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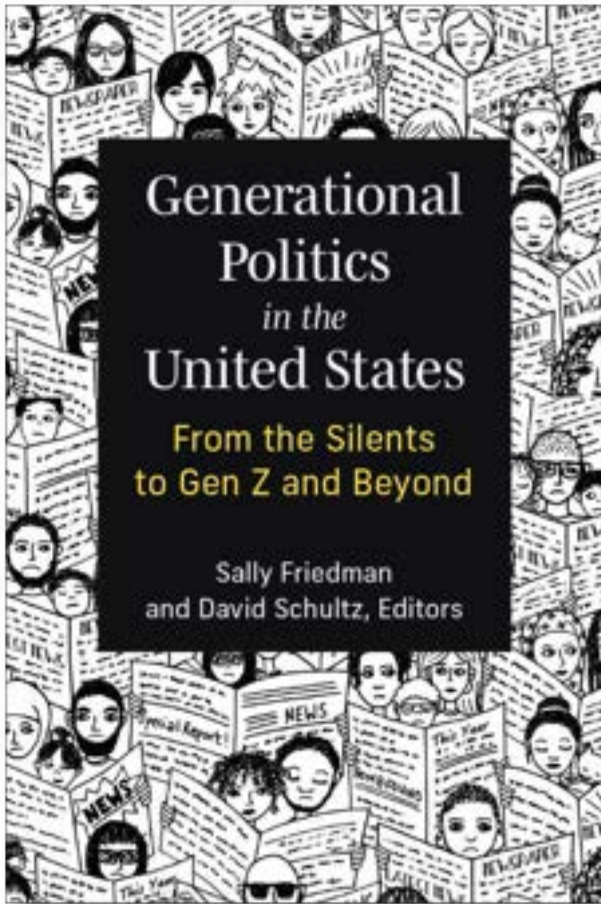
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Generational Politics in the United States: From the Silents to Gen Z and Beyond

The general public often assumes that different generations have different political leanings and beliefs—that the Silent Generation is all Republican, white, and conservative, or that Millennials are liberal and diverse—but are these assumptions true?

Generational Politics in the United States is the first comprehensive book that examines the concept of generations from a political science perspective. It defines what a generation is and how to sort out the differences between life cycle, cohort, and aging effect. By examining the differences in political attitudes, engagement, and impact of recent generations, this book suggests how generational change will impact American politics in the future.

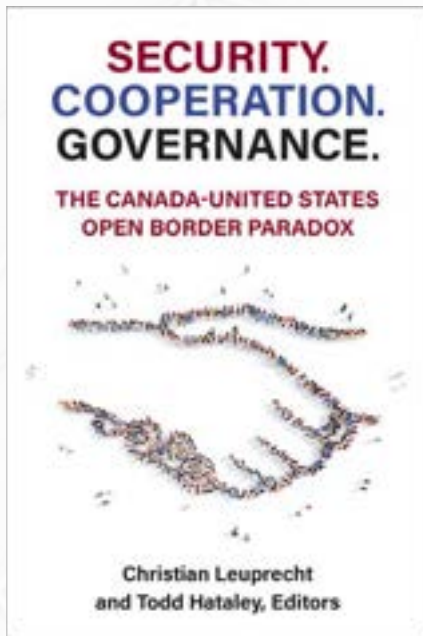


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★ Praise for *Generational Politics*

"A substantive, thoughtful collection that examines whether generations 'matter' to American politics in the sense of having an impact beyond age alone. This will be a useful resource for the profession and beyond."

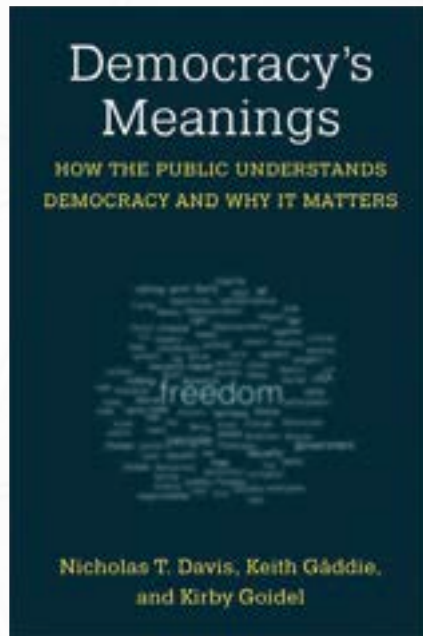
– **Shauna L. Shames**, Rutgers University in Camden



Security. Cooperation. Governance: The Canada-United States Open Border Paradox

This volume explores Canada-US border and security policies that have evolved from successive trade agreements since the 1950s, punctuated by new and emerging challenges to security in the twenty-first century. The border serves as a dynamic lab for examining how trade, security, and diverse border policies intersect, challenging conventional national security approaches.

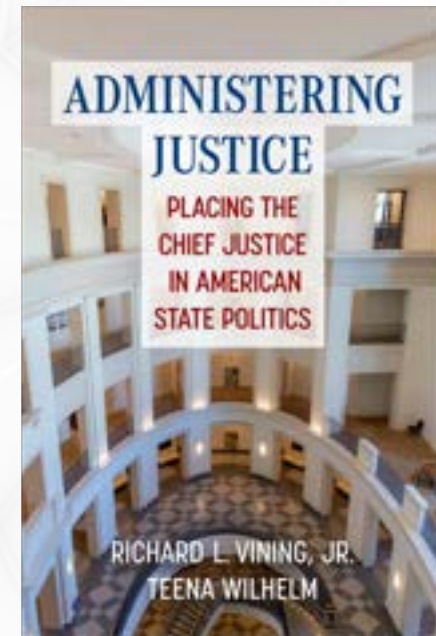
Dr. Christian Leuprecht is a professor at the Royal Military College of Canada and Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Military Journal. **Dr. Todd Hataley** is a professor in the School of Justice and Community Development at Fleming College.



Democracy's Meanings: How the Public Understands Democracy and Why It Matters

This book deep dives into the equality, fairness, and justice that shape our collective understanding of democracy, helping us discover the nuances of moderate and different views. Backed by a fusion of political theory and over 75 years of public opinion data, this book provides a fresh perspective on the way we view American democracy.

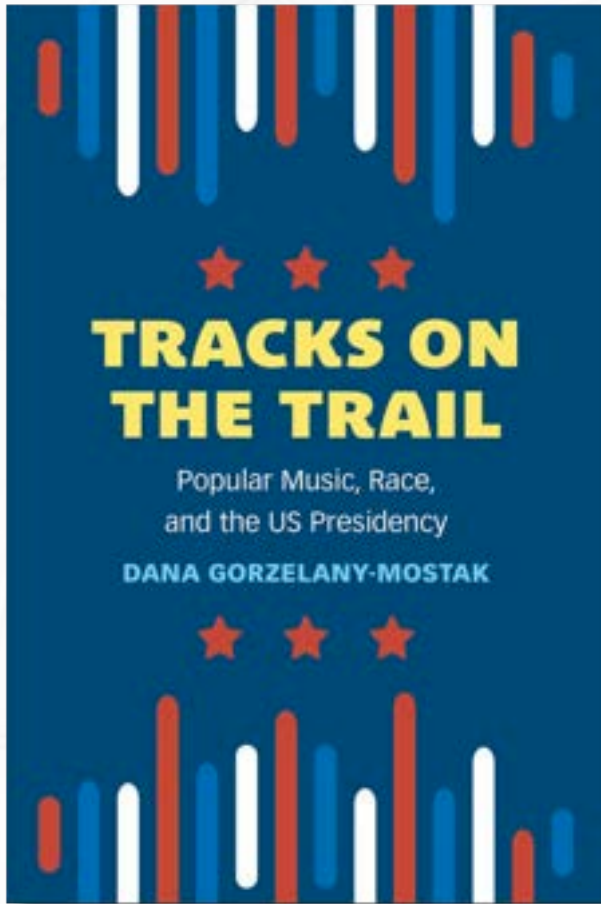
Nicholas T. Davis is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at the University of Alabama. **Keith Gaddie** is a writer, college professor, and litigation consultant. **Kirby Goidel** is a professor in the Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University.



Administering Justice: Placing the Chief Justice in American State Politics

Vining and Wilhelm examine the critical role of chief justices in state politics. In contrast to previous research focusing primarily on intracourt leadership, this study prioritizes the examination of chief justices' extrajudicial duties. This book offers a comprehensive examination of the chief justice position as an institutional entity, presenting a collective profile and the increased diversity of its occupants.

Richard L. Vining Jr. is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Georgia. **Teena Wilhelm** is Associate Professor of Political Science at the University of Georgia.



Tracks on the Trail: Popular Music, Race, and the US Presidency

With Barack Obama, Ben Carson, Kamala Harris, and Donald Trump as case studies, *Tracks on the Trail: Popular Music, Race, and the US Presidency* sheds light on the factors that motivate candidates and constituents alike to articulate race through music on the campaign trail and shows how the racialization of sound intersects with other markers of difference and ultimately shapes the public discourse surrounding candidates, popular music, and the meanings attached to race in the 21st century.

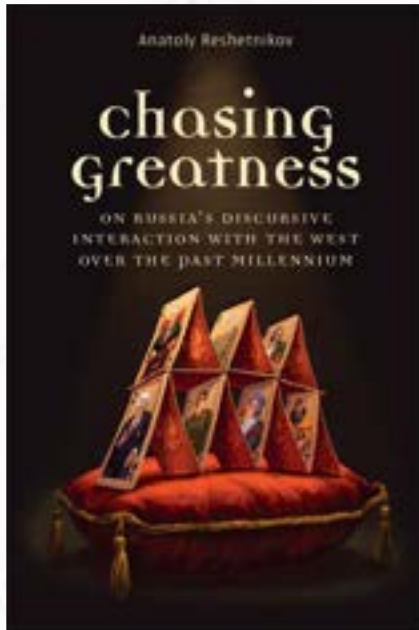
Gorzelany-Mostak explores musical engagement broadly, including official music in the form of candidate playlists and launch event setlists, as well as unofficial music in the form of newly composed campaign songs, mashups, parodies, and remixes.



Dana Gorzelany-Mostak is Associate Professor of Music at Georgia College & State University.

Q&A with Dana: What would be an ideal campaign song?

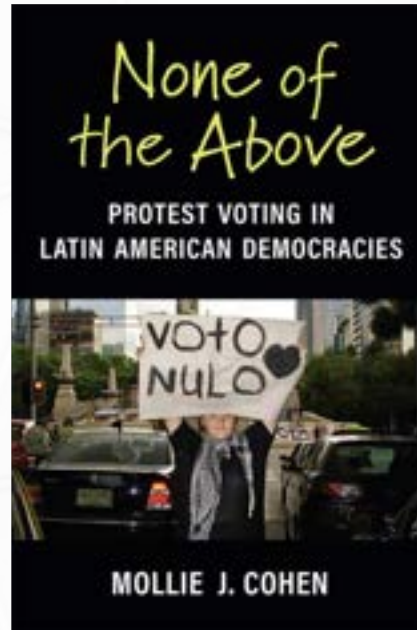
"The ideal campaign song features the perfect marriage of inspirational lyrics, an energetic beat, and an infectious hook. The ideal campaign song (or playlist) should not only authentically represent the candidates' history, tastes, values, and vision, but also speak to the tastes and interests of the candidate's core constituency. Barack Obama used Stevie Wonder's "Signed, Sealed, Delivered I'm Yours" in 2008, and that is about as perfect as it gets. You can read about it in chapter two of the book!"



Chasing Greatness: On Russia's Discursive Interaction with the West over the Past Millennium

Over the last two decades, it has become clear that Russia insists on its great power status, even at considerable cost. *Chasing Greatness* provides an interpretive explanation of the tacit rules that shape Russia's great power identity today. Its main aim is to expose and explain the rich conceptual baggage behind Russia's unceasing great power rhetoric (domestic and international) and how this rhetoric drives the current international crises involving Russia.

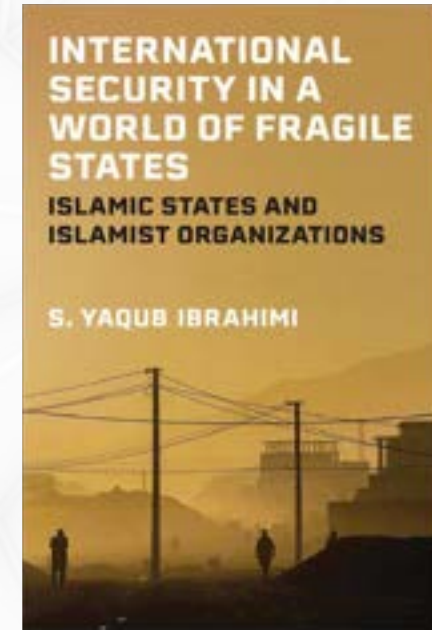
Anatoly Reshetnikov is an Assistant Professor of International Relations at Webster University.



None of the Above: Protest Voting in Latin American Democracies

Mollie J. Cohen explores why citizens deliberately cast blank or spoiled votes in Latin American elections. Through extensive research, Cohen reveals that these actions serve as expressions of dissatisfaction with low-quality candidates and a desire for better democracy. The book highlights how campaigns promoting invalid votes emerge in response to electoral integrity issues, ultimately serving as a warning sign for a country's democratic health.

Mollie J. Cohen is an Assistant Professor of Political Science at Purdue University.



International Security in a World of Fragile States: Islamic States and Islamist Organizations

"This book stands out as a pivotal work on the interconnection between the root causes of Jihadi Salafi Groups and state fragility conditions and their amalgamated role in the formation and evolution of these organizations. It contributes to IR and international security debates by developing a comprehensive but readily understandable narrative of the rise of JSGs in Islamic countries, and examining them in an analytical framework.

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Youth without Representation

THE ABSENCE OF
YOUNG ADULTS IN PARLIAMENTS,
CABINETS, AND CANDIDACIES



Daniel Stockemer and Aksel Sundström

Youth without Representation: The Absence of Young Adults in Parliaments, Cabinets, and Candidacies

Stockemer and Sundström provide a holistic account of youths' marginalization in legislatures, cabinets, and candidacies for office through a comparative lens. They argue that youths' underrepresentation in political office constitutes a democratic deficit and provide ample evidence for why they think that youth must be present in politics at much higher rates. They further embed this book within what they label "a vicious cycle of political alienation", which involves the declining political sophistication of the young, their waning electoral participation, and their insufficient of representation in office. This is the first comprehensive book on youth representation and it has relevance for those broadly interested in issues of representation, democracy, inequality, and comparative politics.



Daniel Stockemer is Full Professor and Konrad Adenauer Research Chair in Empirical Democracy Studies in the School of Political Studies at the University of Ottawa, Canada.

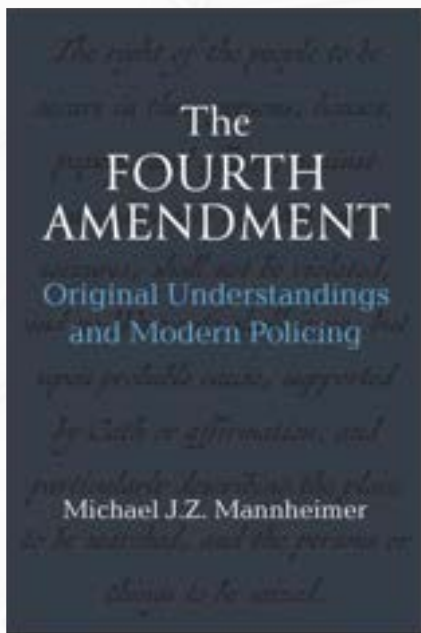
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Praise for *Youth Without Representation*

"This will be the most important book in its field and it will gain much attention among scholars of youth politics and especially youth political representation."

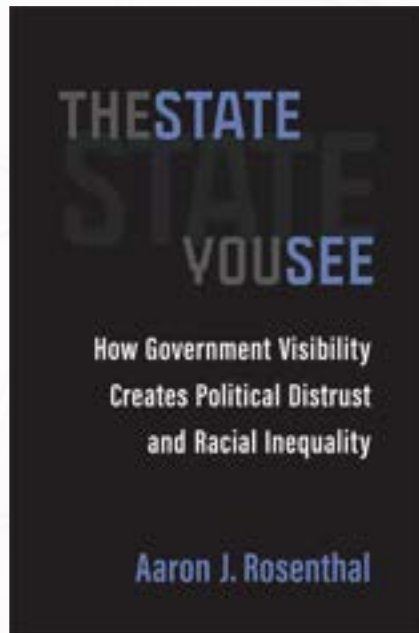
— **Devin K. Joshi**, Singapore Management University



The Fourth Amendment: Original Understandings and Modern Policing

This book argues that courts' misinterpretation of the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments has led to mistaken application of constitutional standards to federal and state law enforcement. Originally, the Fourth Amendment functioned as a federalism provision, requiring federal agents to comply with state law during searches and seizures. Michael J.Z. Mannheimer advocates for a reevaluation of modern policing based on the original intent of these amendments, emphasizing the need for balanced and contextualized judicial review.

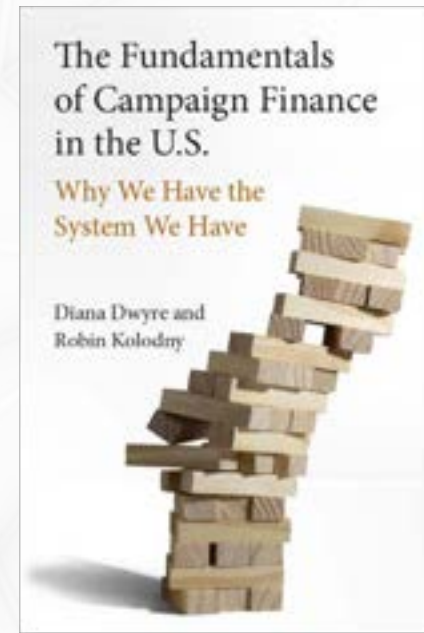
Michael J.Z. Mannheimer is a Professor of Law at Northern Kentucky University.



The State You See: How Government Visibility Creates Political Distrust and Racial Inequality

This book uncovers a racial gap in the way the American government appears in people's lives. It makes it clear that public policy changes over the last fifty years have driven all Americans to distrust the government that they see in their lives, even though Americans of different races are not seeing the same kind of government. Essential reading for anyone interested in understanding how the American government engages in subtle forms of discrimination and how it continues to uphold racial inequality today.

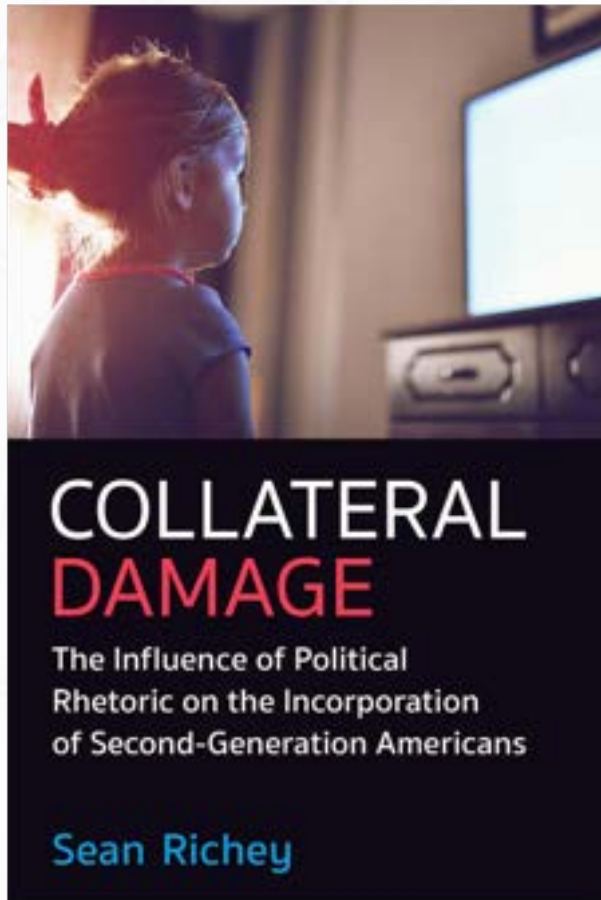
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The Fundamentals of Campaign Finance in the U.S.: Why We Have the System We Have

The intricacies of democracy, the dynamics of the American capitalist economy, constitutional interpretations, governmental structures, power competition, and the behaviors of campaign finance actors have all influenced its evolution. This book contextualizes the campaign finance system within the broader U.S. political and economic framework. The authors analyze corruption as a key driver of reform, exploring historical, transactional, and institutional perspectives.

Diana Dwyre is Professor of Political Science at California State University, Chico. **Robin Kolodny** is Professor of Political Science at Temple University.



Collateral Damage: The Influence of Political Rhetoric on the Incorporation of Second-Generation Americans

Collateral Damage provides an overview of how political communication influences the process of incorporation with the broad society as well as its political parties. Sean Richey shows that how politicians talk about immigrants affects how their children perceive America and their feelings about the nation.

He also shows that regardless of a speaker's intended outcome, what is said can still have a deleterious effect on incorporation desire, a communicative process that he terms "collateral damage." Richey uses new experimental and survey evidence, as well as the rhetoric of Donald Trump as a test case, to examine how anti-immigration communication influences the incorporation of the children of immigrants.



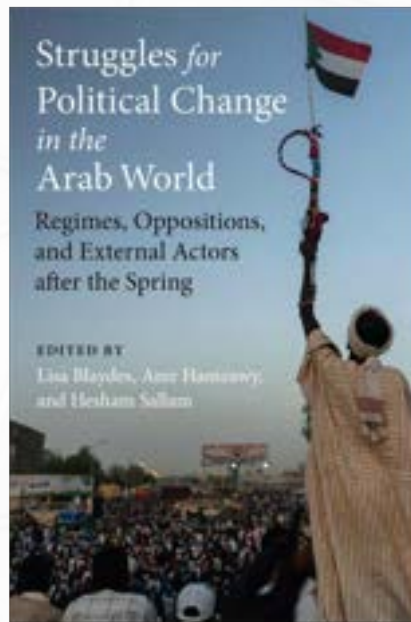
Sean Richey is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science at Georgia State University.



Symbolic Objects in Contentious Politics

This book delves into the power of objects in protests and revolutions, from flags to unexpected symbols like flowers in gun barrels. Scholars discuss their meanings, uses, and social impact, offering a cohesive framework for future inquiry. These “objects of protest” shed light on the fascinating intersection of material culture and activism, inviting a deeper exploration of political symbolism.

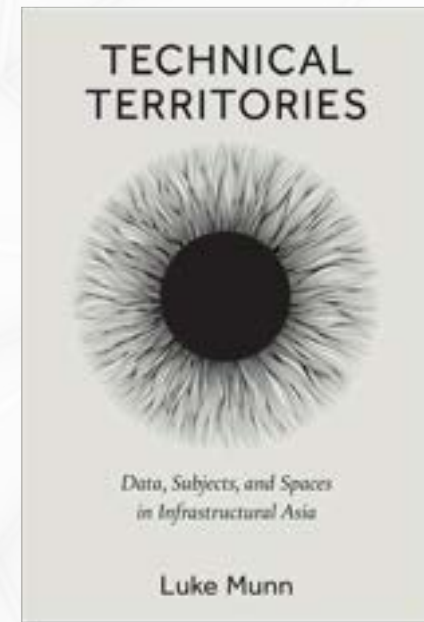
Benjamin Abrams is Leverhulme Fellow in Politics and Sociology at University College London. **Peter Gardner** is Lecturer in Sociology at the University of York.



Struggles for Political Change in the Arab World

This volume delves into the evolving dynamics within Arab countries, examining how key political players, including regimes, opposition movements, and external forces, have adapted in the aftermath of the Arab Spring. Notably, it includes an analysis of Saudi Arabia and its allies' efforts to undermine revolutionary movements in other countries.

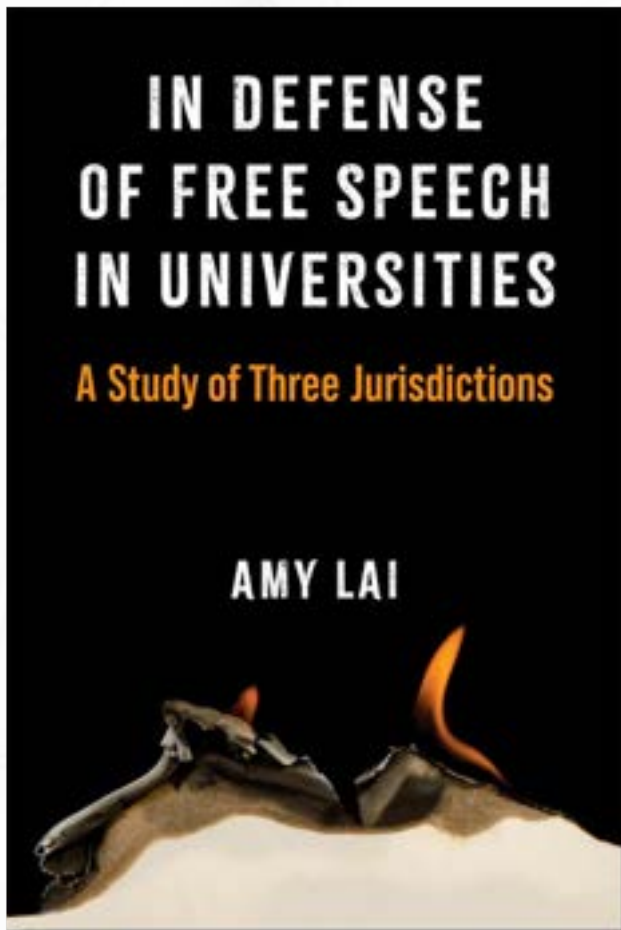
Lisa Blaydes is Professor in the Department of Political Science at Stanford University. **Amr Hamzawy** is the Director of the Middle East Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. **Hesham Sallam** is a Research Scholar at the Center on Democracy, Development and the Rule of Law in the Freeman Spogli Institute at Stanford University.



Technical Territories: Data, Subjects, and Spaces in Infrastructural Asia

Territory is shifting. No longer defined by the dotted line of the border or the national footprint of soil, today's territories are enacted through data infrastructures. From subsea cables to server halls, these infrastructures underpin new forms of governance, shaping subjects and their everyday lives. *Technical Territories* moves from masked protestors in Hong Kong to asylum-seekers in Christmas Island and sand miners in Singapore, exploring how these territories are both political and visceral, altering the experience of their inhabitants.

Luke Munn is a Research Fellow in Digital Cultures & Societies at the University of Queensland.



In Defense of Free Speech in Universities: A Study of Three Jurisdictions

In this book, Amy Lai examines the current free speech crisis in Western universities. She studies the origin, history, and importance of freedom of speech in the university setting, and addresses the relevance and pitfalls of political correctness and microaggressions on campuses, where laws on harassment, discrimination, and hate speech are already in place, along with other concepts that have gained currency in the free speech debate, including de-platforming, trigger warning, and safe space.

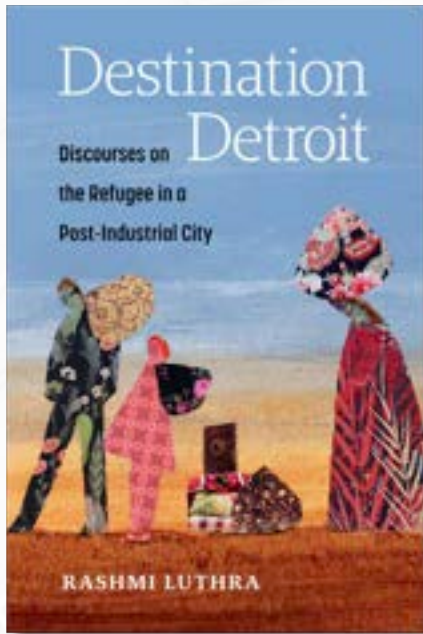
Looking at numerous free speech disputes in the United Kingdom, the United States, and Canada, the book argues for the equal application of the free speech principle to all expressions to facilitate respectful debates.



Amy Lai is Researcher and Visiting Associate Professor at Freie Universität. Her blog can be found at aimee-lovely-little-things.blogspot.com.

Inside Look with Amy

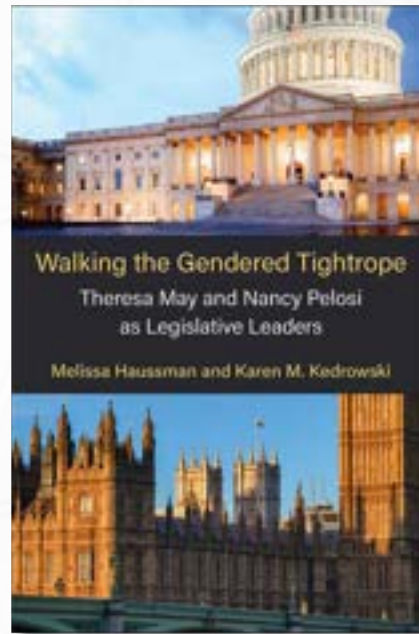
"Getting this book manuscript accepted and publishing it have been some of the proudest moments of my life. Admittedly, I was rather emotionally overwhelmed by what happened in my city of birth (Hong Kong) as I wrote and revised the manuscript from 2019 through 2022. I always feel saddened by the fact that many young people in Western countries, who never have had to fight for their freedom of speech, take it for granted and so readily give it up. I hope that my readers will heed the warning in the book and help protect this fundamental freedom."



Destination Detroit: Discourses on the Refugee in a Post-Industrial City

In de-industrialized cities like Metro Detroit, the debate over refugees rages on: are they an opportunity or a threat? This book delves into the heart of this discourse, examining how local institutions grapple with the influx of refugees amid population and resource decline. Through these discussions, we gain insight into the evolving narrative of Metro Detroit and, by extension, the broader struggle of U.S. cities to define themselves in the modern era.

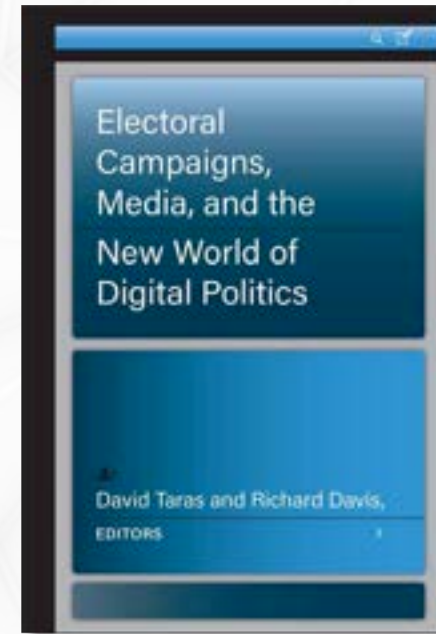
Rashmi Luthra is Professor Emerita of Public Communication and Culture Studies at the University of Michigan–Dearborn.



Walking the Gendered Tightrope: Theresa May and Nancy Pelosi as Legislative Leaders

Walking the Gendered Tightrope analyzes the gendered expectations for women in high offices. While other books have analyzed the barriers to higher office that women face, this book reveals how women in positions of power are still forced to balance feminine stereotypes with the perception of power as masculine in order to prove their legitimacy.

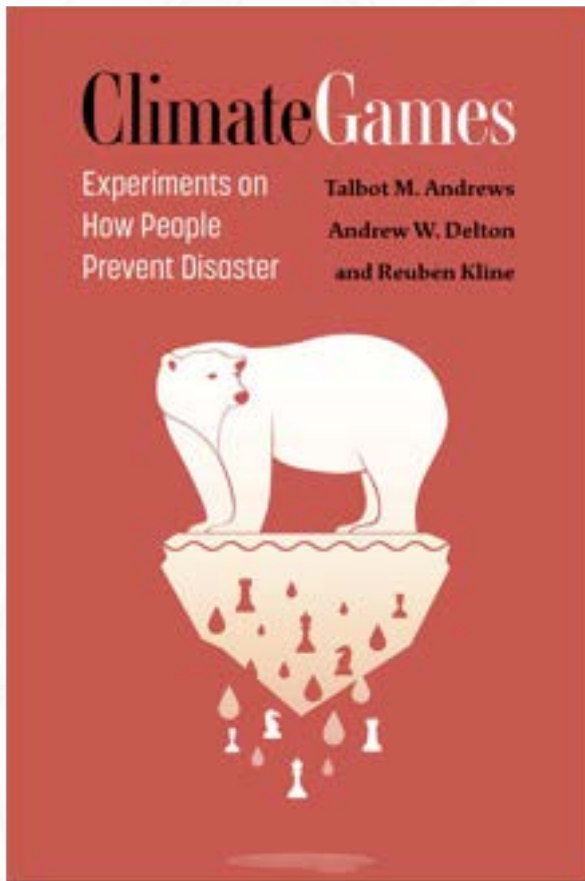
Melissa Haussman is Professor of Political Science at Carleton University. **Karen M. Kedrowski** is Director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics and Professor of Political Science at Iowa State University.



Electoral Campaigns, Media, and the New World of Digital Politics

This book explores the role of Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, email, and memes in modern electoral campaigns. It highlights how each platform offers unique opportunities and challenges for political messaging, shaping coverage in mainstream media and affecting democracy's health. From successful tactics to underutilized strategies, this book reveals the evolving landscape of political communication in the digital age.

David Taras is Ralph Klein Chair in Media Studies at Mount Royal University. **Richard Davis** is Professor of Political Science at Brigham Young University.



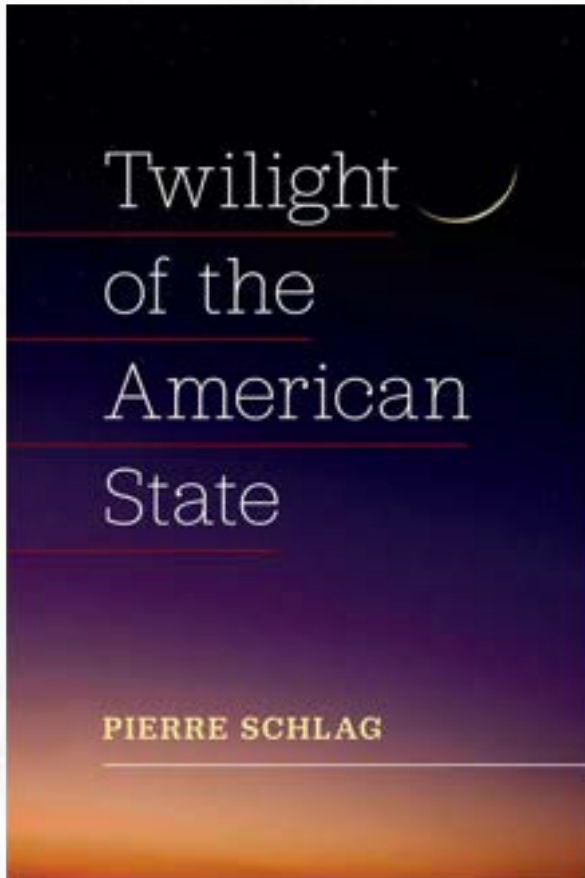
Climate Games: Experiments on How People Prevent Disaster

Can humanity work together to mitigate the effects of climate change? *Climate Games* argues we can. This book brings together a decade and a half of experimentation, conducted by researchers around the world, which shows that people can and will work together to prevent disasters like climate change.

These experiments, called economic games, put money on the line to create laboratory disasters. Participants must work together by spending a bit of money now to prevent themselves from losing even more money in the future. Will people sacrifice their own money to prevent disaster? Can people make wise decisions? And can people decide wisely on behalf of others? The answer is a resounding yes.



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Twilight of the American State

Twilight of the American State offers a sweeping exploration of how law and legal institutions helped prepare the grounds for this rebellious movement. The controversial argument is that, viewed as a legal matter, the American state is not just a liberal democracy, as most Americans believe. Rather, the American state is composed of an uneasy and unstable combination of different versions of the state—liberal democratic, administered, neoliberal, and dissociative.

Each of these versions arose through its own law and legal institutions. Each emerged at different times historically. Each was prompted by deficits in the prior versions. Each has survived displacement by succeeding versions. All remain active in the contemporary moment—creating the political-legal dysfunction America confronts today.



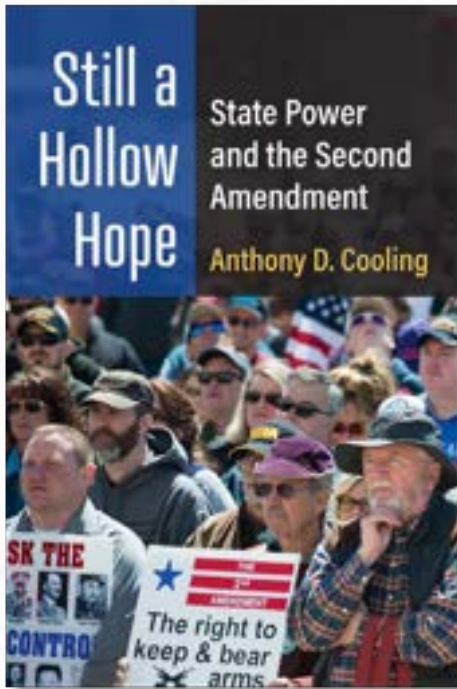
Pierre Schlag is University Distinguished Professor & Byron R. White Professor of Law at the University of Colorado.



Praise for *Twilight of the American State*

"This book is intentionally radical, and it makes an exciting and cutting-edge contribution in the fields of legal and political theory and history. It is beautifully written. Its intellectual contributions are major. Its distinctive voice is simultaneously personal, charming, and haunting. In short: it reads like Pierre Schlag."

— **Mitchel Lasser**, Jack G. Clarke Professor of Law and Director of Graduate Studies, Cornell Law School

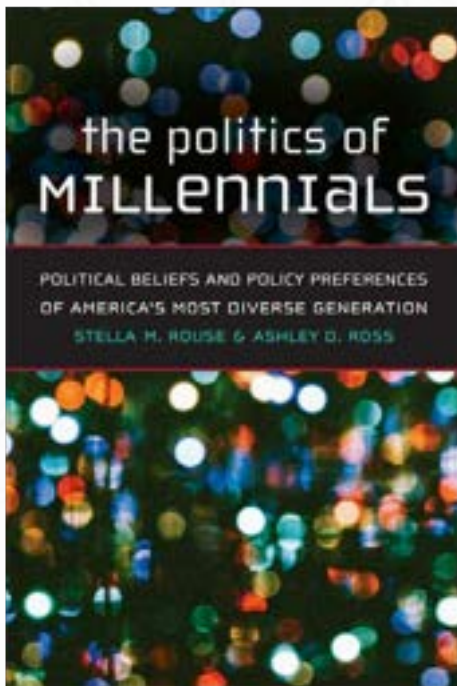


Still a Hollow Hope: State Power and the Second Amendment

The U.S. Supreme Court increasingly matters in American political life. Those across the political spectrum look at the Court for relief from policies they oppose and as another venue for advancing their own policy agendas. However, the evidence is mounting, in a big way, that courts are more of a sideshow to the culture war. While court decisions, especially Supreme Court decisions, do have importance, the decisions emanating from the Court reflect social, cultural, and political change that occurred long prior to their decision ever being made.



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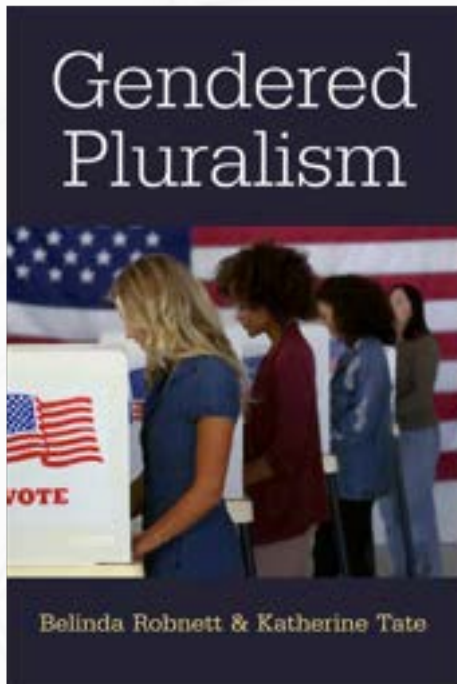


The Politics of Millennials: Political Beliefs and Policy Preferences of America's Most Diverse Generation

This book dives into millennials, the largest generation in the US, and their relationship to politics. It explores the landmark events that shaped millennials, such as 9/11, the rise of technology, and the greatest recession since the Great Depression. It identifies the factors that shape their political identity, how this conditions their political choices, and how their diversity informs their political attitudes and beliefs.



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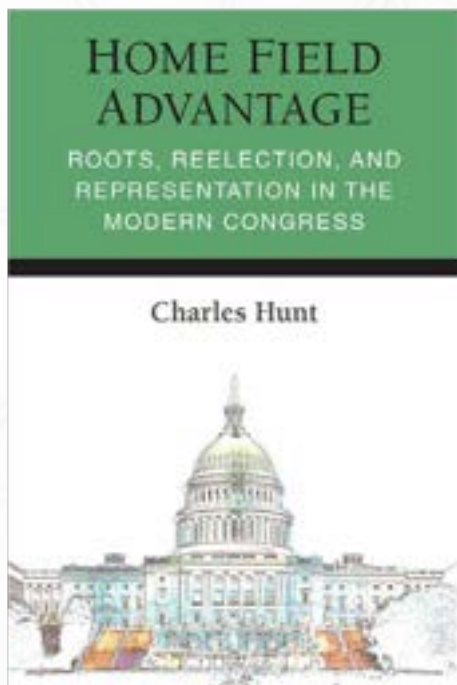


Gendered Pluralism

Focused on structural and political intersectionalities, *Gendered Pluralism* takes a broader approach to understanding the constellation of factors that drive gender and racial differences on an array of public policy issues. Belinda Robnett and Katherine Tate examine a broader set of actors absent the contextual factors that may drive them to compromise their opinions.



Belinda Robnett is former Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Professor Emeritus in the Department of Sociology at UC Santa Barbara. **Katherine Tate** is Professor of Political Science at Brown University.



Home Field Advantage: Roots, Reelection, and Representation in the Modern Congress

Home Field Advantage demonstrates the importance of this understudied element of American congressional elections and representation in the modern era: the local, place-based roots that members of Congress have in their home districts. Charles Hunt argues that legislators' local roots in their district have a significant and independent impact on their campaigns, election outcomes, and more broadly on the relationship between members of the U.S. House of Representatives and their constituents. He lays out a "Theory of Local Roots" and their influence in congressional representation, demonstrating this influence empirically using multiple original measures of local roots over a full cross-section of legislators and a significant period of time.



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