Faculty Book Launch

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Hosted by the Office of Graduate Studies
Welcome to the 2023 Faculty Book Launch and congratulations to the authors! We are here to honor our colleagues, whose books and book chapters have been published in the last two years.

It is with great pleasure that I welcome you back to this biennial event in person in the beautiful Faculty Center for Excellence to enjoy each other’s company and hear about the important work our colleagues have done. As we resumed in-person interactions and recognized that we have all undergone significant changes, the post-pandemic reality continues to bring many challenges. And we, our students, and our community struggle with adjusting to it, while we try to understand what “new-normal” is or should be. What has remained constant is your commitment to academic excellence and pursuit of research, and scholarly and creative activities, the outcomes of which, we are celebrating here today.

Congratulations and thank you to all our published authors! Your accomplishments are a testament to your hard work, dedication, and expertise in your respective fields. Your published works represent not only a significant milestone in your academic career but also a valuable addition to our community. As we continue to pursue excellence in research and scholarship, your contributions serve as an inspiration to us all. We look forward to your continued engagement with our university, and we wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

I would like to take a moment to thank the Office of Graduate Studies, its Associate Dean, Dr. Caroline Vickers, and staff members, especially Megan Kinnally, for organizing this spectacular event!

And to the authors recognized here today, through your books and all published work, you create new knowledge and thus define our future!

Dr. Dorota Huizinga, Associate Provost for Academic Research and Dean of Graduate Studies

Welcome to the 2023 Faculty and Staff Book Launch. First and foremost, we are here to recognize our faculty and staff who have written books and book chapters over the past two years. The sheer volume of the work, 38 books and 32 book chapters, as well as the breadth of the knowledge shared, is truly a point of pride for the CSUSB campus.

Looking through these texts, it is clear to see that the caliber of work presented here is a force to be reckoned with, not just in the CSU, but within academia-at-large. I am particularly proud that we have representation from all of the five academic colleges. These books and book chapters are indicative of the impact that CSUSB scholars make nationally and internationally across many disciplines in addition to the very important work that they do educating students.

Dr. Caroline Vickers, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies
2023 Faculty & Staff Book Launch

Welcome Address
Dr. Dorota Huizinga & Dr. Caroline Vickers

Provost’s Remarks
Dr. Rafik Mohamed

College of Arts & Letters
Dr. Rueyling Chuang

Jack H. Brown College of Business & Public Administration
Dr. Tomás Gomez-Arias

College of Education
Dr. Stacie Robertson

College of Natural Sciences
Dr. Sastry Pantula

College of Social & Behavioral Sciences
Dr. Christina Hassija

The Office of Graduate Studies
Dr. Dorota Huizinga

Closing Remarks
Dr. Caroline Vickers
Jane Chin Davidson
Art

Staging Art and Chineseness: Politics of Trans/Nationalism and Global Expositions
Manchester: University of Manchester Press

This book addresses the politics of borders in the era of global art by exploring the identification of Chinese artists by location and exhibition. Focusing on performative, body-oriented video works by the post-1989 generation, it tests the premise of genealogical inscription and the ways in which cultural objects are attributed to the artist’s residency, homeland or citizenship rather than cultural tradition, style or practice. Acknowledging historical definitions of Chineseness, including the orientalist assumptions of the past and the cultural-mixing of the present, the book’s case studies address the paradoxes and contradictions of representation. An analysis of the historical matrix of global expositions reveals the structural connections among art, culture, capital and nation.

Jane Chin Davidson
Art

Okwui Enwezor: The Art of Curating
Duke University Press

This special issue is dedicated to the memory of Okwui Enwezor (1963–2019), the first African and Black curator and director of documenta11 (2002) and the 56th Venice Biennale (2015). The articles and personal tributes collected here recognize the profound impact left by the Nigerian art historian, curator, poet, and educator who transformed the curatorial present of global exhibitions and anticipated their decolonizing futures. Enwezor created political platforms and artistic manifestos that not only changed the form and function of global exhibitions, but also opened up new ways to align activism with aesthetic practices, performative displays, and curatorial initiatives.
Ensuring classrooms are inclusive to all students, particularly those with disabilities such as autism spectrum disorder, is crucial in today’s educational landscape. It is vital that educators are prepared and knowledgeable on the current best practices and policies in order to provide these students with the most thorough education possible.

Rethinking Perception and Centering the Voices of Unique Individuals: Reframing Autism Inclusion in Praxis introduces a new model of reframing autism spectrum disorder inclusion for professors of preliminary teacher candidates and provides meaningful understanding and support for professors who prepare preliminary teacher candidates. Covering key topics such as equity, mental disorders, inclusive education, and educational reform, this reference work is ideal for administrators, stakeholders, policymakers, teacher educators, counselors, researchers, academicians, scholars, practitioners, instructors, and students.

With the “discursive turn” has come a distrust - a complete rejection by some - of theories that seek deeper reasons for surface phenomena. Rong Chen argues that this distrust, with its accompanying overemphasis on specificity and fluidity of linguistic meaning and social values, is unwarranted and unhelpful. Drawing on insights from social theories and various strands of pragmatics, he proposes a motivation model of pragmatics (MMP), contending that language use can be adequately, coherently, and elegantly studied via the motivation behind it in its varied and dynamic contexts. The model, with its well-laid out components, is then applied to (im)politeness research, cross-cultural pragmatics, diachronic pragmatics, discourse and genre analysis, conversation analysis, identity construction, and the study of metaphor, sarcasm, parody, and lying.
Tim Hatch
English / Social & Behavioral Studies
Wild Embrace
Bamboo Dart Press

Wild Embrace is a collection of poetry written by Tim Hatch (a damaged-but-resilient child abuse survivor) that explores themes of abuse, fragility, and our human obligation to one another.

Angela Penaredondo
English
Nature Felt But Never Apprehended
Noemi Press

Angela Peñaredondo’s nature felt but never apprehended synthesizes poetry, lyric prose, fragmented creative nonfiction, and visual art. They voyage through the junctures of gender and environmental injustices, and its connections between Philippines’ histories of foreign invasions and intimacies of survivorhood. Peñaredondo wields queer, diasporic mythmaking, affective experiences of ritual and prayer as an illuminating force in the tangles of intergenerational memory.
Karen Rowan  
*English*  
**Racing Translingualism in Composition: Toward a Race-Conscious Translingualism**  
Utah State University Press

Racing Translingualism provides both theoretical and pedagogical reconsiderations of the translingual approach to language diversity by addressing the intersections of race and translingualism.

This collection extends the disciplinary conversations about translingualism by foregrounding the role race and racism play in the construction and maintenance of language differences. In doing so, the contributors examine the co-naturalization of race and language in order to theorize a race-conscious translingual praxis. The book begins by offering generative critiques of translingualism, centering on the ways in which the approach’s democratic orientation to language avoids issues of race, language, and power and appeals to colorblind racist tropes of equal opportunity. Following these critiques, contributors demonstrate the important intersections of race and translingualism by drawing upon voices typically marginalized by monolingual language ideologies and pedagogies. Finally, Racing Translingualism concludes by attending to the pedagogical implications of a race-conscious translingual praxis in writing and literacy education.

Nicholas Bratcher  
*Music*  
**Rainbow Jukebox: A Concise Companion for LGBTQ+ Studies**  
Southern Libra Arts

“Rainbow Jukebox” is my small way of passing along an experience to any and all who wish to be emboldened by its pages. It is not meant as a comprehensive guide to LGBTQ+ music history, but rather an ever-expanding snapshot. This “companion” textbook is a living, breathing, document; one that will continue to be updated to reflect knowledge gathered and the events of the present. You don’t even need to be a music student (or even a musician) to utilize its teachings. However, it is meant to empower students and faculty (and those outside the realm of academia) to hear the collective album of a community of people who are still fighting for freedom and acceptance. Thank you for taking this journey with me, and I hope you enjoy the ride!
Matthew Davidson
Philosophy
The Metaphysics of Existence and Nonexistence: Actualism, Meinongianism, and Predication
Bloomsbury

Are there nonexistent objects? Can we make sense of objects having properties without thinking that there are nonexistent objects? Is existence a predicate? Can we make sense of necessarily existing objects depending on God? Tackling these central questions, Matthew Davidson explores the metaphysics of existence and nonexistence.

Jessica Getman
Music
Music in Star Trek: Sound, Utopia, and the Future
Routledge

The tensions between utopian dreams and dystopian anxieties permeate science fiction as a genre, and nowhere is this tension more evident than in Star Trek. This book breaks new ground by exploring music and sound within the Star Trek franchise across decades and media, offering the first sustained look at the role of music in shaping this influential series. The chapters in this edited collection consider how the aural, visual, and narrative components of Star Trek combine as it constructs and deconstructs the utopian and dystopian, shedding new light on the series' political, cultural, and aesthetic impact.

Megan Bayles
• “Teaching the Nation under Trumpism” as part of Teaching American Studies. Eds. Elizabeth Duclos-Orsello, Joseph Entin, Rebecca Hill, Roderick A. Ferguson

Jane Chin Davidson
• “Objective Storytellers – Not Allowed Not to Have a Body” as part of Living and Sustaining a Creative Life: Storytellers of Art Histories. Eds. Alpesh Kantilal Patel, Yasmeen Siddiqui
Vanessa Ovalle Perez
• "Inspiration or Coincidence? Guadalupe Gutierrez and María Berta Quintero y Escudero’s Espinas y rosas as Discursive Doubles" as part of Spain, the United States, and Transatlantic Literary Culture throughout the Nineteenth Century. Eds. John C. Havard, Ricardo Miguel-Alfonso

Matthew Poole
• "Infrastructure, Ideology, Hegemony" as part of Between the Material and the Possible Infrastructural Re-examination and Speculation in Art. Ed. Bassam El Baroni

Liliana Conlisk Gallegos
• "Remember, Roots Still Grow Beneath" as part of Cover Critical Storytelling from the Borderlands. Eds. Carmella J. Braniger, Julio Enríquez-Ornelas
• “Coloniality Incarnate” as part of Critical Storytelling from the Borderlands. Eds. Carmella J. Braniger, Julio Enríquez-Ornelas
• “The Coloniality of the Quotidian: A Transborder Perspective on the Matrix of Colonial Power and the Agents of Supremacy (The Everyone That Is No One)” as part of Re-Activating Critical Thinking in the Midst of Necropolitical Realities. Eds. Marina Gržinić, Jovita Pristovšek

Meng-Jung Yang
• “Decoding Stereotypes in Child-Oriented Media toward LGBTQ+: Preservice Art Teachers’ Perspectives” as part of Global Media Arts Education. Eds. Aaron D. Knochel, Osamu Sahara

Shafiqur Rahman
• “Mixing and Re-making: The Identity of Second-Generation Bangladeshis in the United States” as part of Immigrant Generations, Media Representations, and Audiences. Ed. Omotayo O. Banjo

J. Chad Sweeney
• “Tiny Disasters: Confessions of an Autistic Professor” as part of Rethinking Perception and Centering the Voices of Unique Individuals: Reframing Autism Inclusion in Praxis. Ed. Dr. Jessica Block Nerren

George Thomas
• “Inca Mummies and Mountaintop Sacrifice: Ethnohistory and the Comentarios reales” as part of Approaches to Teaching the Works of Inca Garcilaso de la Vega. Eds. José Antonio Mazzotti, Christian Fernández
• “The History of the Book in/and the New World” as part of Teaching the History of the Book. Eds. Matteo Pangallo, Emily B. Todd
Is Divine Energy: The secret of the limitless immanent value is a profound explanation of why divine is a state of mind. Our divinity is the impact we make through our conscious decisions. We also reproduce transcendental divinity by para-consciously letting our decisions be guided by a para entity’s divine plan. After that, we seek to invest our divine energy to compensate for programmatic, evolution-guided behaviors and become a revolutionary servicing our supernatural impact. What begins with a linear proportionality of each person’s intrinsic divinity transforms into a nonlinear proportionality of the extrinsic divinity and motivates a parabolic proportionality of the person’s present, absolute divinity. The infinity of microcosmic parabolic reactions constitutes a chaotic reality at the macrocosmic level. The chaotic reality lets the first moving, primordial entities enjoy a disproportionate conscious benefit of growth in their divinity. The later evolving, primeval entities suffer a disproportionate conscious cost of entropy in their divinity.

Is Present Realty: The Super-science of the transcendental value investigates our reality as an entity who has the power to shape the present and be the light that affirms our presence in the eternal future. The transcendental value of the past is immanent within the present. The present becomes the subject of scientific investigation. The entity who conceived the scientifically investigable present is the super-scientific factor, whose reality transcends beyond the limits of science. An observer behaves as a mirror image of the present and uses the light of self-consciousness for illuminating the reality of the universe. Without the observer’s light, the present of the universe is the dark matter. Once the observer services the sentient light force, the future of the observer is the black hole.
What Is Consciousness: The Factor Creating the Law of Limitation is an eye-opening investigation of how what we know limits our power to know the unknown. Have you ever wondered why some people know what you do not? Why you have to read books, research an issue, practice a project, or scientifically study a subject to know something that some can explain spontaneously using intuitive reasoning? For instance, you may have waited to watch others’ experiences before deciding to take precautions to protect your kin and kith from COVID-19. Until those became martyrs, you were willing to put your wellness to the hands of a tiny virus you thought had virtually no existence. Why did we not know that a virus has the potential to cause an infectious, morbid, and deadly global pandemic in a globally connected world, bringing even the wealthiest of nations to a standstill?

What is Cultural Factor: Biology Beyond Darwin is an investigation of the origins of biology and its correlation with the form essential for one to scientifically research its transformation within or without the evolutionary force of time. Biology is a science of transformation. For a form to transform into a species that differentiates into the heterogeneous genera over time, one must first norm the form within a homogeneous genus over space before the time clock begins ticking and time starts evolving. All scientists, like Charles Darwin, privately identify that one with God. The theory of creation states God formed the homogeneous genus in the image of his transcendental form, and that image was the diverse form of the Holy Spirit. Holy Spirit is God’s true nature that forms the greater essence greeting the natural growth of all forms. Each form is God’s “I AM”: it is the form God takes for space to norm and time to transform by differentiating the space into diverse local conditions.
“What is divine energy” is an incredibly profound but straightforward exposition of the “science of everything.”

In this landmark work, Dr. Vipin Gupta begins with the investigation of the quintessential questions for understanding divine energy and managing life joyfully. Who am I? What is the soul? What is the spirit? Who is God? What is religion? What is the purpose of our life? What happens after death? Do we become a star as children’s books tell us? What is dark matter? What is black hole? What is the center of the universe? Is there an Absolute or anything beyond that? Are we truly incapable of creating or destroying energy?

What is Exchange Factor: Physics Beyond Newton

What is Exchange Factor: Physics Beyond Newton investigates the limitations of physics as a paradigm for knowing the reality of Mother Nature. It begins by examining why the universe is expanding over time. The universe is expanding because Mother Nature reproduces her reality in diverse forms, making space for each form. Expansion is independent of time but dependent on space. A new form is hyper-reproductive; it perceives the space as infinite given the universe’s expansion effect. An old form is hypo-reproductive; it perceives the space as finite given the time’s contraction-effect. By reproducing, a form divides its space. Each new form has a limited time to live within the space. The preceding form gains momentum to move out of space as a succeeding form quantum positions a whole sequence of succeeding forms. After leaving the space, a preceding form incarnates in a new space, animated with the consciousness about the reason for its departure.
**Vipin Gupta**  
Management  
**What is Human Factor: The Key to A Joyful Life**  
Amazon

What Is Human Factor: The Key to a Joyful Life is the interplay between masculinity and femininity.

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**Vipin Gupta**  
Management  
**What is Para-consciousness: The Potential Beyond What We Know**  
Amazon

What is Para-Consciousness: The Potential Beyond What We Know shakes the very foundations of the modern knowledge-based theories and economic models.

Have you ever realized that the present reality zeros the value of experience-derived consciousness? Unless you wish to reproduce and relive your or somebody else’s past, it makes no sense to use that experience. If we exclude you, the person making a decision when to use or not use the experience, then the ideal you use to create the consciousness of what you should do in the present, akin to religious fervor, is quantum gravity. It overshadows your potential to be spontaneous, joyful, and divine. A self-luminous element guides your ability to decide when to activate experience instead of improvising based on the situation’s needs.
Vipin Gupta
Management
What is Present Reality: Power of Managing the Limit of Science
Amazon

This landmark work, grounded in India's ancient cultural metaphysics, challenges the present reality of what we know and believe to be true, whether about divinity, or spirituality, or the universe of objects or subjects, or us as a person. A unique feature is the precise quantification of the lightless energies, of both the present reality as well as the varying paradigms and doctrines working on modifying that. It is a part of a series of twelve books that democratizes the ability to understand our present reality, beyond those who are experts in modern science, and use this understanding for personal as well as societal well-being.

Vipin Gupta
Management
What is Technological Growth. Chemistry beyond Boyle
Amazon

What Is Technological Growth: Chemistry Beyond Boyle investigates Mother Nature as one sphere that reproduces infinite spheres to norm the totality of volume in the atmosphere. The reproduction, not volume, puts pressure on the sphere, dividing it into four spheres. As the first sphere takes birth, it lives like the second sphere leading to the death of the third sphere and following with the reincarnation of the fourth sphere at different spatial coordinates. The first two spheres diverge from the third, descending sphere. The first three spheres converge into the fourth, ascending sphere. The transformation of the two diverging spheres into the three converging spheres verges twenty-three spheres within the physical sphere to edge it as the graviton.
Vipin Gupta
Management
What is Trading Factor: Mathematics Beyond Einstein
Amazon

This book seeks to answer the central question- What Makes life meaningful? “We make life meaningful when we have an intellectual map connecting our sustainability with everyone.” The trading factor is the innate ability in every individual that gives them the intention to discover, cultivate and develop the requirements to make life beautiful. The book illuminates the diverse forms of mathematics and how they fit together in trading the reality of Mother Nature.

Vipin Gupta
Management
What is Self Awareness: Looking Beyond the Law of Attraction
Amazon

What is Self Awareness: Looking Beyond the Law of Attraction is about knowing yourself as the causal body for everything you do, experience, and accomplish in life. It is a conversation between a devotee (“I”) seeking to know a self and a devoted (“You”) who is the self the devotee is seeking to know. A devoted may be anyone who attracts the devotee with her feminine devotion, just like Mother Nature. That anyone may even be a masculine, such as a benevolent deity or a paternal guru, acting in oneness with Mother Nature. The devotee is the one attracted to the devoted. Since the force of attraction is mysterious, the real identity of the devotee becomes a mystery.
**Monty Van Wart**  
*Public Administration*  
**Business, Society and Global Governance: A Skills Approach**  
*Routledge*

Business, Society and Global Governance is a thoroughly revised and updated new edition of *Building Business-Government Relations: A Skills Approach* to ensure this successful book continues to be the go-to textbook introducing US business-government relations in the institutional context of the United States. Written from a practitioner’s perspective, it provides historical, descriptive, and comparative accounts of the public and private sectors, the different roles government plays with business (including several conceptual models to contextualize the two sectors), and various economic policies associated with business.

**Monty Van Wart**  
*Public Administration*  
**Human resource management in public service: Paradoxes, processes, and problems. 7th Edition**  
*Sage*

Human Resource Management in Public Service: Paradoxes, Process, and Problems offers provocative and thorough coverage of the complex issues faced by employees and managers in the public sector, including managing under tight budgets with increasing costs, hiring freezes, contracting out, and the politicization of the civil service. Continuing the award-winning tradition of previous editions, authors Evan M. Berman, James S. Bowman, Jonathan P. West, and Montgomery R. Van Wart encourage active learning through various skill-building exercises and a mixture of individual, group, and in-class tasks. The Seventh Edition includes new examples on how COVID-19 has disrupted the workplace, equity and racial discord, organizational diversity, employee engagement and motivation, leadership development training, work-life balance, gender-based inequities, behavioral biases in appraisal, and unionization trends.
Monty Van Wart
Public Administration
Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations: An Introduction.
4th Edition
Routledge

Leadership in Public and Nonprofit Organizations, Fourth Edition provides a compact but complete analysis of leadership for students and practitioners who work in public and nonprofit organizations. Offering a comprehensive review of leadership theories in the field, from the classic to the cutting-edge, and how they relate specifically to the public sector and nonprofit contexts, this textbook covers the major competency clusters in detail, supported by research findings as well as practical guidelines for improvement. These competencies are portrayed in a leadership action cycle that aids readers in visually connecting theory and practice. This thoroughly revised new edition also offers: Questions for discussion and analysis, hypothetical scenarios for each chapter, as well as an easily reproducible leadership assessment instrument students may use to apply the theories they’ve learned.

BOOK CHAPTERS

Nicole Dabbs
• “Aerobic Training Program Design” as part of NSCA’s Essentials of Personal Training. Eds. Jared W. Coburn, Moh H. Malek
Angi Stone-MacDonald
Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling
Autism Spectrum Disorders: Advancing Promising Practices in Education
Routledge

The fifth edition of Autism Spectrum Disorders: Advancing Promising Practices in Education provides readers with a comprehensive and accessible understanding of current research and evidence-based practices in autism spectrum disorders (ASD), linking research, theory, and practice. This new edition includes new chapters on trauma and co-morbidity, current trends in autism research, social media, neurodiversity, and aging in people with ASD. It also features updated content on international contexts and culturally sustaining and relevant practices. Aligned with DSM-5 diagnostic criteria, this text continues to be critical reading for students and researchers in special and inclusive education programs.

Viktor Wang
Educational Leadership and Technology
Handbook of Research on Educational Leadership and Research Methodology
IGI Global

Education inevitably influences society and our future. As literature and experience tells, educational leaders impact not only their institutions, but ultimately the learning outcomes for a large portion of society's members. Educational leaders are charged with more than creating a viable future for an institution; they are also charged with contributing to and creating a viable, positive human future—not an easy task amid the turbulence and disruption of our times.

The Handbook of Research on Educational Leadership and Research Methodology discusses the evolution of educational leadership knowledge, thoughts, and practices by sharing the perspectives, experiences, theories, and philosophies related to educational leadership and research methodologies across all levels of education.
BOOK CHAPTERS

Diana Camilo
• “Culturally Responsive
  Postsecondary Advising
  for Latinx Students” as
  part of Equity-based
  Career Development and
  Postsecondary Transitions.
  Eds. Erik M. Hines, Laura Owen

• “Culturally Responsive
  College Application
  Advising for Immigrant and
  Undocumented Students
  " as part of Strengthening
  School Counselor Advocacy
  and Practice for Important
  Populations and Difficult
  Topics. Eds. Meredith A.
  Rausch, Laura L. Gallo

Shannon Sparks
• “Educational Reform:
  Systemic Inclusion” as part of
  Rethinking Perception and
  Centering the Voices of Unique
  Individuals: Reframing Autism
  Inclusion in Praxis. Ed. Jessica
  Block Nerren
This book focuses on three characteristics and success characteristics necessary to achieve tenure and promotion objectives, which I have seen via experience and involvement with literature. The characteristics mentioned above comprise enthusiasm, a drive to grow, and inventiveness. In a field fraught with obstacles and difficulties, junior faculty and those above them will be committed to cultivating and maintaining a positive outlook. Faculty members who have a positive outlook on life are more likely to enjoy fulfillment, happiness, and general well-being. Additionally, the faculty person would need the motivation to continue teaching and enhancing their abilities, i.e., a drive to improve. Faculty members who recognize and overcome their shortcomings via professional development initiatives succeed. They gain personal development and strive for excellence in teaching, service, and research. More so, this book discusses the value of creativity, describing it as the “x-factor” that distinguishes faculty members.

Erik Melchiorre
Geology
SS Central America “The Ship Of Gold” Volume 1 & 2
Holabird Western Americana

S.S. Central America: “The Ship Of Gold” is the culmination of 7 years of work by my students and I in collaboration with S.S. Central America Project chief science officer Robert D. Evans and Fred N. Holabird. This collaboration has also produced two peer-reviewed scientific articles (see references below). The S.S. Central America sank off the Carolina’s in a hurricane in 1857, taking with it 30,000 pounds of gold from the California Gold Rush. But significantly, the ship represents a time-capsule of Gold Rush era artifacts of unquestionable provenance. This glossy, oversize, full-color 2 volume set (combined 566 pages) is a combination historical reference and high-end auction guide for the sale of the hundreds of gold ingots, thousands of gold coins, pounds of gold nuggets, and other historical artifacts recovered from the archeological efforts since 2014.

Paulchris Okpala
Health Science & Human Ecology
Becoming a Successful Faculty: A Practical Guide
Stratton Press

This book focuses on the key qualities necessary to achieve tenure and promotion. The qualities mentioned in the book comprise enthusiasm, a drive to grow, and inventiveness. In a field fraught with obstacles and difficulties, junior faculty and those above them will be committed to cultivating and maintaining a positive outlook. Faculty members who have a positive outlook on life are more likely to enjoy fulfillment, happiness, and general well-being. Additionally, the faculty person would need the motivation to continue teaching and enhancing their abilities, i.e., a drive to improve. Faculty members who recognize and overcome their shortcomings via professional development initiatives succeed. They gain personal development and strive for excellence in teaching, service, and research. More so, this book discusses the value of creativity, describing it as the “x-factor” that distinguishes faculty members.
This book’s goal is to educate students and young researchers on conducting useful research and creating publishable articles. The first section of the book discusses the characteristics of high-quality research. Following that, the book gives succinct instructions for producing publishable research by defining the critical qualities and the many tactics utilized to develop it. In addition, the book discusses the issue statement and the characteristics of a well-written problem statement. The book discusses how to create a fascinating research subject and how to avoid frequent research blunders. Furthermore, fundamental components of conceptual and theoretical frameworks are investigated as are the criteria researchers should employ when developing conceptual and theoretical frameworks.

This volume examines shifting social identities, lived experiences, and networks of interaction in Mexico during the Mesoamerican Formative period (2000 BCE-250 CE), an era that helped produce some of the world’s most renowned complex civilizations. The chapters offer significant data, innovative methodologies, and novel perspectives on Mexican archaeology.

Using diverse and non-traditional theoretical approaches, contributors discuss interregional relationships and the exchange of ideas in contexts ranging from the Gulf Coast Olmec region to the site of Tlatilco in Central Mexico to the often-overlooked cultures of the far western states. Their essays explore identity formation, cosmological perspectives, the first hints of social complexity, the underpinnings of Formative period economies, and the sensorial implications of sociocultural change.
Ecuador became the first country in the world to grant the Pachamama, or Mother Earth, constitutional rights in 2008. This landmark achievement represented a shift to incorporate Indigenous philosophies of Sumak Kawsay or Buen Vivir (to live well) as a framework for social and political change. The extraordinary move coincided with the rise of neoextractivism, where the self-described socialist President Rafael Correa contended that Buen Vivir could be achieved through controversial mining projects on Indigenous and campesino territories, including their watersheds.

B. G. Niebuhr, the founder of ‘modern history’, exerts an enduring influence; even in death, Goethe once claimed, ‘[Niebuhr] still walks around and works’. Today, Niebuhr is a humbler phantom, rarely invoked and largely forgotten. Similar fates await the shades of Theodor Mommsen, Friedrich Münzer, and Matthias Gelzer. Yet, each demands reconsideration and revitalization. Their texts remain foundational, constituting the conceptual and methodological core of Republican political studies. Politics in the Roman Republic (re)presents the first critical, comprehensive, Anglophone survey of these scholars’ influence. Its innovative reassessments dispel deep-seated misconceptions and emphasize relevance. The work’s unique (re)interpretations render it essential reading for any student of Rome: specialist and non-specialist alike.
Ryan Keating  
History  
Yours Affectionately, Osgood: Colonel Osgood Vose Tracy’s Letters Home from the Civil War, 1862–1865  
Kent State University Press  

The letters in Yours Affectionately, Osgood, primarily written to his mother, provide a uniquely detailed perspective of everyday life in the Army of the Potomac, adding considerably to the existing literature on the experiences of citizen soldiers in America’s Civil War. A well-educated young man, Tracy offers his opinion on pressing social and political issues of the time, including his definite abolitionist sentiments; ruminates on the Union war effort and its campaigns; and demonstrates his deep commitment to family, as well as his sweetheart, Nellie Sedgwick, back home. Tracy’s letters constitute an incredibly rare primary source volume that will be both fascinating and foundational in the scholarly community and for more general interest readers of the history of the Civil War.

Daisy Ocampo  
History  
Where we Belong: Chemehuevi and Caxcan Preservation of Sacred Mountains  
University of Arizona Press  

This comparative work dispels the harmful myth that Native people are unfit stewards of their sacred places. This work establishes Indigenous preservation practices as sustaining approaches to the caretaking of the land that embody ecological sustainability, spiritual landscapes, and community well-being.

The author brings together the history and experiences of the Chemehuevi people and their ties with Mampuakaib, or the Old Woman Mountains in the East Mojave Desert, and the Caxcan people and their relationship with Tlachialoyantepec, or Cerro de las Ventanas, in Zacatecas, Mexico. Through a trans-Indigenous approach, Daisy Ocampo weaves historical methodologies (oral histories, archival research, ethnography) with Native studies and historic preservation to reveal why Native communities are the most knowledgeable and transformational caretakers of their sacred places.
Christina Villegas
Political Science
Foster Care in America
ABC-CLIO

Foster Care in America provides a comprehensive and authoritative overview of the American foster care system. Areas of coverage include the scaffolding of foster care systems in the various states (each of which operate their own unique systems through their social service agencies); conditions under which children are taken out of their families of origin and placed in foster care; the experiences of both young children and older teens in foster homes; challenges for foster children who “age out” of the system; and proposals to reform and improve foster care across the nation.

Erik Schott
Psychology
LGBTQI Workbook for CBT
Routledge

Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (CBT) is one of the most popular evidence-based interventions in the world, but little has been done to explore how it affects different groups of people, such as the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and intersex (LGBTQI) community. The LGBTQI Workbook for CBT is filled with hands-on, practical perspectives for readers who are seeking a new point-of-view or for clinicians and students seeking additional tools, competence, and humility when working with sexual and gender minorities.
Ken Shultz
Psychology
Measurement Theory in Action: Case Studies & Exercises
3rd Edition
Routledge

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