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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.

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

The fires in Australia, Brazil and the United States demand acknowledgment of the global systems of inequality that undergird them, connecting the political erosion of liberal democracy with the corrosion of the environment. Darian-Smith argues that these wildfires are closely linked through capitalism, colonialism, industrialization, and resource extraction. In thinking through wildfires as environmental and political phenomenon, Global Burning challenges readers to confront the interlocking powers that are ensuring our future ecological collapse.
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 President 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 United States policy. In Reform Nation, Colleen P. Eren investigates it as a symbol for the larger movement’s trajectory, fuelled 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, and this snapshot in time raises much bigger questions about how our democratic processes inform criminal justice policy, and where we are going in the decades to come.

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

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. Applying a public anthropology approach that integrates the experiences of community partners, students, policy makers, and activists in the production of research, this book uses the pressing issue of wage theft to offer a methodologically rigorous, community-engaged, and pedagogically innovative approach to the study of immigration, labor, inequality, and social justice.

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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. The companies at the center of this book fly under the radar and self-identify as “data analytics” or “business solutions” operations. They supply the digital lifeblood that flows through the circulatory system of the internet. With their control over data, they can prevent the free flow of information to places where it is needed, and simultaneously distribute private information to predatory entities. Beyond specific legal and market-based solutions, Lamdan calls for treating information like a public good and creating digital infrastructure that supports our democratic ideals.

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

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

Against Progress
Intellectual Property and Fundamental Values in the Internet Age
Jessica Silbey

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

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LAW AND SOCIETY

Crimesploitation
Crime, Punishment, and Pleasure on Reality Television
Daniel LaChance and Paul Kaplan

“Due to the graphic nature of this program, viewer discretion is advised.” Most of us have encountered this warning while watching television at some point. It is typically attached to a brand of reality crime TV that are designed to entertain mass audiences by exhibiting “real” criminal behavior and its consequences, or “crimesploitation.” This book examines their enduring popularity in American culture. Analyzing the structure and content of several popular shows, including Cops, Dog: The Bounty Hunter, and To Catch a Predator, as well as newer examples like Making a Murderer and Don’t F**K with Cats, Paul Kaplan and Daniel LaChance highlight the troubling nature of the genre: though it presents itself as ethical and righteous, its entertainment value hinges upon suffering. Crimesploitation offers a sobering look at the depictions of criminals, policing, and punishment in modern America.

THE CULTURAL LIVES OF LAW

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. Beyond the origins of delinquency, Larregue addresses the reconfiguration of expertise in contemporary societies, and in particular with the territorial struggles between the medical and legal professions.

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. COVID-19 struck a world that had been shaped by decades of disinvestment in public health, as well as gaping social inequalities within and between countries. 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.

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STANFORD STUDIES IN HUMAN RIGHTS
Lethal Injection and the False Promise of Humane Execution
Austin Sarat

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

Reinventing Human Rights
Mark Goodale

Reinventing Human Rights offers a bold argument: that only a radically reformulated approach to human rights will prove adequate to confront and overcome the most consequential global problems. Charting a new path—away from either common critiques of the various incapacities of the international human rights system or advocacy for the status quo—Mark Goodale offers a new vision for human rights as a basis for collective action and moral renewal. This book is a concrete blueprint for those who want to preserve human rights as a key framework for confronting our manifold contemporary challenges, yet who agree that to do so requires radical reappraisal, imaginative reconceptualization, and a willingness to reinvent human rights as a cross-cultural foundation for both empowerment and social action.

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

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

In late 2013, after Congress failed to pass a comprehensive immigration bill, President Obama pivoted to an effort to expand upon his 2012 Deferred Action for Childhood Arrival (DACA) program with a deferred action program for the parents of citizens and lawful permanent residents (known as DAPA) and a DACA expansion (DACA+). Successful challenges from Republican-led states in conservative courts prevented these programs from going into effect. In the years that followed, people who had fought for, and hoped to benefit from, immigration reform have been haunted by these unfulfilled promises as they navigate an unforgiving legal landscape. Still, many people have continued not only to survive, but also to reshape, the legal terrain. Legal Phantoms tells this story.

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Unauthorized Love
Mixed-Citizenship Couples Negotiating Intimacy, Immigration, and the State
Jane Lilly López

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

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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. Female nominees and nominees of color face more skepticism of their professional competence, are subjected to stereotype-based questioning, and are more frequently interrupted and described in less positive terms by senators. The book also provides concrete suggestions for how that bias can be reduced in the future.

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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.

Kang and Shepherd pair rigorous empirical data with interviews of past and present judges, creating a compelling and persuasive narrative account. They are able to identify the pieces of our current system that invite bias, and what reforms should focus on.

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Liquid Asset
How Business and Government Can Partner to Solve the Freshwater Crisis
Barton H. Thompson, Jr.

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, given the global need for innovative new technologies, institutions, and financing to solve the freshwater crisis, 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.

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Surviving Solitary
Living and Working in Restricted Housing Units
Danielle S. Rudes, with Shannon Magnuson and Angela Hattery

Twenty to forty percent of the US prison population will spend time in restricted housing units—or solitary confinement. These separate units within prisons have enhanced security measures, and thousands of staff control and monitor the residents. Though commonly assumed to be punishment for only the most dangerous behaviors, in reality, these units may also be used in response to minor infractions.

In Surviving Solitary, Danielle S. Rudes offers an unprecedented look inside RHUs—and a resounding call to more vigorously confront the intentions and realities of these structures. As the narratives unfold we witness the slow and systematic damage the RHUs inflict upon those living and working inside, through increased risk, arbitrary rules, and strained or absent social interactions. Rudes makes the case that we must prioritize improvement over harm, and she underscores the fierce hope among residents and staff that they may have a different future.

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

Sex work occupies a legally grey space in Johannesburg, South Africa, and police attitudes towards it are inconsistent and largely unregulated. As I. India Thusi argues in *Policing Bodies*, this results in room for negotiation that can benefit sex workers, as well as extreme precarity in which the security police officers provide can be offered and taken away at a moment’s notice. Sex work straddles the line between formal and informal. Attitudes about beauty and subjective value are manifest in informal tasks, including police activities, which are often conducted in a seemingly ad hoc manner. However, high-level organizational directives intended to regulate police obligations also influence police action and tilt the exercise of discretion to the formal. Challenging discourses about sexuality and gender that inform its regulation, Thusi exposes the limitations of dominant feminist arguments regarding the legal treatment of sex work.

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Proud to Punish
The Global Landscapes of Rough Justice
Gilles Favarel-Garrigues and Laurent Gayer, Translated by Cynthia Scoch 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. It is this unabashed pride to punish, and the new punitive celebrations that actualize, publicize, and commercialize it, that this book brings to focus.

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

Kalyani Ramnath narrates how former migrants battled legal requirements in a postwar context of rising ethno-nationalisms that accused migrants of stealing jobs and hoarding land. Ultimately, Ramnath shows how decolonization was marked not only by shipwrecked empires and nation-states assembled and ordered from the debris of imperial collapse, but also by these forgotten stories of wartime displacements, their unintended consequences, and long afterlives.

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 ways in which legal professionals, mental health experts, and lay witnesses approached mental disability evidence, especially in cases carrying the death penalty.

Using Texas as a case-study, Deambrogio examines how these medical, legal, and cultural trends shaped psycho-legal debates in state criminal courts, while shedding light on the ways in which experts and lay actors’ interpretations of ‘pathological’ mental states influenced trial verdicts in capital cases.

The Transition
Interpreting Justice from Thurgood Marshall to Clarence Thomas
Daniel Kiel
Every Supreme Court transition presents an opportunity for a shift in the balance of the third branch of American government, 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 the lasting consequences for understandings of American citizenship as well as the central currents of Black political thought over the past century. Their judicial writings richly illustrate the ways in which these two individuals embodied crucial American (and African American) debates. Daniel Kiel shows that it is their unique perspective as Black justices that makes this succession echo across generations.

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

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

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

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

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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,” or “B-Corp,” which helps organizations make this vision a reality. Rather than aim strictly at maximizing profits, thousands of revolutionary companies are now committing to consider their business strategy’s impact on their employees, the environment, and anyone materially affected by their activities. The goal of benefit corporations is to foster a new, more humane, and sustainable capitalism by pursuing both profits and mission. In Becoming a Public Benefit Corporation, Michael Dorff explains in-depth these new forms, when they make sense, and how they can help visionary leaders and organizations balance the tradeoffs between profits and mission.

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