whether in nature or our personal lives.

CINDY CROSBY is the author of The Tallgrass Prairie: An Introduction (Northwestern University Press, 2017). She is a natural history instructor in the Chicago region who coordinates dragonfly monitoring programs at the Morton Arboretum and Nachusa Grasslands, a Nature Conservancy site.

PEGGY MACNAMARA is the artist in residence at Chicago’s Field Museum of Natural History.
The Wolf at the End of the Block
A Play
Ike Holter

Ike Holter’s taut and fast-paced *The Wolf at the End of the Block* tells the story of a young Latino named Alejandro, known as Abe, who seeks justice after being beaten by a Chicago policeman. A mystery that envelopes Abe, his protective sister, and his boss, as well as the police department and a zealous investigative reporter, the play slowly discloses the hidden motives of the characters and the nature of a community long subjected to institutionalized oppression and neglect.

*The Wolf at the End of the Block* complicates and illuminates this urgent and timely story of police violence by avoiding the clichés of faultless victims and two-dimensional villains. Praised for its power and grace, the play is one of Holter’s most unforgettable.

*The Wolf at the End of the Block* is one of seven plays in Holter’s Rightlynd Saga, set in Chicago’s fictional fifty-first ward. The other plays in the cycle are *Rightlynd, Exit Strategy, Sender, Prowess, Red Rex*, and *Lottery Day. *

IKE HOLTER is a resident playwright at Victory Gardens Theater and the artistic director of The Roustabouts. His plays have been produced at the Steppenwolf Garage, the Philadelphia Theatre Company, Off-Broadway at Barrow Street Theatre and Cherry Lane Theatre, and elsewhere. He is the 2017 winner of the Windham-Campbell Literature Prize for drama.

"The beauty of Ike Holter’s play is how deftly Holter turns a sensational incident into the catalyst for a complex morality tale… all the performances in this fine production reveal the full power and grace in Holter’s story. From the first moments of the play we are pulled in, and we remain enthralled throughout."

—Jack Helbig, Chicago Reader

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Sender
Ike Holter
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$15.00

Underground, Monroe, and The Mamalogues
Three Plays
Lisa B. Thompson
Foreword by E. Patrick Johnson
Interview with Joan Morgan

This book features new plays by Lisa B. Thompson, author of *Single Black Female*. In these three plays, the black feminist playwright and scholar thoughtfully explores themes such as the black family, motherhood, migration, racial violence, and trauma and its effect on black people from the early twentieth century to the present. The works showcase Thompson’s subversive humor and engagement with black history and culture through the lens of the black middle class.

The thriller *Underground* explores the challenges of radical black politics among the black middle class in the post-Obama era. *Monroe*, a period drama about the Great Migration, depicts the impact of a lynching on a family and community in 1940s Louisiana. The *Mamalogues*, a satirical comedy, focuses on three middle-class black single mothers as they lean in, stress out, and guide precocious black children from diapers to college in a dangerous world. This collection will be compelling to readers interested in African American studies, drama, theater, and performance; feminist and gender studies; popular culture and media studies; and American studies.

LISA B. THOMPSON is an award-winning playwright whose work has been produced across the United States and internationally. Her work has been produced by Crossroads Theatre Company, New Professional Theatre, Brava Theater Center, Theatre Rhinoceros, The Vortex, New African Grove Theatre Company, Black Spectrum Theatre, Austin Playhouse, the Out of Ink Festival, and the National Black Theatre Festival. Thompson is also a professor of African and African diaspora studies at the University of Texas at Austin and the author of *Beyond the Black Lady: Sexuality and the New African American Middle Class.*

E. PATRICK JOHNSON is Carlos Montezuma Professor of Performance Studies and African American Studies at Northwestern University.

JOAN MORGAN is a writer, a scholar, a cultural critic, and a feminist.

"Underground is more than a play. It’s a powerful weapon of change—a truth bomb that will get conversations started."

—T. Lynn Mikeska, Austin Chronicle

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solo/black/woman: scripts, interviews, and essays
Edited by E. Patrick Johnson and Ramón M. Rivera-Servera
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Political Aesthetics in the Era of Shakespeare

Edited by Christopher Pye

This book examines the relationship between art and politics in the work of William Shakespeare and others in the early modern era, with a focus on the relation between aesthetics and sensory experience. From the 1980s, the turn to political concerns in Renaissance studies was dictated by forms of cultural materialism that staked their claims against the aesthetic dimension of the work. Recently, however, the more robustly political conception of the aesthetic formulated by theorists such as Theodor Adorno and Jacques Rancière has revitalized political aesthetics generally and early modern studies in particular. For these theorists, aesthetics forms the crucial link between politics and the most fundamental phenomenological organization of the world, what Rancière terms the “distribution of the sensible.”

Taking up this expansive conception of aesthetics, Political Aesthetics in the Era of Shakespeare suggests that the political stakes of the literary work—and Shakespeare’s work in particular—extend from the most intimate dimensions of affective response to the problem of the grounds of political society as such. The approaches to aesthetic thought included in this volume explore the intersections between the literary and the political domain. This collection will be an important resource for students of Shakespeare and the Renaissance and for those interested in the promise of current political and aesthetic theory.

CHRISTOPHER PYE is the Class of 1924 Professor of English at Williams College.

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Distributions of the Sensible: Rancière, Between Aesthetics and Politics

Edited by Scott Durham and Dipil Gaonkar

Rethinking the Early Modern

Marcus Keller, Ellen McClure, and Feisal Mohamed,
Series Editors

Renaissance Invention

Stradanus’s Nova Reperta

Edited by Lia Markey

This book is the first full-length study of the Nova Reperta (New Discoveries), a renowned series of prints designed by Johannes Stradanus during the late 1580s in Florence. Reproductions of the prints, essays, conversations from a scholarly symposium, and catalogue entries complement a Newberry Library exhibition that tells the story of the design, conception, and reception of Stradanus’s engravings.

Renaissance Invention: Stradanus’s “Nova Reperta” seeks to understand why certain inventions or novelties were represented in the series and how that presentation reflected and fostered their adoption in the sixteenth century. What can Stradanus’s prints tell us about invention and cross-cultural encounter in the Renaissance? What was considered “new” in the era? Who created change and technological innovation? Through images of group activities and interactions in workshops, Stradanus’s prints emphasize the importance of collaboration in the creation of new things, dispelling traditional notions of individual genius. The series also dismisses the assumption that the revival of the wonders of the ancient world in Italy was the catalyst for transformation. In fact, the Latin captions on the prints explain how contemporary inventions surpass those of the ancients. Together, word and image foreground the global nature of invention and change in the early modern period even as they promote specifically Florentine interests and activities.

LIA MARKEY is the director of the Center of Renaissance Studies at the Newberry Library.

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Feeling Faint: Affect and Consciousness in the Modern World

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Self-Awareness and Alterity
A Phenomenological Investigation
A New Edition
Dan Zahavi

In the rigorous and highly original Self-Awareness and Alterity, Dan Zahavi provides a sustained argument that phenomenology, especially in its Husserlian version, can make a decisive contribution to discussions of self-awareness. Engaging with debates within both analytic philosophy (Elizabeth Anscombe, John Perry, Sydney Shoemaker, Héctor-Neri Castañeda, David Rosenthal) and contemporary German philosophy (Dieter Henrich, Manfred Frank, Ernst Tugendhat), Zahavi argues that the phenomenological tradition has much more to offer when it comes to the problem of self-awareness than is normally assumed.

As a contribution to the current philosophical debate concerning self-awareness, the book presents a comprehensive reconstruction of Husserl's theory of pre-reflective self-awareness, thereby criticizing a number of prevalent interpretations. In addition, Zahavi also offers a systematic discussion of a number of phenomenological insights related to the issue of self-awareness, including analyses of the temporal, intentional, reflexive, bodily, and social nature of the self.

The new edition of this prize-winning book has been updated and revised, and all quotations have been translated into English. It also contains a new preface in which Zahavi traces the developments of the debates around self-awareness over the last twenty years and situates this book in the context of his subsequent work.

DAN ZAHAVI is a professor of philosophy and the director of the Center for Subjectivity Research at the University of Copenhagen and a professor of philosophy at the University of Oxford. He is the author of many books, including Husserl's Phenomenology, Subjectivity and Selfhood: Investigating the First-Person Perspective, Self and Other: Exploring Subjectivity, Empathy, and Shame, Husserl's Legacy: Phenomenology, Metaphysics, and Transcendental Philosophy, and Phenomenology: The Basics.

Husserl and the Idea of Europe
Timo Miettinen

Husserl and the Idea of Europe argues that Edmund Husserl's late reflections on Europe should not be read either as departures from his early transcendentalist phenomenology or as simple exercises of cultural criticism but rather as systematic phenomenological reflections on generativity and historicity. Miettinen shows that Husserl's reflections on Europe contain his most compelling and radical interpretation on the intersubjective, communal, and historical dimensions of phenomenology.

Husserl and his generation worked in the aftermath of World War I, as Europe struggled to redefine itself, and he penned his late writings as the clouds of World War II gathered. Decades later, the fall of the Soviet Union again altered the continent's identity and its political and economic divisions. Miettinen writes as a European involved in the question of Europe, and many of the recent authors and critics he addresses in this work—such as Michel Foucault, Jacques Derrida, and Giorgio Agamben—likewise deeply engaged with this new problem of European identity.

Husserl and the Idea of Europe interprets key concepts of Husserl's late philosophy in new, compelling ways. The book illuminates the multifaceted problem of the idea of European rationality, and it defends novel conceptions of universalism and teleology as necessary components of radical philosophical reflection.

TIMO MIETTINEN is a university researcher at the University of Helsinki.

Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
Anthony J. Steinbock, Series Editor

Also of interest:
- Studies in Phenomenology and Existential Philosophy
- Merleau-Ponty’s Developmental Ontology
- Political Anthropology
Force, Drive, Desire
A Philosophy of Psychoanalysis
Rudolf Bernet
Translated from the French by Sarah Allen

In Force, Drive, Desire, Rudolf Bernet develops a philosophical foundation of psychoanalysis focusing on human drives. Rather than simply drawing up a list of Freud's borrowings from Schopenhauer and Nietzsche, or Lacan's from Hegel and Sartre, Bernet orchestrates a dialogue between philosophy and psychoanalysis that goes far beyond what these eminent psychoanalysts knew about philosophy. By relating the writings of Freud, Lacan, and other psychoanalysts to those of Aristotle, Leibniz, Schopenhauer, Nietzsche, Husserl, Heidegger, and, more tacitly, Bergson and Deleuze, Bernet brings to light how psychoanalysis both prologues and breaks with the history of Western metaphysics and philosophy of nature.

Rereading the long history of metaphysics (or at least a few of its key moments) in light of psychoanalytic inquiries into the nature and function of drive and desire also allows for a rewriting of the history of philosophy. Specifically, it allows Bernet to bring to light a different history of metaphysics, one centered less on Aristotelian substance (ousia) and more on the concept of dunamis—a power or potentiality for a realization toward which it strives with all its might. Relating human drives to metaphysical forces also bears fruit for a renewed philosophy of life and subjectivity.

* Rudolf Bernet's Force, Drive, Desire is a highly welcome contribution to contemporary philosophy. Bernet offers an impressive, multifaceted account of the fundamental forces that move human beings, individually and collectively. This is crucial not just to phenomenology and psychoanalysis but also to political philosophy, ontology, and metaphysics.*

—Sara Heinämaa, author of Toward a Phenomenology of Sexuality Difference

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Studying the Life of the Senses
Anthony J. Steinbock, Series Editor

On Emotional Presentation
Alexius Meinong, translated from the German by Marie-Luise Schubert Kalsi and with a new foreword by John J. Drummond

On Emotional Presentation, first published in German in 1917, contains the Austrian philosopher Alexius Meinong's clearest and most developed account of the emotions and their relation to values. In this work, written toward the end of his life, Meinong argues that values are given in and through emotions but are also ontologically independent of these emotions or any subjective attitude.

Available again in English, with a new foreword by John J. Drummond that situates Meinong's account within contemporary discussions of the emotions, this translation will be welcome to those interested in Meinong and his theory of objects as well as those interested in the philosophy of the emotions and values.

ALEXIUSSMEINONG(1853–1920)was an Austrian philosopher whose work was influential on both early analytic and continental philosophy. A student of Franz Brentano, he worked in the field of descriptive psychology. His most important contribution to philosophy is his theory of objects.

JOHN J. DRUMMOND is the Robert Southwell, S.J. Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and the Humanities at Fordham University. He is the author of Husserlian Intentionality and Non-Foundational Realism: Noema and Object and Historical Dictionary of Husserl's Philosophy, as well as numerous articles on phenomenology and the emotions.

Laughing and Crying
A Study of the Limits of Human Behavior
Helmuth Plessner
Translated from the German by James Spencer Churchill and Marjorie Grene and with a new foreword by J. M. Bernstein

First published in German in 1940 and widely recognized as a classic of philosophical anthropology, Laughing and Crying is a detailed investigation of these two particularly significant types of expressive behavior, both in themselves and in relation to human nature. Elaborating the philosophical account of human life he developed in Levels of Organic Life and the Human: An Introduction to Philosophical Anthropology, Plessner suggests that laughing and crying are expressions of a crisis brought about in certain situations by the relation of a person to their body.

With a new foreword by J. M. Bernstein that situates the book within the broader framework of Plessner’s philosophical anthropology and his richly suggestive and powerful account of human bodily life, Laughing and Crying is essential reading for anyone interested in the philosophy of the body, emotions, and human behavior.

HELMUTH PLESSNER (1892–1985) was a leading figure in the field of philosophical anthropology. He was the author of more than thirteen books, including The Limits of Community: A Critique of Social Radicalism, Levels of Organic Life and the Human: An Introduction to Philosophical Anthropology, and Political Anthropology.

J. M. BERNSTEIN is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy at the New School for Social Research. He is the author of Torture and Dignity: An Essay on Moral Injury.
Aristotle’s Ontology of Change

Mark Sentesy

This book investigates what change is, according to Aristotle, and how it affects his conception of being. Mark Sentesy argues that change leads Aristotle to develop first-order metaphysical concepts such as matter, potency, actuality, sources of being, and the teleology of emerging things. He shows that Aristotle’s distinctive ontological claim—that being is inescapably diverse in kind—is anchored in his argument for the existence of change.

Aristotle may be the only thinker to have given a noncircular definition of change. When he gave this definition, arguing that change exists was a losing proposition. To show that it exists, he had to rework the way philosophers understood reality. His groundbreaking analysis of change has long been interpreted through a Platonist lens, in which being is conceived as unchanging. Offering a comprehensive reexamination of the relationship between change and being in Aristotle, Sentesy makes an important contribution to scholarship on Aristotle, ancient philosophy, the history and philosophy of science, and metaphysics.

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Theatermachine: Tadeusz Kantor in Context

Edited by Magda Romanska and Kathleen Cioffi

Theatermachine: Tadeusz Kantor in Context is an in-depth, multidisciplinary compendium of essays about one of the most influential theater artists of the twentieth century. Hans-Thies Lehmann’s theory of postdramatic theater and developments in critical theory—particularly Bill Brown’s thing theory, Bruno Latour’s actor-network theory, and posthumanism—serve to provide a previously unavailable vocabulary for discussion of Kantor’s theater.

Drawing on diverse approaches, the contributors write about Kantor from both global and local perspectives: as an exemplar of “postdramatic tragedy”; in relationship to Jewish culture and Yiddish theater; through the prism of postmemory and trauma theory; and in relation to Japanese, German, French, Polish, and American avant-garde theater. This comprehensive anthology arrives at a time when we grapple with the materiality of our modern lives—AI, technobjects, and algorithms—and might thus also be better poised to understand the materiality that permeates Kantor’s theater.

Theatermachine argues that while confronting the twentieth century’s most pressing, but least comfortable, questions—those of a human’s worth, dignity, essence, and purpose—Kantor might also have been, unwittingly, a harbinger of the twenty-first century’s political, ethical, aesthetic, and critical discourse.

MAGDA ROMANSKA is an associate professor in the Department of Performing Arts at Emerson College and the author of Post-traumatic Theatre of Grotowski and Kantor.

KATHLEEN CIOFFI is a theater historian who specializes in Polish theater. She is the author of Alternative Theatre in Poland, 1954–1989.
Theater of Citizenship
Aesthetics and Politics of Avant-Garde Performance in Egypt
Sonali Pahwa

Theater of Citizenship investigates independent Egyptian performance practices from 2004 to 2014 to demonstrate how young dramatists staged new narratives of citizenship outside of state institutions, exploring rights claims and enacting generational identity. Using historiography, ethnography, and performance analysis, the book traces this avant-garde from the theater networks of the late Hosni Mubarak era to productions following the Egyptian revolution of 2011.

In 2004, independent cultural institutions were sites for more democratic forms of youth organization and cultural participation than were Egyptian state theaters. Sonali Pahwa looks at identity formation within this infrastructure for new cultural production: festivals, independent troupes, workshops, and manifesto movements. Bringing institutional changes in dialogue with new performance styles on stages and streets, Pahwa conceptualizes performance culture as a school of citizenship. Independent theater incubated hope in times of despair and pointed to different futures for the nation’s youth than those seen in television and newspapers. Young dramatists countered the generation’s marginalization in the neoliberal economy, media, and political institutions as they performed alternative visions for the nation. An important contribution to the fields of anthropology and performance studies, Pahwa’s analysis will also interest students of sociology and Egyptian history.

SONALI PAHWA is an assistant professor in the Department of Theatre Arts and Dance at the University of Minnesota.

Performance Works
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**Precarious Forms**

*Performing Utopia in the Neoliberal Americas*

Candice Amich

“Precarious Forms is an arresting study of how performance art and poetry have pierced the ‘neoliberal sensorium’ of U.S. hegemony in the Americas, from the 1973 imposition of neoliberal order in Chile, through the Central American wars and NAFTA, to the present. Through an immersive reading of critically important works, Amich powerfully weaves together two central strands of contemporary aesthetic and social thought: precarity as an embodied structure of feeling foundational to neoliberalism, and utopia, understood in its performative, political dimensions.”

—Jill Lora, author of *Blackface Cuba, 1840–1895*

The poets and artists surveyed in *Precarious Forms* enact gestures of solidarity and mutual care at sites of neoliberal dispossession. In her analysis of poems, body art, and multimedia installations that illuminate the persistence of a radical utopian imaginary in the Americas, Amich engages critical debates in performance studies, Latin American cultural studies, literature, and art history.

CANDICE AMICH is an assistant professor of English at Vanderbilt University.

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**The Nigrescent Beyond**

*Mexico, the United States, and the Psychic Vanishing of Blackness*

Ricardo A. Wilson II

“With *The Nigrescent Beyond: Mexico, the United States, and the Psychic Vanishing of Blackness* we are at once given a subtle new radical voice in thought and a sustained and necessary new exposure to the emplacement of matters of ‘Blackness’ across the hemisphere, by way of a wholly other experience of all that is Mexico.”

—Nahum Dimitri Chandler, author of *Toward an African Future: Of the Limit of World"

Despite New Spain’s significant participation in the early transatlantic slave trade, the collective imagination of the Mexican nation evolved in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries to understand itself as devoid of a black presence. In *The Nigrescent Beyond*, Ricardo Wilson proposes a framework for understanding this psychic vanishing of blackness and thinks through how it can be used to both productively unsettle contemporary multicultural and postracial discourses within the United States and further the interrogations of being and blackness within the larger field of black studies.

Pushing against the reflex to catalog the essence of these vanishings with the aim of restoring an imagined community, Wilson models a practice of reading that instead honors the disruptive possibilities offered by an ever-present awareness of that which lies, irretrievable, beyond the horizon of vanishing itself. In doing so, he engages with historical accounts detailing maroon activities in early New Spain, contemporary coverage of the push to make legible Afro-Mexican identities, and the work of Carlos de Sigüenza y Góngora, Octavio Paz, Ivan Van Sertima, Miguel Covarrubias, Steven Spielberg, and Colson Whitehead, among others. Nigrescence, the process of becoming dark, is mobilized to articulate the contours of a barrier at the limits of a collective imagination, beyond which radical black matter has become and is becoming unreadable even as we read.

RICARDO A. WILSON II is an assistant professor of English and Africana Studies at Washington and Lee University.
The Buck, the Black, and the Existential Hero
Refiguring the Black Male Literary Canon, 1850 to Present

James B. Haile III

The Buck, the Black, and the Existential Hero: Refiguring the Black Male Literary Canon, 1850 to Present combines philosophy, literary theory, and jazz studies with Africana studies to develop a theory of the black male literary imagination. In doing so, it seeks to answer fundamental aesthetic and existential questions: How does the experience of being black and male in the modern West affect the telling of a narrative, the shape or structure of a novel, the development of characters and plot lines, and the nature of criticism itself?

James B. Haile argues that, since black male identity is largely fluid and open to interpretation, reinterpretation, and misinterpretation, the literature of black men has developed flexibility and improvisation, termed the "jazz of life." Our reading of this literature requires the same kind of flexibility and improvisation to understand what is being said and why, as well as what is not being said and why. Finally, the book attempts to offer this new reading experience by placing texts by well-known authors, such as Frederick Douglass, Ralph Ellison, and Colson Whitehead, in conversation with texts by those who are less well known and those who have, for the most part, been forgotten, in particular, Cecil Brown. Doing so challenges the reader to visit and revisit these novels with a new perspective about the social, political, historical, and psychic realities of black men.

JAMES B. HAILE III is an assistant professor of philosophy at the University of Rhode Island.

Tarell Alvin McCraney Theater, Performance, and Collaboration

Edited by Sharrell D. Luckett, David Román, and Isaiah Matthew Wooden
Featuring an interview with Tarell Alvin McCraney

This is the first book to dedicate scholarly attention to the work of Tarell Alvin McCraney, one of the most significant writers and theater-makers of the twenty-first century. Featuring essays, interviews, and commentaries by scholars and artists who span generations, geographies, and areas of interest, this volume examines McCraney’s theatrical imagination, his singular writerly voice, his incisive cultural critiques, his stylistic and formal creativity, and his distinct personal and professional trajectories.

Contributors consider McCraney’s innovations as a playwright, adapter, director, performer, teacher, and collaborator, bringing fresh and diverse perspectives to their observations and analyses. In so doing, they expand and enrich the conversations on his much-celebrated and deeply resonant body of work, which includes the plays Chair Boy, Head of Passes, Ms. Blakk for President, The Breach, Wig Out!, and the critically acclaimed trilogy The Brother/Sister Plays: In the Red and Brown Water, The Brothers Size, and Marcus; Or the Secret of Sweet, as well as the Oscar Award–winning film Moonlight, which was based on his play In Moonlight Black Boys Look Blue.

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DAVID ROMÁN is a professor of English and American studies and ethnicity at the University of Southern California. He is the author of several books on American theater, including Performance in America: Contemporary U.S. Culture and the Performing Arts.

ISAIAH MATTHEW WOODEN is a director-dramaturg and an assistant professor of theater arts at Brandeis University.

“*This critical anthology provides a compelling and comprehensive view into the work of one of the most significant and exciting voices in contemporary American theater. What makes this anthology especially distinctive is its effective conjunction of critical engagement and theatrical practice. The volume’s integration of theory and practice provides a particularly insightful approach to McCraney’s theatrically dynamic dramaturgy. It is an immensely valuable read for scholars, teachers, and students as well as theater practitioners."*

—Harry J. Elam, author of The Past as Present in the Drama of August Wilson

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LITERARY CRITICISM

Identity, Mediation, and the Cunning of Capital

Ani Maitra

In Identity, Mediation, and the Cunning of Capital, Ani Maitra calls for an urgent reevaluation of identity politics as an aesthetic maneuver regulated by capitalism. A dominant critical trend in the humanities, Maitra argues, is to dismiss or embrace identity through the formal properties of a privileged aesthetic medium like literature, cinema, or even the performative body. In contrast, he demonstrates that identity politics becomes unavoidably real and material only because the minoritized subject is split between multiple sites of mediation—visual, linguistic, and sonic—while remaining firmly tethered to capitalism’s hierarchical logic of value production. Only in the interstices of media can we track the aesthetic conversion of identitarian difference into value, marked by the inequities of race, class, gender, and sexuality.

Maitra’s archive is transnational and multimodal. Moving from anticolonial polemics to psychoanalysis to diasporic experimental literature to postcolonial feminist and queer media, he lays bare the cunning through which capitalism produces and fragments identity through an intermedial “aesthetic dissonance” with the commodity form. Maitra’s novel contribution to theories of identity and to the concept of mediation will interest a wide range of scholars in media studies, critical race and postcolonial studies, and critical aesthetics.

ANI MAITRA is an assistant professor of film and media studies at Colgate University.

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Solidarity with the Other Beings on the Planet

Alice Walker, Ecofeminism, and Animals in Literature

Pamela B. June

For decades, Pulitzer Prize–winning author and activist Alice Walker has spoken out in defense of the oppressed. Her writings address the intersections of racist, sexist, heterosexist, classist, and, increasingly, speciesist oppressions, and she has made clear the importance of reducing violence and creating peace where possible. In light of Walker’s call to action, this book analyzes seven of her novels to offer a fresh reading situated at the complex intersection of critical race studies and critical animal studies.

Grounded in ecofeminist theory, this literary analysis examines Walker’s evolving views on animals in relation to her discussions of other oppressed groups. Pamela B. June argues that Walker’s fiction can help readers understand and perhaps challenge American culture’s mistreatment of nonhuman animals. Walker has withheld criticism for her decision to abandon vegetarianism, and this book also problematizes the slippery territory of viewing writers as moral guides. Solidarity with the Other Beings on the Planet will appeal to readers in literary studies, ecofeminist studies, African American studies, and critical animal studies.

PAMELA B. JUNE is an associate professor of English at Ohio University, Eastern Campus.

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Postcolonial Disaster Narrating Catastrophe in the Twenty-First Century

Pallavi Rastogi

Postcolonial Disaster studies literary fiction about crises of epic proportions in contemporary South Asia and Southern Africa: the oceanic disaster in Sri Lanka, the economic disaster in Zimbabwe, the medical disaster in South Africa and Botswana, and the geopolitical disaster in India and Pakistan. Pallavi Rastogi argues that postcolonial fiction about catastrophe is underpinned by a Disaster Unconscious, a buried but mobile agenda that forces disasterous events to narrate themselves. She writes that in disaster fiction, a literary Story and its real-life Event are in constant dialectic tension. In recent disasters, Story and Event are tied together as the urgency to circulate information and rebuild in the aftermath of the disaster dictates the flow of the narrative. As the Story acquires temporal distance from the Event, such as the seventy-three years since the partition of India in 1947, it plays more with form and theme, to expand beyond a tale about an all-consuming tragedy. Story and Event are in a constant dance with each other, and the Disaster Unconscious plays the tune to which they move.

Rastogi creates a narratology for postcolonial disaster fiction and brings concepts from Disaster Studies into the realm of literary analysis.

PALLAVI RASTOGI is an associate professor of English at Louisiana State University. She is the author of Afrindian Fictions: Diaspora, Race, and National Desire in South Africa.

Critical Insurgencies
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Immaterial Archives
An African Diaspora Poetics of Loss

Jenny Sharpe

In this innovative study, Jenny Sharpe moves beyond the idea of art and literature as an alternative archive to the historical records of slavery and its aftermath. Immaterial Archives explores instead the intangible phenomena of affects, spirits, and dreams that Caribbean artists and writers introduce into existing archives. Through an attention to the transformative powers of African diaspora cultures, Sharpe examines how the visual art of Frantz Žéphirin and Edouard Duval-Carrié, and literary writings of M. NourbeSe Philip, Erna Brodber, and Kamau Brathwaite rework the conventions of archival knowledge. Through these works, Immaterial Archives explores silence as a black female space. Afro-Creole sacred worlds as diasporic cartographies, and the imaginative conjuring of spirits with industrial technologies as disruptions of enlightened modernity. Organized around the categories of “Silence,” “The Invisible,” “Word Holes,” and “DreamStories,” which are derived from the creative works themselves, Immaterial Archives contends with our understanding of the archive as written record, visual image, sound recording, and digitized copy. This book is essential reading for scholars and students in black cultural studies, Caribbean studies, feminist studies, and postcolonial studies.

JENNY SHARPE is a professor of English, comparative literature, and gender studies at the University of California, Los Angeles. She is the author of Ghosts of Slavery: A Literary Archeology of Black Women’s Lives and Allegories of Empire: The Figure of Woman in the Colonial Text.
Figures of the World: The Naturalist Novel and Transnational Form
Christopher Laing Hill

Figures of the World: The Naturalist Novel and Transnational Form overturns Eurocentric genealogies and globalizing generalizations about “world literature” by examining the complex, contradictory history of naturalist fiction. Christopher Laing Hill follows naturalism’s emergence in France and circulation around the world from North and South America to East Asia. His analysis shows that transnational literary studies must operate on multiple scales, combine distant reading with close analysis, and investigate how literary forms develop on the move.

The book begins by tracing the history of naturalist fiction from the 1860s into the twentieth century and the reasons it spread around the world. Hill explores the development of three naturalist figures—the degenerate body, the self-liberated woman, and the social milieu—through close readings of fiction from France, Japan, and the United States. Rather than genealogies of European influence or the domination of cultural “peripheries” by the center, novels by Émile Zola, Tayama Katai, Frank Norris, and other writers reveal conspicuous departures from metropolitan models as writers revised naturalist methods to address new social conditions. Hill offers a new approach to studying culture on a large scale for readers interested in literature, the arts, and the history of ideas.

CHRISTOPHER LAING HILL is an assistant professor of Asian languages and cultures at the University of Michigan and the author of National History and the World of Nations.

Capital Letters
Hugo, Baudelaire, Camus, and the Death Penalty
Ève Morisi

Capital Letters sheds new light on how literature has dealt with society’s most violent legal institution, the death penalty. It investigates this question through the works of three major French authors with markedly distinct political convictions and literary styles: Victor Hugo, Charles Baudelaire, and Albert Camus.

Working at the intersection of poetics, ethics, and law, Ève Morisi uncovers an unexpected transhistorical dialogue between the modern death penalty and the ends and means of literature after the French Revolution. Through close textual analysis, careful contextualization, and the critique of violence forged by Giorgio Agamben, Michel Foucault, and René Girard, Morisi reveals that, despite their differences, Hugo, Baudelaire, and Camus converge in questioning France’s humanitarian redefinition of capital punishment dating from the late eighteenth century.

Conversely, capital justice leads all three writers to interrogate the functions, tools, and limits of their art. Capital Letters shows that the key modern debate on the political and moral responsibility, or autonomy, of literature crystallizes around the death penalty. Inflecting traditional modes of representation and writing self-reflexively and/or self-critically, Hugo, Baudelaire, and Camus unsettle the commonly accepted divide between strictly aesthetic and politically committed writing. Form, rather than overtly political argument, at once conveys an ethical critique of justice and reflects on the possibilities, and duties, of literature.

ÈVE MORISI is an associate professor of French and Francophone literature at the University of Oxford.
The Bilingual Muse
Self-Translation among Russian Poets
Adrian Wanner

The Bilingual Muse analyzes the work of seven Russian poets who translated their own poems into English, French, German, or Italian. Investigating the parallel versions of self-translated poetic texts by Vladimir Nabokov, Joseph Brodsky, Andrey Gritsman, Katia Kapovich, Marina Tsvetaeva, Wassily Kandinsky, and Elizaveta Kul’man, Adrian Wanner considers how verbal creativity functions in different languages, the conundrum of translation, and the vagaries of bilingual identities.

Wanner argues that the perceived marginality of self-translation stems from a romantic privileging of the mother tongue and the original text. The unprecedented recent dispersion of Russian speakers over three continents has led to the emergence of a new generation of diasporic Russians who provide a more receptive milieu for multilingual creativity. The book will be of interest to scholars in Russian literature, comparative literature, applied linguistics, translation studies, and the rapidly developing field of self-translation studies.

ADRIAN WANNER is the Liberal Arts Professor of Russian and Comparative Literature at Penn State University. He is the author of Russian Minimalism: From the Prose Poem to the Anti-Story and Out of Russia: Fictions of a New Translingual Diaspora, both published by Northwestern University Press.

Dostoevsky and the Ethics of Narrative Form
Suspense, Closure, Minor Characters
Greta Matzner-Gore

Three questions of novelistic form preoccupied Fyodor Dostoevsky throughout his career: how to build suspense, how to end a narrative effectively, and how to distribute attention among major and minor characters. For Dostoevsky, these were much more than practical questions about novelistic craft; they were ethical questions as well.

Dostoevsky and the Ethics of Narrative Form traces Dostoevsky’s indefatigable investigations into the ethical implications of his own formal choices. Drawing on his drafts, notebooks, and writings on aesthetics, Greta Matzner-Gore argues that Dostoevsky wove the moral and formal questions that obsessed him into the fabric of his last three novels: Demons, The Adolescent, and The Brothers Karamazov. In so doing, Dostoevsky anticipated some of the most pressing debates taking place in the study of narrative ethics today. Can reading novels make us more compassionate and sensitive to emotional nuance? Or is the act of reading, instead, a voyeurism? By placing Dostoevsky in dialogue with thinkers such as Wayne Booth, Suzanne Keen, and Alex Woloch and providing a fresh assessment of Mikhail Bakhtin’s Problems of Dostoevsky’s Poetics, this book makes an important contribution not only to Dostoevsky studies but also to the field of narrative ethics.

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Karl Kraus and the Discourse of Modernity

Ari Linden

Ari Linden’s *Karl Kraus and the Discourse of Modernity* reconsiders the literary works of the Viennese satirist, journalist, and playwright Karl Kraus (1874–1936). Linden reads Kraus’s work both on its own terms and alongside philosophy and critical theory, yielding a portrait of Kraus as an irreplaceable figure in the modernist tradition. In doing so, Linden draws a more robust image of German modernism itself.

Combining close readings with intellectual history, Linden shows how Kraus’s two major literary achievements (*The Last Days of Mankind* and *The Third Walpurgis Night*) and a lesser-known play (*Cloudcuckooland*) address the political catastrophes of the first third of Europe’s twentieth century—from World War I to the rise of fascism. Kraus’s central insight, Linden argues, is that the medial representations of such events have produced less an informed audience than one increasingly unmoved by mass violence. In the second part of the book, Linden explores this insight as he sees it inflected in Søren Kierkegaard, Walter Benjamin, and Theodor Adorno. This hidden dialogue, Linden argues, offers us a richer understanding of the often neglected relationship between satire and critical theory writ large.

**Ari Linden** is an assistant professor in the Department of German Studies at the University of Kansas. He is a coeditor of the forthcoming volume *Karl Kraus and National Socialism*: Citing Violence, Inciting Critique.

Precarious Intimacies

The Politics of Touch in Contemporary Western European Cinema

Maria Stehle and Beverly Weber

Drawing on and responding to the writings of theorists such as Judith Butler, Sarah Ahmed, Lauren Berlant, and Lisa Lowe, this book proposes the notion of “precarious intimacies” to navigate a dilemma: how to recognize, affirm, and value love, touch, and care while challenging the racialized and gendered politics in which they are embedded.

Twenty-first-century Europe is undergoing dramatic political and economic transformations that produce new forms of transnational contact as well as new regimes of exclusion and economic precarity. These political and economic shifts both circumscribe and enable new possibilities for intimacy. Many European films of the last two decades depict experiences of political and economic vulnerability in narratives of precarious intimacies. In these films, stories of intimacy, sex, love, and friendship are embedded in violence and exclusion, but, as Maria Stehle and Beverly Weber show, the politics of touch and connection also offers avenues to theorize forms of attention and affection that challenge exclusive notions of race, citizenship, and belonging.

**Maria Stehle** is an assistant professor in the Department of Modern Foreign Languages and Literatures at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. She is the author of *Textscapes, Filmscapes, Soundscapes* and a coauthor of *A Form That Thinks: The Technologies of Popfeminist Activism*.

**Beverly Weber** is an associate professor of German studies and Jewish studies at the University of Colorado Boulder. She is the author of *Violence and Gender in the “New” Europe: Islam in German Culture*.

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*“Karl Kraus and the Discourse of Modernity offers an illuminating view onto Kraus’s three major creative works, *The Last Days of Mankind*, *Cloudcuckooland*, and *The Third Walpurgis Night*.”*—Michael W. Jennings, coauthor of Walter Benjamin: A Critical Life

*“Precarious Intimacies is an astute and important book for this age when moments of touch, solidarity, care, and affection between people are never unburdened of the political, and are rarely free from compromise and ambivalence. Critically imbuing over fifty films with the wisdom of intersectional feminist vision, this collaboratively written book practices the beauty and risk its authors so deftly honor in the intimate worlds of contemporary European cinema.”*—David Gramling, author of *Godard and the Essay Film: A Form That Thinks*
Imitation Artist
Gertrude Hoffmann’s Life in Vaudeville and Dance
Sunny Stalter-Pace

Gertrude Hoffmann made her name in the early twentieth century as an imitator, copying highbrow performances from Europe and popularizing them for a broader American audience. Born in San Francisco, Hoffmann started working as a ballet girl in pantomime spectacles during the Gay Nineties. She performed through the heyday of vaudeville and later taught dancers and choreographed nightclub revues. After her career ended, she reflected on how vaudeville’s history was represented in film and television.

Drawn from extensive archival research, Imitation Artist shows how Hoffmann’s life intersected with those of central figures in twentieth-century popular culture and dance, including Florenz Ziegfeld, George M. Cohan, Isadora Duncan, and Ruth St. Denis. Sunny Stalter-Pace discusses the ways in which Hoffmann navigated the complexities of performing gender, race, and national identity at the dawn of contemporary celebrity culture. This book is essential reading for those interested in the history of theater and dance, modernism, women’s history, and copyright.

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Moonflower, Nightshade, All the Hours of the Day
Stories
JD Scott

In this debut collection of short stories by the winner of the Madeleine P. Plonsker Emerging Writer's Residency Prize, the sly fabulism of JD Scott's fiction casts its own peculiar spell upon the reader as it outlines a world unsettlingly similar to our own. Scott troubles the line between what is literary and genre, fairy tale and parable.

In one story, a perfumer keeps his boyfriend close at hand by dosing him with precise measures of poison. In another, a comical domestic drama hinges upon the life and death of an ancient chinchilla. Scott pushes liminality with magical scrolls, a drowned twin returning from the sea, and a witty retelling of the Crucifixion where a gym bunny chops down a tree in the Garden of Eden—only to transform the wood into a cross for himself.

The collection ends with an epic novella in which a heroic teenager comes of age inside an otherworldly shopping mall that spans the entire globe. Visceral, dreamlike, and full of dazzling prose: Moonflower, Nightshade, All the Hours of the Day marks the arrival of a major new talent.

—Dawn Raffel, author of The Strange Case of Dr. Cunter

JD SCOTT is the author of the poetry collection Mask for Mask. Scott's writing has appeared in Best Experimental Writing, Best New Poets, Denver Quarterly, Prairie Schooner, Indiana Review, and elsewhere. Moonflower, Nightshade, All the Hours of the Day is Scott's debut story collection.
Make a Poem Cry
Creative Writing from California’s Lancaster Prison

Edited by Kenneth E. Hartman and Luis J. Rodríguez

Make a Poem Cry is an anthology of poems from one of California’s high-security prisons brought to us through the creative writing classes of Luis J. Rodríguez, sponsored by the Alliance for California Traditional Arts. Rodríguez, who is Tia Chucha Press’s founding editor, and formerly incarcerated writer Kenneth E. Hartman have selected work penned from 2016 to 2018. These are poems, essays, stories, and more mined from the depths of familial, racial, and economic violence. They are imaginings for how to address trouble and crime without punishment, dehumanization, and violence in return. Here’s restorative/transformative justice in action. Here’s redemption in the flesh. Here are voices and viewpoints needed for a just and equitable world for all.

Funded by the Arts for Justice Fund, the project is part of Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural’s “Trauma to Transformation Program.”

KENNETH E. HARTMAN was convicted of murder at nineteen and sentenced to life without the possibility of parole. After he had served thirty-eight years, former California governor Edmund G. Brown Jr. commuted his sentence, and Hartman was paroled in 2017. He’s presently a freelance writer who is also working as a development coordinator and prison programs specialist for a Los Angeles–area nonprofit. His 2009 memoir, Mother California: A Story of Redemption behind Bars, won the 2010 Eric Hoffer Award. Hartman edited From Trouble to Triumph: True Stories of Redemption from Drugs, Gangs, & Prison, coauthored by Benjamin Brown and incarcerated writer Darius James, in 2016.

LUIS J. RODRÍGUEZ was the poet laureate of Los Angeles from 2014 to 2016. He has taught creative writing as well as conducted poetry readings, lectures, and healing circles in prisons, juvenile lockups, and jails throughout the United States, Mexico, Central America, South America, and Europe. He is the founding editor of Tia Chucha Press and cofounder of Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural & Bookstore in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles. Rodríguez is the author of fifteen books of poetry, children’s literature, fiction, and nonfiction, including the best-selling memoir Always Running: A La Vida Loca: Gang Days in L.A.

“The are few places left where putting pen to paper remains the dominant mode of formal communication, but so it is inside the jails and prisons of this country. Whether it’s sad letters to family members, or desperate pleas to heedless courts and government functionaries, or long, passionate missives to lovers on the other side of the fences, the average man or woman in prison talks to the rest of the world through words written on paper.”

—Kenneth E. Hartman, from the preface

Founded in 1989 by Luis J. Rodríguez in Chicago, Tia Chucha Press is one of the country’s leading cross-cultural small presses. It is the publishing wing of Tia Chucha’s Centro Cultural & Bookstore in the San Fernando Valley section of Los Angeles.
Up Is Down: Mid-Century Experiments in Advertising and Film at the Goldsholl Studio

Edited by Amy Beste and Corinne Granof

Winner of the 2019 Award for Excellence from the Association of Art Museum Curators

Up Is Down: Mid-Century Experiments in Advertising and Film at the Goldsholl Studio is the first illustrated guide to the innovative work of Goldsholl Design Associates and its impact on design and film.

Headed by Morton and Millie Goldsholl, the studio worked at the intersection of art, design, and media, producing trademarks, corporate identities, print advertisements, television commercials, and films for such clients as Motorola, Kimberly-Clark, Revlon, 7-Up, and the National Football League. The Goldsholls and their designers were compared to many of the most celebrated design firms of their day and are being rediscovered by many contemporary designers.

Inspired by Laszlo Moholy-Nagy, with whom they had studied at Chicago's School of Design, Morton and Millie Goldsholl fostered a culture of exploration and collaboration in their studio. The firm became known for its imaginative "designs-in-film," applying avant-garde techniques to commercial productions. Its groundbreaking work in the new media of television helped redefine the look of everyday visual culture in mid-century America. The trailblazing work of Goldsholl Design Associates remains an unexplored contribution within American design and advertising.

Published in conjunction with the exhibition of the same name at the Block Museum of Art, Northwestern University, this volume's research explores how the innovative work of Goldsholl Design Associates and its impact on design and film.

Portrait of a Child: Historical and Scientific Studies of a Roman Egyptian Mummy

Edited by Essi Rönkkö, Taco Terpstra, and Marc Walton

Portrait of a Child is an illustrated guide to the fascinating story of the mummy known to archaeologists as "Hawara Portrait Mummy No. 4." Discovered in 1910 by British archaeologist Flinders Petrie at the Roman-Egyptian archaeological site of Hawara, the mummified child had been buried with a luminous painted portrait which has captivated viewers ever since. This book tells the story of what cutting-edge research has revealed about her life and death.

The centerpiece of a 2018 exhibit at Northwestern University’s Block Museum of Art titled “Paint the Eyes Softer: Mummy Portraits from Roman Egypt,” the mummy was the focus on intense, multidisciplinary research. University researchers used CT scan technology to investigate the cause of the child’s death and identify the method and materials used in mummification. Traveling to the Department of Energy’s Argonne National Laboratory, the mummy then became the first ever analyzed using Advanced Photon Source synchrotron technology, where a high-brilliance X-ray beam revealed more details about her bone matter and the materials she was entombed with. Accompanied by a wealth of color images, maps, and diagrams, Portrait of a Child, shares new scientific findings, as well as the conservation, ethical, and museological considerations weighed by the researchers and curators.

Written for the knowledgeable general reader, the book presents recent multidisciplinary research that explores the mummy, the economic and cultural history of Hawara within the Roman Empire, as well as the life of a girl in Egypt at the turn of the second century.

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