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Forbidden Intimacies
Polygamas at the Limits of Western Tolerance
Melanie Heath

In the past thirty years, polygamy has become a flashpoint of conflict as Western governments attempt to regulate certain cultural and religious practices that challenge seemingly central principles of family and justice. In Forbidden Intimacies, Melanie Heath comparatively investigates the regulation of polygamy in the United States, Canada, France, and Mayotte. Drawing on a wealth of ethnographic and archival sources, Heath uncovers the ways in which intimacies framed as “other” and “offensive” serve to define the very limits of Western tolerance. The matrix of legal and social contexts, informed by gender, race, sexuality, and class, shapes the everyday experiences of these relationships. Heath uses the term “labyrinthine love” to conceptualize the complex ways individuals negotiate different kinds of relationships, ranging from romantic to coercive. This book exposes the huge variety of intimacies, and the power they hold to challenge heteronormative, Western ideals of love.

Reinventing Human Rights
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The Powerful Insiders Who Exploit Diversity to Maintain Inequality
Nancy Leong
In this groundbreaking book, Nancy Leong coin the term “identity capitalist” to label the powerful insiders who derive social and economic value from people of color, women, LGBTQ people, the poor, and other outgroups. She contends that the national preoccupation with diversity has, counterintuitively, allowed identity capitalists to infiltrate the legal system, educational institutions, the workplace, and the media. Using examples from law to literature, from politics to pop culture, Leong journeys through the hidden agendas and surprising incentives of various ingroup actors. She also uncovers a dire dilemma for outgroup members: do they play along and let their identity be used by others, or do they protest and risk the wrath of the powerful? Readers will be armed with the tools to recognize and mitigate the harms of exploitation.

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Midwives, Law, and the Politics of Reproductive Care
Renée Ann Cramer
Midwives in the United States live and work in a complex regulatory environment directly resulting from state and medical intervention into women’s reproductive capacity. In Birthing a Movement, Renée Ann Cramer draws on over a decade of ethnographic and archival research to examine the inter-actions of law, politics, and activism surrounding midwifery. Framed by gripping narratives from midwives across the country, she parses out the often-paradoxical priorities with which they must engage. By studying states where midwives have differing legal statuses, Cramer makes the case that they and their clients engage in various forms of sometimes-inconsistent mobilization to facilitate access to care, autonomy in childbirth, and the articulation of women’s authority in reproduction. She offers rich insights for scholars, activists, and healthcare professionals.

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Unauthorized Love
Mixed-Citizenship Couples Negociating Intimacy, Immigration, and the State
Jane Lilly López
For mixed-citizenship couples, getting married is the easy part. The US Supreme Court has confirmed the universal civil right to marry, guaranteeing every couple’s ability to wed. But the Supreme Court has denied that this right to marriage includes married couples’ right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness on US soil, creating a challenge for mixed-citizenship couples whose individual-level rights do not translate to family-level protections. In Unauthorized Love, Jane López offers a comprehensive, critical look at US family reunification law and its consequences as experienced by 56 mixed-citizenship American couples. These couples’ stories—of integration and alienation, of opportunity and inequality, of hope and despair— make tangible the consequences of current US immigration laws that tend to favor Whiteness, wealth, and heteronormativity, as well as the individual rather than the family unit, in awarding membership and official belonging.

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Translating Food Sovereignty
*Cultivating Justice in an Age of Transnational Governance*
Matthew C. Canfield

Nearly two billion people are food insecure, and food systems are the number one contributor to climate change. While agro-industrial production is promoted as the solution to these problems, growing global “food sovereignty” movements are challenging this model by demanding local and democratic control over food systems. *Translating Food Sovereignty* accompanies activists based in the Pacific Northwest of the United States as they mobilize the claim of food sovereignty across local, regional, and global arenas of governance. Food sovereignty activists are one of the first to have articulated themselves in relation to the neoliberal transnational order of networked governance. Matthew C. Canfield reveals how activists are leveraging this order to make more expansive social justice claims, and illustrates how food sovereignty activists are cultivating new forms of transnational governance from the ground up.

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*Rising Antidemocracy and the Climate Crisis*
Eve Darian-Smith

Recent years have seen out-of-control wildfires rage across remote Brazilian rainforests, densely populated California coastlines, and major cities in Australia. In *Global Burning*, Eve Darian-Smith contends that using fire as a symbolic and literal thread connecting different places around the world allows us to better understand the parallel, and related, trends of the growth of authoritarian politics and climate crises and their interconnected global consequences.

The fires in Australia, Brazil and the United States demand acknowledgment of the global systems of inequality that undergird them, connecting the political erosion of liberal democracy with the corrosion of the environment. Darian-Smith argues that these wildfires are closely linked through capitalism, colonialism, industrialization, and resource extraction. In thinking through wildfires as environmental and political phenomenon, *Global Burning* challenges readers to confront the interlocking powers that are ensuring our future ecological collapse.

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Political Children
*Violence, Labor, and Rights in Peru*
Mikaela Luttrell-Rowland

Grounded in extensive interviews, longitudinal ethnography, historical analysis, and archival work, Mikaela Luttrell-Rowland shows how two distinct groups of working young people in Lima, Peru, have become political protagonists, resisting and critiquing the daily inequality and injustice they face. She details the ways marginalized youth interpret and address a range of issues affecting their lives—from environmental degradation to second-rate public facilities, gender-based violence to dangerous working conditions—and reveals a range of ways they make sense of their systematic marginalization and their own labor, and in doing so, how they navigate everyday state violence. These “political children” expose the contradictions of public policy narratives in which the Peruvian state is cast as a neutral site for engagement and action. Through their criticism and activism, the young people demonstrate that such narratives divorce state power from the very places in which it is experienced as structural violence.

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Marriage Unbound
State Law, Power, and Inequality in Contemporary China
Ke Li

China after Mao has undergone vast transformations, including massive rural-to-urban migration, rising divorce rates, and the steady expansion of the country’s legal system. Today, divorce may appear a private concern, when in fact it is a profoundly political matter. *Marriage Unbound* focuses on the politics of divorce cases in contemporary China, following a group of women seeking judicial remedies for conjugal grievances and disputes. Drawing on extensive archival and ethnographic data, paired with unprecedented access to rural Chinese courtrooms, Ke Li presents not only a stirring portrayal of how these women navigate divorce litigation, but also a uniquely in-depth account of the modern Chinese legal system. With sensitive and fluid prose, Li reveals the struggles between the powerful and the powerless at the front lines of dispute management; the complex interplay between culture and the state; and insidious statecraft that far too often sacrifices women’s rights and interests.

Lethal Injection and the False Promise of Humane Execution
Austin Sarat

This country has always struggled to reconcile its use of capital punishment with the Constitution’s prohibition of cruel punishment. While proponents have argued that it serves to deter heinous crimes, abolitionists counter that the methods of execution have frequently been just as gruesome as the crimes meriting their use. Lethal injection was first introduced in order to quell such objections, and this book tells the story of its earliest iterations, starting with New York state’s rejection of that execution method almost a century and half ago. Sarat recounts lethal injection’s return in the late 1970s, and the new drug protocols that went into effect between 2010 and 2020. Mounting a comprehensive case against the increasing occurrence of mishaps, Sarat proves that what was once touted America’s most humane execution method is now its most unreliable one.

Genres of Privacy in Postwar America
Palmer Rampell

Rampell reveals the surprising role genre fiction played in redefining the category of the private person in the postwar period. Triangulating novels and films with archival discoveries and historical and legal research, Rampell provides new readings of Patricia Highsmith, Dorothy B. Hughes, Philip K. Dick, Octavia Butler, Chester Himes, Stephen King, Cormac McCarthy, and others. The book pairs the right of privacy for heterosexual sex with queer and proto-feminist crime fiction; racialized police surveillance at midcentury with Black crime fiction; Roe v. Wade with science fiction; the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act with horror; and the right to die with westerns. While we are accustomed to defenses of fiction for its capacity to represent fully rendered private life, Rampell suggests that we might value genre fiction for its capacity to theorize the meaning of the protean concept of privacy.

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Paul J. Heald

In Copy This Book!, Paul J. Heald draws on a vast knowledge of copyright scholarship and a deep sense of irony to explain what’s gone wrong with copyright in the twenty-first century. Distilling extensive empirical data to clearly show the implications of copyright laws and doctrine for public welfare, he illustrates his findings with lighthearted references to familiar (and obscure) works and their creators (and sometimes their creators’ oddball relations). Among the questions he tackles: How does copyright deter composers from writing new songs? Why are so many famous photographs unprotected orphans, and how does Getty Images get away with licensing them? What can the use of music in movies tell us about the proper length of the copyright term? How do publishers get away with claiming rights in public domain works and extracting unmerited royalties from the public? Heald translates piles of data, complex laws, and mysterious economics, equipping readers with the tools for judging past and future copyright law.

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Women as War Criminals
Gender, Agency, and Justice
Izabela Stelija and Jessica Trisko Darden

Women war criminals are far more common than we think. From the Holocaust to ethnic cleansing in the Balkans to the Rwandan genocide, women have perpetrated heinous crimes. Few have been punished. These women’s very existence goes against our assumptions about war and about women as peaceful and innocent, and these biases in turn prevent postconflict justice systems from assigning women blame. Women as War Criminals argues that women are just as capable as men of committing war crimes and crimes against humanity. And women are uniquely adept at using gender instrumentally to fight for better conditions and reduced sentences when war ends. The book presents the postconflict legal cases of four women—the President (Biljana Plavšić), the Minister (Pauline Nyiramasuhuko), the Soldier (Lynndie England), and the Student (Hoda Muthana)—whose identity influenced their treatment by legal systems. Justice, Steflja and Trisko Darden show, is not blind to gender.

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PROTECTING DEMOCRACIES FROM INFORMATION WARFARE
Tyrants on Twitter
Protecting Democracies from Information Warfare
David L. Sloss

When Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram were first introduced to the public, their mission was simple: they were designed to help people become more connected to each other. Unfortunately, these same digital tools are also easy to manipulate. As exemplified by Russia’s interference in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, authoritarian states can exploit social media to interfere with democratic governance in open societies. Tyrants on Twitter is the first detailed analysis of how Chinese and Russian agents weaponize Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube to subvert the liberal international order. David Sloss calls for cooperation among democratic governments to create a new transnational system for regulating social media to protect Western democracies from information warfare. With its critical examination of information warfare and its proposal for practical legislative solutions to fight back, this book is essential reading in a time when disinformation campaigns threaten to undermine democracy.

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The Specter of Dictatorship
Judicial Enabling of Presidential Power
David M. Driesen

In The Specter of Dictatorship, David Driesen analyzes the chief executive’s role in the democratic decline of Hungary, Poland, and Turkey and argues that an insufficiently constrained presidency is one of the most important systemic threats to democracy. Driesen urges the U.S. to learn from the mistakes of these failing democracies. Their experiences suggest, Driesen shows, that the Court must eschew its reliance on and expansion of the “unitary executive theory” recently endorsed by the Court and apply a less deferential approach to presidential authority, invoked to protect national security and combat emergencies, than it has in recent years. Ultimately, Driesen argues that concern about loss of democracy should play a major role in the Court’s jurisprudence, because loss of democracy can prove irreversible. As autocracy spreads throughout the world, maintaining our democracy has become an urgent matter.

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Policing Bodies
Law, Sex Work, and Desire in Johannesburg
I. India Thusi

Sex work occupies a legally grey space in Johannesburg, South Africa, and police attitudes towards it are inconsistent and largely unregulated. As I. India Thusi argues in Policing Bodies, this results in, both, room for negotiation that can benefit sex workers, as well as extreme precarity in which the security police officers provide can be offered and taken away at a moment’s notice. Sex work straddles the line between formal and informal. Attitudes about beauty and subjective value are manifest in informal tasks, including police activities, which are often conducted in a seemingly ad hoc manner. However, high-level organizational directives intended to regulate police obligations also influence police action and tilt the exercise of discretion to the formal. Challenging discourses about sexuality and gender that inform its regulation, Thusi exposes the limitations of dominant feminist arguments regarding the legal treatment of sex work.
Surviving Solitary
Living and Working in Restricted Housing Units
Danielle S. Rudes, with Shannon Magnuson and Angela Hattery
Twenty to forty percent of the US prison population will spend time in restricted housing units—or solitary confinement. These separate units within prisons have enhanced security measures, and thousands of staff control and monitor the residents. Though commonly assumed to be punishment for only the most dangerous behaviors, in reality, these units may also be used in response to minor infractions. In Surviving Solitary, Danielle S. Rudes offers an unprecedented look inside RHUs—and a resounding call to more vigorously confront the intentions and realities of these structures. As the narratives unfold we witness the slow and systematic damage the RHUs inflict upon those living and working inside, through increased risk, arbitrary rules, and strained or absent social interactions. Rudes makes the case that we must prioritize improvement over harm, and she underscores the fierce hope among residents and staff that they may have a different future.

Against Progress
Intellectual Property and Fundamental Values in the Internet Age
Jessica Silbey
When first written into the Constitution, intellectual property aimed to facilitate “progress of science and the useful arts” by granting rights to authors and inventors. Today, with technological evolution and growing wealth inequality and divisiveness, the constitutional goal of “progress” may pertain to more basic, human values, redirecting IP’s emphasis to the commonweal instead of private interests. Against Progress considers contemporary debates about intellectual property law as concerning the relationship between constitutional progress and fundamental values, such as equality, privacy, and distributive justice, that are increasingly challenged in today’s internet age. Jessica Silbey examines the experiences of everyday creators and innovators navigating ownership, sharing, and sustainability. Crucially, the book encourages refiguring the substance of “progress” and the function of intellectual property in terms that demonstrate the urgency of art and science to social justice today.

Data Cartels
The Companies That Control and Monopolize Our Information
Sarah Lamdan
In our digital world, data is power, and information hoarders reign supreme. These digital pillagers use intimidation, aggression, and force to maintain control and power. Sarah Lamdan brings us into the unregulated underworld of the “data cartels,” demonstrating how the entities mining, hoarding, commodifying, and selling our data and informational resources perpetuate social inequalities and threaten the democratic sharing of knowledge. The companies at the center of this book fly under the radar and self-identify as “data analytics” or “business solutions” operations. They supply the digital lifeblood that flow through the circulatory system of the internet. With their control over data, they can prevent the free flow of information to places where it is needed, and simultaneously distribute private information to predatory entities. Beyond specific legal and market-based solutions, Lamdan calls for treating information like a public good and creating digital infrastructure that supports our democratic ideals.
A History of False Hope: Investigative Commissions in Palestine
Lori Allen

This book offers a provocative retelling of Palestinian political history through an examination of the international commissions that have investigated political violence and human rights violations. Drawing on debates in the press, previously unexamined UN reports, historical archives, and ethnographic research, Allen explores six key investigative commissions over the last century. She highlights how Palestinians’ persistent demands for independence have been routinely translated into the numb language of reports and resolutions. These commissions, Allen argues, operating as technologies of liberal global governance, yield no justice—only the oppressive status quo. *A History of False Hope* issues a biting critique of the captivating allure and cold impotence of international law.

“Allen has produced a fascinating, engaging, and innovative scholarly assessment of how international commissions have failed to deliver political results to the Palestinian people.”
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A Constitution for the Living: Imagining How Five Generations of Americans Would Rewrite the Nation’s Fundamental Law
Beau Breslin

“The earth belongs...to the living, the dead have neither powers nor rights over it.” These famous words, reflect Thomas Jefferson’s lifelong belief that each generation ought to write its own Constitution. According to Jefferson each generation should take an active role in endorsing, renouncing, or changing the nation’s fundamental law. History tells us that Jefferson’s voice went unheeded. But what if he had prevailed? In *A Constitution for the Living*, Beau Breslin reimagines American history to answer that question. By tracing the story from the 1787 Constitutional Convention up to the present, Breslin presents an engaging and insightful narrative account of historical figures and how they might have shaped their particular generation’s Constitution. This book is, above all, a call for a more engaged American public at a time when change seems close at hand, if we dare to imagine it.

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Rocking Qualitative Social Science: An Irreverent Guide to Rigorous Research
Ashley T. Rubin

Unlike other athletes, the rock climber tends to disregard established norms of style and technique, doing whatever she needs to do to get to the next foothold. This figure provides an apt analogy for the scholar at the center of this unique book. In *Rocking Qualitative Social Science*, Ashley Rubin provides an entertaining treatise, corrective vision, and rigorously informative guidebook for qualitative research methods that have long been dismissed in deference to traditional scientific methods. Recognizing the steep challenges facing many, especially junior, social science scholars who struggle to adapt their research models to narrowly defined notions of “right,” Rubin argues that properly nourished qualitative research can generate important, creative, and even paradigm-shifting insights. This book is designed to help people conduct good qualitative research, talk about their research, and evaluate other scholars’ work. Ultimately, this book argues that rigorous research can be anything but rigid.

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Shaping the Bar
The Future of Attorney Licensing
Joan W. Howarth

In *Shaping the Bar*, Joan Howarth describes how the twin gatekeepers of the legal profession—law schools and licensers—are failing the public with devastating consequences. Attorney licensing should be laser-focused on readiness to practice law with the minimum competence of a new attorney. According to Howarth, requirements today are both too difficult and too easy. Record numbers of law school graduates—disproportionately people of color—are failing bar exams. At the same time, a candidate can be licensed to practice law without ever having been in a law office or even seen a lawyer with a client. Howarth makes the case that the licensing rituals familiar to generations of lawyers are protecting members of the profession more than the public. This book presents the path forward by means of licensing changes to protect the public while building an inclusive, diverse, competent, ethical profession.

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