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Belonging without Othering
How We Save Ourselves and the World
john a. powell and Stephen Menendian

We yearn for connection, but live in a time when calls for further division are pervasive. Belonging without Othering prescribes a new approach that encourages us to turn toward one another in unprecedented and radical ways. It gives vital language to the universal problem of “othering,” and also makes a powerful case for adopting a paradigm of belonging that does not require the creation of an “other.” This new paradigm hinges on transitioning from narrow to expansive identities. Brimming with clear guidance, sparkling insights, and specific examples and practices, this is a future-oriented exploration that ushers us in a more hopeful direction.

“The writing is lucid, generous, and often beautiful, and it is used to express profound righteousness and moral clarity. It would be hard to read this book and not be inspired to think better and live better.”
—Andrew Solomon, author of Far from the Tree

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American Apocalypse
The Six Far-Right Groups Waging War on Democracy
Rena Steinzor

The war on American democracy is at a fever pitch. Such a corrosive state of affairs did not arise spontaneously up from the people but was pushed, top-down, by six private sector special interest groups—big business, the House Freedom Caucus, the Federalist Society, Fox News, white evangelicals, and armed militias. In American Apocalypse Rena Steinzor argues that these groups are nothing more than well-financed armies fighting a battle of attrition against the national government, with power, money, and fame as their central motivations. Steinzor delves into each of their histories, mapping the strategies, tactics, and characteristics that make them so powerful. She reminds us that only by recognizing what we are up against can we hope to bring about change.

“A must read for anyone who wants to become familiar with the forces behind the current assault on our democracy.”
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Governments dominated water management throughout the 20th century. Private businesses sometimes played a part, but typically in a supporting position as consultants or contractors. Today, private businesses and markets are playing a rapidly expanding role, bringing both new approaches and new challenges to a historically public field. In Liquid Asset, Barton H. Thompson, Jr. examines the growing position of the private sector in the “business of water.” Thompson seeks to understand the private sector’s involvement in meeting the water needs of both humans and the environment, looks at the potential risks that growing private involvement poses to the public interest in water, and considers the obstacles that private organizations face in trying to participate in a traditionally governmental sector.

“A clarion call for greater involvement by the business community in global water management and security.”
—Robert Glennon, author of Unquenchable

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The Transition
Interpreting Justice from Thurgood Marshall to Clarence Thomas
Daniel Kiel
Every Supreme Court transition is significant, but the replacement of Thurgood Marshall with Clarence Thomas proved particularly momentous. Not only did it shift the ideological balance on the Court; it was inextricably entangled with the persistent American dilemma of race. In The Transition, this most significant transition is explored through the lives and writings of the first two African American justices on Court, touching on their lasting impact on understandings of American citizenship as well as the central currents of Black political thought over the past century. Daniel Kiel shows that it is their unique perspectives as Black justices that make this succession echo across generations.

“There is irony and even tragedy in Daniel Kiel’s account of the transition, not only from one justice to another, but to a new and troubled chapter of the American story.”
—Linda Greenhouse, author of Justice on the Brink

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Free to Judge
The Power of Campaign Money in Judicial Elections
Michael S. Kang and Joanna M. Shepherd
The idea that wealthy people use their money to influence things including politics, law, and media will surprise very few people. However, as Michael S. Kang and Joanna M. Shepherd argue in this readable and rich study of the state judiciary, the effect of money on judicial outcomes should disturb and anger everyone. In the current system that elects state judges, the rich and powerful can spend money to elect and re-elect judges who decide cases the way they want. Free to Judge is about how and why money increasingly affects the dispensation of justice in our legal system, and what can be done to stop it.

“Ingenuously blending data science and legal analysis, this is an innovative and accessible program for justice system reform.”
—Publishers Weekly starred review

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Becoming a Public Benefit Corporation
Express Your Values, Energize Stakeholders, Make the World a Better Place
Michael B. Dorff

Entrepreneurs and leaders often have an inspiring vision for how their business can benefit society. In recent years a new legal structure has emerged, the “Public Benefit Corporation,” which helps organizations make this vision a reality. Rather than aim strictly at maximizing profits, these revolutionary companies are now committing to consider their business strategy’s impact on their employees, the environment, and anyone materially affected by their activities. In this book Michael Dorff explains how visionary leaders and organizations can balance the tradeoffs between profits and mission.

“Michael Dorff’s fascinating new book is essential reading for anyone interested in learning about this newer type of corporate entity.”
—Michael J. Downer, Senior Lawyer and Executive (ret.), Capital Group American Funds

SHAPING
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. 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.

“Howarth has written the definitive book on the history and objectives of lawyer licensing.”
—Daniel B. Rodriguez, Northwestern Pritzker School of Law

Hot Flash
How the Law Ignores Menopause and What We Can Do About It
Emily Gold Waldman, Bridget J. Crawford and Naomi R. Cahn

Silence and stigmas around many aspects of reproductive health—from menstruation to infertility to miscarriage to abortion—have historically created the conditions in which bias and discrimination can flourish. Menopause exemplifies that phenomenon, and in Hot Flash, authors Emily Gold Waldman, Bridget Crawford and Naomi Cahn set out to replace the silence with a deeper understanding. The book contextualizes menopause as one of several stages in a person’s reproductive life. Taking U.S. law regarding pregnancy and breastfeeding as an entry point, the authors suggest changes in existing legislation and workplace policies that would incorporate menopause as well. More broadly, they push us to imagine how law can support a more equitable future.

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

In its current state, the global food system is socially and ecologically unsustainable: 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. In contrast to social movements that frame their claims through the language of human rights, food sovereignty activists are one of the first to have articulated themselves in relation to the neoliberal transnational order of networked governance.

“A must-read for scholars, students, and activists as well as those seeking to implement more inclusive and realistic policies.”
—Eve Darian-Smith, University of California, Irvine

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**Queering Reproductive Justice**  
*An Invitation*  
Candace Bond-Theriault

Both the reproductive justice and LGBTQIA+ movements were born out of the desire to love and build families of our choosing—when and how we decide. Both movements are rooted in broader social justice liberationist traditions that center the needs of Black and brown communities, the LGBTQIA+ community, gender-nonconforming folks, femmes, poor folks, parents, and all those who have been forced to the margins of society. *Queering Reproductive Justice* sets out to re-envision the seemingly disparate strands of the reproductive justice and LGBTQIA+ movements and offer an invitation to reimagine these movements as one integrated vision of freedom for the future.

“Queering Reproductive Justice will inspire new, necessary conversations about the simultaneity of the struggle for reproductive autonomy and the fight for LGBTQIA+ liberation. Bond-Theriault provides us with a framework for imagining—and achieving—an enriched future for all.”

—Khiara Bridges, UC Berkeley Law

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**Laboring for Justice**  
*The Fight Against Wage Theft in an American City*  
Rebecca Berke Galemba

Drawing on a long-term community-engaged research project that received the 2022 Setha M. Low Engaged Anthropology Award, this book analyzes the widespread problem of wage theft and its disproportionate impact on low-wage immigrant workers. Rebecca Galemba focuses on the plight of day laborers in Denver, Colorado—a quintessential purple state that has swung between some of the harshest and more welcoming policies around immigrant and labor rights—to reveal how labor abuses like wage theft persist, and how advocates, attorneys, and workers struggle to redress and prevent those abuses using proactive policy, legal challenges, and direct action tactics.

“Public anthropology at its best! Galemba writes as a team player set on helping migrants deal with wage theft.”

—Juan Thomas Ordóñez, author of *Jornalero*

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**Rules of the Road**  
*The Automobile and the Transformation of American Criminal Justice*  
Spencer Headworth

Driving is an unavoidable part of life in the United States. Even those who don’t drive much likely know someone who does. More than just a simple method of getting from point A to point B, however, driving has been a significant influence on the United States’ culture, economy, politics—and its criminal justice system. *Rules of the Road* tracks the history of the car alongside the history of crime and criminal justice in the United States, demonstrating how the quick and numerous developments in criminal law corresponded to the steadily rising prominence, and now established supremacy, of the automobile. Bridging research from sociology, psychology, criminology, political science, legal studies, and histories of technology and law, Headworth illustrates the legal responses to changing technological and social circumstances.

“This book is an essential read for anyone who cares about transforming policing, criminal laws, and American justice.”

—Sarah Seo, Columbia Law School

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Reform Nation
*The First Step Act and the Movement to End Mass Incarceration*
Colleen P. Eren

In late 2018, the First Step Act was signed into law by Donald Trump just hours preceding a government shutdown. It was one of the few major pieces of federal criminal justice reform since the 1970s to move towards reversing the incarceration frenzy that had characterized U.S. policy. In *Reform Nation*, Colleen P. Eren investigates it as a symbol for the larger movement’s trajectory, fueled by a new constellation of advocates, stakeholders, and strange bedfellow alliances. These intriguing and complex dynamics are indicative of a larger shift in which the movement became nationalized and mainstreamed. It raises broad questions about how our democratic processes inform criminal justice policy, and where we are going in the decades to come.

“A critical look behind the scenes at the way ‘criminal justice reform’ has blossomed into not just a movement but also, at times, a kind of industry.”

—Baz Dreisinger, author, *Incarceration Nations*

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Fragile Hope
*Seeking Justice for Hate Crimes in India*
Sandhya Fuchs

Against the backdrop of the global Black Lives Matter movement, debates around the social impact of hate crime laws have come to the political fore. In India, discriminatory violence has become particularly urgent. Since 2015, the country has seen a dramatic rise in violence against ex-untouchable groups (Dalits), fueling a “Dalit Lives Matter” movement. Sandhya Fuchs unveils how Dalit communities interpret, mobilize, and reframe the Atrocities Act in their quest for justice. Fuchs uses the intimate lens of personal narrative to lay bare the unseen ways legal systems converge and conflict with political and gendered concerns about justice for hate crime, and create new controversies, inequalities, and hope.

“This is an outstanding book, a deeply thoughtful, imaginative, and occasionally startling piece of work.”

—Tobias Kelly, author of *This Side of Silence*

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Proud to Punish
*The Global Landscapes of Rough Justice*
Gilles Favarel-Garrigues and Laurent Gayer, Translated by Cynthia Schoch and Trista Selous

A magisterial comparative study, *Proud to Punish* recenters our understanding of modern punishment through a sweeping analysis of the global phenomenon of rough justice: the use of force to settle accounts and enforce legal and moral norms outside the formal framework of the law. While taking many forms, including vigilantism, lynch mobs, people’s courts, and death squads, all seekers of rough justice thrive on the deliberate blurring of lines between law enforcers and troublemakers. Digital networks have provided a profitable arena for vigilantes, who use social media to build a following and publicize their work, as they degrade the bodies of the accused for purposes of edification and entertainment.

“Offers innovative insights into crimefighting discourses, retributive violence, its public reception, and responses from law enforcement authorities.”

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The United States has experienced a dramatic shift in attitudes towards cannabis use from the 1970s to today. What once had been a counterculture drug supplied by socially marginal figures like drug smugglers and hippies has become a big business, dominated by a few large corporations. Pot for Profit, traces the cultural, historical, political, and legal roots of these changing attitudes towards cannabis. Joseph Mello argues that embracing the profit potential of this drug has been key to the success of cannabis reform, and that this approach has problematic economic and racial implications.

“In the finest law and society tradition, Mello weaves together cultural, political, and economic forces shaping emergent landscapes of cannabis legalization with, not after, prohibition.”

—Dominic Corva, California Polytechnic University, Humboldt

The Incarcerated Modern
Prisons and Public Life in Iran
Golnar Nikpour

The prison system is a foundational institution of Iranian political modernity. This book traces the transformation of Iran from a decentralized empire with few imprisoned persons into a modern nation-state with over a quarter million prisoners today. Nikpour explores the interplay between the concrete space of the Iranian prison and the role of prisons in producing new public cultures and political languages—from prison writings of 1920s leftist prisoners and communiqués of 1950s militant Islamists to paintings of 1970s revolutionary guerillas. In policing the line between “bad criminal” and “good citizen,” the carceral system has shaped modern Iranian political movements and reshaped Iranian understandings of citizenship, freedom, and political belonging. “One of those exceptionally rare, original books that transcends academic disciplines and opens up myriad terrains of inquiry.”

—Shahla Talebi, Arizona State University

Faith in Rights
Christian-Inspired NGOs at Work in the United Nations
Amélie Barras

Faith in Rights explores why and how Christian nongovernmental organizations conduct human rights work at the United Nations. The book interrogates the idea that the secular and the religious are distinct categories, and more specifically that human rights, understood as secular, can be neatly distinguished from religion. It argues that Christianity is deeply entangled in the texture of the United Nations and shapes the methods and areas of work of Christian NGOs. This is a crucial new evaluation of how religion informs understandings of human rights, as well as how being engaged in human rights work influences these organizations’ own religious identity and practice.

“Barras alternates skillfully between explaining the pragmatic ways in which a commitment to this binary persists, with a perceptive account of the limits of such interpretations and the political possibilities that emerge in the wake of their displacement.”

—Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Northwestern University

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Involuntary Consent
The Illusion of Choice in Japan’s Adult Video Industry
Akiko Takeyama

The popularity of pornography is predicated on the idea that participants have given consent. Looking at behind-the-scenes negotiations and abuses in Japan’s massive $5 billion a year adult video industry, Akiko Takeyama challenges this notion with the idea of “involuntary consent.” This phenomenon, she argues, is ubiquitous, not only in the porn industry, but in our everyday lives, and yet modern society, built on beliefs of free choice, renders it all but invisible. Taking consent as her starting point, Takeyama illustrates the nuances of Japan’s pornographic and sex work industries and the legal structures, or lack thereof, that govern them.

“This is an invaluable study, delivering profound insights into the muddle of gendered sexual labor in the pornography industry. An important new contribution to the field of global sex work studies.”

—Kamala Kempadoo, York University

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When Misfortune Becomes Injustice
Alicia Ely Yamin, Foreword by Sakiko Fukuda-Parr

This book surveys the progress and challenges in deploying human rights to advance health and social equality over recent decades. In this revised and expanded second edition, Yamin incorporates crucial lessons learned about the state of global health equity and public health systems during the COVID-19 pandemic, demonstrating just how incompatible the current institutionalized world order—based on neoliberal, financialized capitalism—is with one in which the rights of diverse people around the globe can be realized. Yamin argues that transformative human rights praxis in health calls for addressing issues of structural inequality and political economy, and working across disciplinary silos through networks and social movements.

“This extraordinary book is a powerful call—by a scholar-activist—to pursue human rights transformatively, to advance connection, dignity, equality, and social justice.”

—Jackie Dugard, Columbia University

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Not My Type
Automating Sexual Racism in Online Dating
Apryl Williams, with a Foreword by Safiya Noble

In the world of online dating, race-based discrimination is not only tolerated, but encouraged as part of a pervasive belief that it is simply a neutral, personal choice about one’s romantic partner—and this idea directs the algorithmic infrastructures of most major online dating platforms. In Not My Type, Apryl Williams presents a socio-technical exploration of dating platforms’ algorithms, their lack of transparency, the legal and ethical discourse in these companies’ community guidelines, and accounts from individual users, to argue that sexual racism is a central feature of today’s online dating culture. Williams calls for a reconceptualization of the policies that govern dating agencies, and also a reexamination of sociocultural beliefs about attraction.

“From the automation of white beauty standards to the chilling prevalence of racist abuse in private messages, Williams reveals the harms created when racism, technology, and romance interact.”

—Angéle Christin, author of Metrics at Work

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Hereditary
The Persistence of Biological Theories of Crime
Julien Larregue

Since the 1990s, a growing number of criminal courts around the world have been using expert assessments based on behavioral genetics and neuroscience to evaluate the responsibility and dangerousness of offenders. Despite this rapid circulation, however, we still know very little about the scientific knowledge underlying these expert evaluations. Hereditary traces the historical development of biosocial criminology in the United States from the 1960s to the present, showing how the fate of this movement is intimately linked to that of the field of criminology as a whole. Julien Larregue examines what is at stake in the development of biosocial criminology, addressing the reconfiguration of expertise in contemporary societies, and in particular the territorial struggles between the medical and legal professions.

"An absolute must-read for reflexive criminologists, sociologists of knowledge and anthropologists of crime and expertise."

—Loïc Wacquant, author of The Invention of the "Underclass"

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The Structure of Ideas
Mapping a New Theory of Free Expression in the AI Era
Jared Schroeder

In 1919 dissent, Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes named, and thus catalyzed the creation of, the marketplace of ideas. This conceptual space has, ever since, been used to give shape to American constitutional notions of the freedom of expression. In The Structure of Ideas, Jared Schroeder takes on the task of mapping the various iterations of the marketplace, from its early foundations in Enlightenment beliefs in universal truths and rational actors, to its increasingly expansive parameters for protecting expression in the arenas of commercial, corporate, and online speech. Schroeder contends that in today’s information landscape, marked by the rapid emergence of artificial intelligence, the marketplace cannot provide a space where truths succeed and falsity fails.

“This book explains–better than any book I have ever read–how the prevailing free speech theory from the past century can apply to new technology.”

—Jeff Kosseff, author of Liar in a Crowded Theater

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Cyber Sovereignty
The Future of Governance in Cyberspace
Lucie Kadlecová

Governments across the globe are probing the limits of their sovereignty in the cyber domain. Cyberspace is a singular environment that is forcing states to adjust their behavior to fit a new arena beyond traditional domains to which the classic understanding of state sovereignty applies. According to Lucie Kadlecová, governments must implement a more adaptive approach to keep up with rapid developments and innovations in cyberspace in order to truly retain their sovereignty. This requires understanding the concept of sovereignty in a more creative and flexible manner. Cyber Sovereignty reveals how states have pursued new methods and tactics to fuel the distribution of authority and control in the cyber field.

“This incisive book draws from international theory and detailed case studies to reveal how states reconfigure sovereign authority and control to pursue their interests in cyberspace.”

—Tim Stevens, King’s College London

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SCIENCE, MEDICINE, AND TECHNOLOGY
Judging Insanity, Punishing Difference
A History of Mental Illness in the Criminal Court
Chloé Deambrogio

In Judging Insanity, Punishing Difference, Chloe Deambrogio explores how developments in the field of forensic psychiatry shaped American courts’ assessments of defendants’ mental health and criminal responsibility over the course of the 20th century. During this period, new psychiatric notions of the mind and its readability, legal doctrines of insanity and diminished culpability, and cultural stereotypes about race and gender shaped the mental disability evidence was used, especially in cases carrying the death penalty. Using Texas as a case-study, Deambrogio examines how experts and lay actors’ interpretations of ‘pathological’ mental states influenced trial verdicts.

“A vital and harrowing account of why jurists, lay people, and even psychiatrists themselves have made mercy for the mentally ill the exception rather than the rule.”
—Daniel LaChance, Emory University

Legal Education in the Western World
A Cultural and Comparative History
Rogelio Pérez-Perdomo

Legal Education in the Western World provides an encompassing history of legal education from Ancient Rome to present day Europe and the Americas. Legal education is considered the locus of the formation of professional culture, and in this book Rogelio Pérez-Perdomo contributes to our understanding of its formation by paying attention to how legal knowledge is conceived, the way it is created and transmitted, and the social status of masters, professors, teachers, apprentices and students. This concise and accessible history presents a panoramic view that highlights the strengths and weaknesses of approaches to legal education in different societies, and an examination of the shared idea of law manifested in them.

“An important and much-needed contribution to the literature. Both broad in scope and tightly written, it packs a punch.”
—Amalia D. Kessler, Stanford Law School

Boats in a Storm
Law, Migration, and Decolonization in South and Southeast Asia, 1942–1962
Kalyani Ramnath

For more than a century before World War II, traders, merchants, financiers, and laborers steadily moved between places on the Indian Ocean. This all changed as India, Burma, Ceylon, and Malaya wrested independence from the British empire. Set against the tumult of the postwar period, Boats in a Storm centers on the legal struggles of migrants to retain their traditional patterns of life, illustrating how they experienced citizenship and decolonization.

“A magnificent contribution to the history of law and displacement in the Indian Ocean. Ramnath shows us the history of decolonization in a new light through this astonishingly detailed picture of the loss suffered by migrants who found their itineraries interrupted by new borders and new jurisdictions. This is a spectacularly accomplished and insightful book!”
—Sunil Amrith, Yale University

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LEGAL HISTORY
Legal Phantoms
Executive Action and the Haunting Failures of Immigration Law
Jennifer M. Chacón, Susan Bibler Coutin, and Stephen Lee

The 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program was supposed to be a stepping stone to a broader, lasting set of legislative changes. Those changes never materialized, and the people who hoped to benefit from them have been forced to navigate a tense and contradictory policy landscape ever since. Legal Phantoms reveals how such failed immigration-reform efforts continue to affect not only those who had hoped to benefit, but their families, communities, and the country in which they have made an uneasy home.

“Legal Phantoms is the rare book that captures both the structural and human costs imposed by America’s patchwork approach to immigration.”
—Elizabeth Cohen, Boston University

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Dictatorship on Trial
Coups and the Future of Justice in Thailand
Tyrell Haberkorn

In 2014, after a decade of political turmoil, the National Council for Peace and Order (NCPO) carried out Thailand’s 13th coup since the country’s transformation from absolute to constitutional monarchy in 1932. Though the NCPO promised to restore the rule of law, justice—long tenuous in Thailand—disappeared entirely. Organized chronologically across the five years of the NCPO regime, each chapter of Dictatorship on Trial takes up a different political case and enumerates the ways in which political activists were made vulnerable rather than protected by the state’s interpretations of the law. Tyrell Haberkorn outlines what true justice might look like, and assesses the legal and political transformations necessary to realize it.

“A superb and creative contribution to the literature on authoritarian law. Using feminist methodology, Haberkorn allows us to imagine what could have been different, and may yet be in the future.”
—Tom Ginsburg, University of Chicago Law School

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Liberating the United Nations
Realism with Hope
Richard Falk and Hans von Sponeck

The United Nations (UN) has always loomed large in international conflicts, but today accepted wisdom declares that the organization has lost its way. Liberating The United Nations is a thorough review of its founding and history that tracks critical junctures that obscured or diverted the path to a powerful and just UN that abides by international law. Based on the extensive expertise of two former UN-insiders, Richard Falk and Hans von Sponeck, the book goes beyond critique and diagnosis, proposing ways to achieve a more effective and legitimate UN.

“The uniting of grassroots citizen activism with enlightened political actors to impel broad-based reform of global institutions grounded in the architecture of the United Nations is timely and imperative. This book sets out the argument for mounting such a global movement with passion, principle and pragmatism.”

—Lloyd Axworthy, Former Canadian Minister of Foreign Affairs

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Supreme Bias
Gender and Race in U.S. Supreme Court Confirmation Hearings
Christina L. Boyd, Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand

In Supreme Bias, Christina L. Boyd, Paul M. Collins, Jr., and Lori A. Ringhand present for the first time a comprehensive analysis of the dynamics of race and gender at the Supreme Court confirmation hearings. Drawing on their deep knowledge of the confirmation hearings, as well as rich new qualitative and quantitative evidence, the authors highlight how the women and people of color who have sat before the Committee have faced a significantly different confirmation process than their white, male colleagues. This book also provides concrete suggestions for how that bias can be reduced in the future.

“Theoretically rich, the scope and depth of this book is remarkable. In short, Supreme Bias will transform how scholars study Supreme Court confirmation hearings.”

—Jennifer Bowie, University of Richmond

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Tyrants on Twitter
Protecting Democracies from Information Warfare
David L. Sloss

Tyrants on Twitter analyzes how Chinese and Russian agents weaponize Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and YouTube to subvert the liberal international order. In addition to examining the 2016 U.S. election, David L. Sloss explores Russia’s use of foreign influence operations to threaten democracies in Europe, as well as China’s use of social media and other digital tools to meddle in Western democracies and buttress autocratic rulers around the world. 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. He outlines a novel system of transnational governance that Western democracies can enforce, and he explains why that system would be constitutionally defensible, despite likely First Amendment objections.

“A pathbreaking book that does more than just identify a troubling trend of modern elections. It also boldly proposes a transnational solution.”

—Jens David Ohlin, Cornell Law School

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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.

“This book needs to be adopted as part of the canon of the profession.”
—Tim Ribaric, Canadian Journal of Academic Librarianship

“Provides a revealing insight into the barriers to data access.”
—Times Literary Supplement

“Powerful and a great read! This book definitely stirs the pot.”
—Nicole Dyszlewski, Roger Williams University School of Law

“This book—including the footnotes—is an engaging and insightful read. Highly recommended.”
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