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# **The Curie Society**

Eris Eternal Volume 2

Heather Einhorn, Adam Staffaroni, and Anne Toole

illustrated by Sonia Liao

#### The plucky young scientist heroes of *The Curie Society* go toe-to-toe with a powerful and sinister threat in a globe-spanning scientific adventure on the cutting edge of advanced biotech.

Our heroic teen science prodigies are back for a new mission with the Curie Society, an elite secret organization where brilliant women can pursue the furthest reaches of their intellect, and this time they face a threat more serious and more sinister than anything they've encountered before!

Maya, Taj, and Simone are supposed to be spending their summer broadening their horizons, but their plans take a strange and puzzling turn when the Curie Society's original chapter, at the Sorbonne in Paris, calls on them for help. Daksha, a Society alumna, is promoting cutting-edge science and technology startups at a showcase event, but someone has threatened to stop her and the proceedings. When Daksha is poisoned, the team swings into action to investigate.

Along with new friends from the Paris chapter of the Curie Society, the team is thrown into a globe-spanning quest and a dangerous game of cat and mouse with a shadowy villain intent on controlling the world's wealth through advanced biotech. The Curie Society will need all their specialized science skills to stop this scheme before it's too late!

Heather Einhorn (co-creator) has worked with Godzilla, Batman, and Superman, and as an executive producer for Einhorn Epic Productions (EEP). She co-created the teen detective scripted podcast series Lethal Lit: A Tig Torres Mystery, the science adventure graphic novel series The Curie Society, and the webcomic/pop music star Free Hexel, among others. Adam Staffaroni (co-creator) is a lifelong fan of comics, and as an editor he's worked on books starring Punky Brewster, Care Bears, Peanuts, and many more. Now an executive producer for EEP, Adam creates new worlds for young readers with his creative partner, Heather Einhorn. Writers Guild Award winner Anne Toole currently writes the Horizon Zero Dawn comic from Titan. She was also lead writer on the Curse of the Pharaohs DLC for Assassin's Creed: Origins, creator of the 100-episode series Alles Liebe, Annette, and writer for the Emmy-winning web series The Lizzie Bennet Diaries. Sonia Liao is an illustrator and comic artist based in Westford, Massachusetts. She graduated with her BFA in Illustration from MICA in 2014 before returning to New England and interning at Fablevision Studios.

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"Simone, Maya, and Taj return in this fast-paced sequel to *The Curie Society*. The mystery seamlessly integrates scientific explanations into a STEM-based adventure you can't put down!" - Christine Taylor-Butler, author of *The Lost Tribes* and *Save the... Tigers* 

"It was a delight to join the young women of the Curie Society on another thrilling adventure as they use science and teamwork to solve problems and protect the world."

- Shohini Ghose, quantum physicist; author of *Her Space, Her Time* 

"Teens to adults can experience the thrill of science through this lively futuristic adventure story. The book beautifully highlights contemporary projects of female scientists committed to a socially responsible and equitable world!" — Jane Margolis, coauthor of Power On!

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# From Intention to Impact

A Practical Guide to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Malia C. Lazu

# How business leaders can move their DEI efforts from intention to impact through strategy and culture change.

In the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, corporate America has doubled down on its public intentions to be more inclusive and equitable. Yet beyond the pledges it is difficult to see which system changes make a real difference. In *From Intention to Impact*, Malia Lazu draws on her background as a community organizer, her corporate career as a bank president, and now her experience as a leading DEI consultant to explain what has been holding organizations back and what they need to do better. First and foremost, she recognizes that truly moving from intention to impact means targeting and changing the traditions and culture that normalize whiteness.

From Intention to Impact shows what organizations, leaders, and people at all levels must do to create more inclusive environments that honor and value diversity. Lazu shares a seven-stage guide through this process as well as a 3L model of listening, learning, and loving that readers can use from the initial excitement of doing "something" to the frustration when the inevitable pushback comes, and finally to the determination to do the hard work despite the challenges—on corporate and political fronts. Most compelling, From Intention to Impact shows that, while commitment from the top is paramount, for DEI to be most effective, it needs to be decentralized—among managers, within teams, and across the organization.

A crucial read for anyone looking to future-proof their company, *From Intention to Impact* goes beyond the "feel good" PR-centric actions to showcase the real DEI work that must be done to create true and lasting systemic change.

Malia C. Lazu is an award-winning, tenured strategist in diversity and inclusion and a lecturer in the Technological Innovation, Entrepreneurship, and Strategic Management group at the MIT Sloan School of Management. She is former EVP and Regional President of Berkshire Bank and the creator of several accelerators designed to support minority-owned businesses in the Boston area, as well as the consultancy the Lazu Group.

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"From Intention to Impact is destined to be an important guide to what might be the most pressing conversation of our time." —Louis D. Maiuri, President & Head of Investment Services, State Street Corporation

"At a time, when our history is being erased and rewritten by those who will not take accountability, Lazu brings us a personal journey that is a true legacy of the civil rights movement—showing us how to reclaim our story and move forward."

- Gina Belafonte, Executive Director, Sankofa.org

# Gaia's Web

How Digital Environmentalism Can Combat Climate Change, Restore Biodiversity, Cultivate Empathy, and Regenerate the Earth

Karen Bakker

#### A riveting exploration of one of the most important dilemmas of our time: will digital technology accelerate environmental degradation, or could it play a role in ecological regeneration?

At the uncanny edge of the scientific frontier, *Gaia's Web* explores the promise and pitfalls the Digital Age holds for the future of our planet. Instead of the Internet of Things, environmental scientist and tech entrepreneur Karen Bakker asks, why not consider the Internet of Living Things? At the surprising and inspiring confluence of our digital and ecological futures, Bakker explores how the tools of the Digital Age could be mobilized to address our most pressing environmental challenges, from climate change to biodiversity loss. Interspersed with ten elegiac, enigmatic parables, each of which is based on an existing technology, *Gaia's Web* evokes the conundrums we face as the World Wide Web intertwines with the Web of Life.

A new generation of innovators is deploying digital technology to come to the aid of the planet, using spy satellites to track down environmental criminals, inviting animals to the Metaverse, and biohacking Frankensteinlike biobots as environmental sentinels. But will they end up doing more harm than good? In an engaging take on conservation technology, Bakker looks at the digital tech applications to environmental issues from predatory harvesting of environmental data to human bycatch and eco-surveillance capitalism. If we address these issues and mobilize digitally mediated forms of citizen science, she argues, digital tech could help reverse environmental harms and advance environmental sustainability. And in the process, Big Tech might be transformed for the better.

With its uniquely broad scope—combining insights from computer science, ecology, engineering, environmental science, and environmental law—*Gaia's Web* introduces profoundly novel ways of addressing our most pressing environmental challenges—mitigating climate change, protecting endangered species—and creating new possibilities for ecological justice by empowering nonhumans to participate in environmental regulation.

Karen Bakker was a Guggenheim Fellow, Professor at the University of British Columbia, and the Matina S. Horner Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University. She was the author of *The Sounds of Life: How Digital Technology Is Bringing Us Closer to the Worlds of Animals and Plants.* She passed away in August 2023.

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## **Crowded Out**

The True Costs of Crowdfunding Healthcare

**Nora Kenworthy** 

#### An eye-opening investigation into charitable crowdfunding for health care in the United States—and the consequences of allowing health care access to be decided by the digital crowd.

Over the past decade, charitable crowdfunding has exploded in popularity across the globe. Sites such as GoFundMe, which now boasts a "global community of over 100 million" users, have transformed the ways we seek and offer help. When faced with crises—particularly medical ones—Americans are turning to online platforms that promise to connect them to the charity of the crowd. What does this new phenomenon reveal about the changing ways we seek and provide health care? In *Crowded Out*, Nora Kenworthy examines how charitable crowdfunding so quickly overtook public life, where it is taking us, and who gets left behind by this new platformed economy.

Although crowdfunding has become ubiquitous in our lives, it is often misunderstood: rather than a friendly free market "powered by the kindness" of strangers, crowdfunding is powerfully reinforcing inequalities and changing the way Americans think about and access health care. Drawing on extensive research and rich storytelling, *Crowded Out* demonstrates how crowdfunding for health is fueled by—and further reinforces—financial and moral "toxicities" in market-based health care systems. It offers a unique and distressing look beneath the surface of some of the most popular charitable platforms and helps to foster thoughtful discussions of how we can better respond to health care crises both small and large.

**Nora Kenworthy** is Associate Professor at the University of Washington Bothell. She is the author and editor of several books, and her writing has appeared in the *American Journal of Public Health*, *Social Science and Medicine*, *PLOS One*, *Scientific American*, the *Washington Post*, and the *Los Angeles Times*.

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# **The Value of Values**

How Leaders Can Grow Their Businesses and Enhance Their Careers by Doing the Right Thing

#### **Daniel Aronson**

# A compelling case for how moral values and profitable business can go hand in hand.

Acting on values—doing good for the benefit of all—can substantially benefit the bottom line, but many business leaders mistakenly believe that doing the right thing lowers profits. This belief is the greatest barrier holding businesses back from being more financially and competitively successful—and delivering good for the world. Not only can it be a winning business strategy to act on values, as Daniel Aronson suggests in *The Value of Values*, but it is also a savvy choice, increasing a company's power, profit, and competitive advantage—in many cases with little additional investment or risk.

It starts with seeing what others miss. Using extensive research and real-world calculations, Aronson demonstrates that the "submerged value" of initiatives such as taking bold action to combat climate change, helping people find jobs, or creating an open, inclusive work environment is normally four to ten times more effective than initially believed. Calculating and capturing the true business benefit of acting on values provides a much-needed update to the sustainability and responsibility playbook. Even more important, it shows executives how to harness the value of values to improve profitability, acquire customers, and turbocharge their own careers.

Written by a measurement pioneer and one of the world's foremost experts on making ethical business count, *The Value of Values* trains leaders to respond smartly and credibly to today's challenges, transforming how business can and should be done.

**Daniel Aronson** is the creator of InVEST, which quantifies value from sustainability and responsibility and has helped clients quantify more than \$2 billion in sustainability-driven business value. He is also the creator of Impact Science, Customer Science, Stakeholder Science, and True Plastic Impact.

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"This amazing book is loaded with lessons and important ideas! Read it, apply it, and let it change your life."

-Brian Tracy, speaker, consultant, and author of *Eat That Frog* 

"The Value of Values is a gamechanging book that disrupts the notion that values are a luxury rather than a necessity in business. This book is a must-read for leaders who want to create a values-driven organization and unlock its full potential."

- Marshall Goldsmith, Thinkers50 #1 Executive Coach and New York Times bestselling author of The Earned Life, Triggers, and What Got You Here Won't Get You There

# Decisionscape

How Thinking Like an Artist Can Improve Our Decision Making

#### **Elspeth Kirkman**

# How thinking like an artist can provide the perspective necessary to make better choices.

"Why are so many of our decisions regrettable, and what can we do about it? *Decisionscape* maps the surprising ways that our decisions are influenced and how thinking like an artist can help us deliberately arrange our perspective to make better choices. Introducing the concept of a "decisionscape," Elspeth Kirkman blends art and science with insights from moral philosophy, sports, geopolitics, and elsewhere to explore decision making in a refreshingly original way. A broadly appealing and relatable book, *Decisionscape* asks us to confront the prejudices, blind spots, and hypocrisy in our day-to-day thinking.

When we make choices, Kirkman explains, we act like an artist arranging objects on a canvas, using our system of perspective to compose a mental representation of the world. This decisionscape includes a foreground and background, a frame, a fixed viewpoint, and outside influences. Organized into four parts that unpack a different facet of the book's organizing principle, *Decisionscape* shows how psychological distance dictates what we prioritize and diminish, how the big picture can often look different from its parts, how culture and context frame decisions, and how personal worldviews alter how we interpret information. Complex and timely, *Decisionscape* addresses one of the most fundamental human experiences: making better decisions to live our best life.

**Elspeth Kirkman** is Chief Programme Officer at the innovation agency Nesta and a Visiting Senior Research Fellow at King's College London's Policy School and Exeter University's Business School. Working at the intersection of design, data, and experimentation, she is the coauthor of *Behavioral Insights* (MIT Press).

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# **Rebel Health**

A Field Guide to the Patient-Led Revolution in Medical Care

Susannah Fox

#### An action-oriented and radically hopeful field guide to the underground, patient-led revolution for better health and health care.

Anyone who has fallen off the conveyer belt of mainstream health care and into the shadowy corners of illness knows what a dark place it is to land. Where is the infrastructure, the information, the guidance? What should you do next? In *Rebel Health*, Susannah Fox draws on twenty years of tracking the expert networks of patients, survivors, and caregivers who have come of age between the cracks of the health care system to offer a way forward. Covering everything from diabetes to ALS to Moebius Syndrome to chronic disease management, Fox taps into the wisdom of these individuals, learns their ways, and fuels the rebel alliance that is building up our collective capacity for better health.

*Rebel Health* shows how the next wave of health innovation will come from the front lines of this patient-led revolution. Fox identifies and describes our archetypes of this revolution: seekers, networkers, solvers, and champions. Each chapter includes tips, such as picking a proxy to help you navigate the relevant online communities, or learning how to pitch new ideas to investors and partners or new treatments to the FDA. On a personal level, anyone who wants to navigate the health care maze faster will want to become a health rebel or recruit some to their team. On a systemic level, it is a competitive advantage for businesses, governments, and organizations to understand and leverage the power of connection among patients, survivors, and caregivers.

Proactive, optimistic, and innovative, *Rebel Health* is a guiding light for anyone who wishes to join the health rebel alliance and become the hero of their own story.

Susannah Fox helps people navigate health and technology. She served as Chief Technology Officer for the US Department of Health and Human Services, where she led an open data and innovation lab. Prior to that, she was the entrepreneur-in-residence at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and directed the health portfolio at the Pew Research Center's Internet Project.

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"Navigating the health care system can feel overwhelming for anyone recently diagnosed with a disease as well as for health care professionals trying to give excellent care to their patients. A revolution is brewing, and no one is more qualified than Susannah Fox to lead it. *Rebel Health* is an inspiring and empowering field guide for transforming American medicine into true health care. Highly recommended!"

— Dean Ornish, M.D., New York Times bestselling author of UnDo It!



# **The Blind Spot**

Why Science Cannot Ignore Human Experience Adam Frank, Marcelo Gleiser, and Evan Thompson

#### A compelling argument for including the human perspective within science, and for how human experience makes science possible.

It's tempting to think that science gives us a God's-eye view of reality. But we neglect the place of human experience at our peril. In *The Blind Spot*, astrophysicist Adam Frank, theoretical physicist Marcelo Gleiser, and philosopher Evan Thompson call for a revolutionary scientific worldview, where science includes—rather than ignores or tries not to see—humanity's lived experience as an inescapable part of our search for objective truth. The authors present science not as discovering an absolute reality but rather as a highly refined, constantly evolving form of human experience. They urge practitioners to reframe how science works for the sake of our future in the face of the planetary climate crisis and increasing science denialism.

Since the dawn of the Enlightenment, humanity has looked to science to tell us who we are, where we come from, and where we're going, but we've gotten stuck thinking we can know the universe from outside our position in it. When we try to understand reality only through external physical things imagined from this outside position, we lose sight of the necessity of experience. This is the Blind Spot, which the authors show lies behind our scientific conundrums about time and the origin of the universe, quantum physics, life, AI and the mind, consciousness, and Earth as a planetary system. The authors propose an alternative vision: scientific knowledge is a self-correcting narrative made from the world and our experience of it evolving together. To finally "see" the Blind Spot is to awaken from a delusion of absolute knowledge and to see how reality and experience intertwine.

The Blind Spot goes where no science book goes, urging us to create a new scientific culture that views ourselves both as an expression of nature and as a source of nature's self-understanding, so that humanity can flourish in the new millennium

Adam Frank is the Helen F. and Fred H. Gowen Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Rochester and a winner of the Carl Sagan Medal. He is the author of *Light of the Stars*. **Marcelo Gleiser** is the Appleton Professor of Natural Philosophy at Dartmouth, the 2019 Templeton Prize laureate, and author of seven widely translated books, most recently *The Dawn of a Mindful Universe*. **Evan Thompson** is Professor of Philosophy at the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, and a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada. He is the author or coauthor of five books in cognitive science and philosophy.

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# **The Chinese Computer**

A Global History of the Information Age

**Thomas S. Mullaney** 

#### The fascinating, untold story of how the Chinese language overcame unparalleled challenges and revolutionized the world of computing.

A standard QWERTY keyboard has a few dozen keys. How can Chinese—a language with tens of thousands of characters and no alphabet—be input on such a device? In *The Chinese Computer*, Thomas Mullaney sets out to resolve this paradox, and in doing so, discovers that the key to this seemingly impossible riddle has given rise to a new epoch in the history of writing—a form of writing he calls "hypography." Based on 15 years of research, this pathbreaking history of the Chinese language charts the beginnings of electronic Chinese technology in the wake of World War II up through to its many iterations in the present day.

Mullaney takes the reader back through the history and evolution of Chinese language computing technology, showing the development of electronic Chinese input methods-software programs that enable Chinese characters to be produced using alphanumeric symbols-and the profound impact they have had on the way Chinese is written. Along the way, Mullaney introduces a cast of brilliant and eccentric personalities drawn from the ranks of IBM, MIT, the CIA, the Pentagon, the Taiwanese military, and the highest rungs of mainland Chinese establishment, to name a few, and the unexpected roles they played in developing Chinese language computing. Finally, he shows how China and the non-Western world-because of the hypographic technologies they had to invent in order to join the personal computing revolution-"saved" the Western computer from its deep biases, enabling it to achieve a meaningful presence in markets outside of the Americas and Europe.

An eminently engaging and artfully told history, *The Chinese Computer* is a must-read for anyone interested in how culture informs computing and how computing, in turn, shapes culture.

**Tom Mullaney** is Professor of Chinese History at Stanford University and a Guggenheim Fellow. He is the author of *The Chinese Typewriter: A History, Where Research Begins,* and *Coming to Terms with the Nation: Ethnic Classification in Modern China.* 

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## Mortevivum

Photography and the Politics of the Visual

**Kimberly Juanita Brown** 

#### A powerful examination of the unsettling history of photography and its fraught relationship to global antiblackness.

Since photography's invention, black life has been presented as fraught, short, agonizingly filled with violence, and indifferent to intervention: living death mortevivum—in a series of still frames that refuse a complex humanity. In *Mortevivum*, Kimberly Juanita Brown shows us how the visual logic of documentary photography and the cultural legacy of empire have come together to produce the understanding that blackness and suffering—and death—are inextricable. Brown traces this idea from the earliest images of the enslaved to the latest newspaper photographs of black bodies, from the United States and South Africa to Haiti and Rwanda, documenting the enduring, pernicious connection between photography and a global history of antiblackness.

Photography's history, inextricably linked to colonialism and white supremacy, is a catalog of othering, surveillance, and the violence of objectification. In the genocide in Rwanda, for instance, photographs after the fact tell viewers that blackness comes with a corresponding violence that no human intervention can abate. In Haiti, the first black republic in the Western Hemisphere, photographic "evidence" of its sovereign failure suggests that the formerly enslaved cannot overthrow their masters and survive to tell the tale. And in South Africa and the United States, a loop of racial violence reminds black subjects of their lower-class status mandated via the state. Illustrating the global nature of antiblackness that pervades photographic archives of the present and the past, Mortevivum reveals how we live in a repetition of imagery signaling who lives and who dies on a gelatin silver print—on a page in a book, on the cover of newspaper, and in the memory of millions.

Kimberly Juanita Brown is the inaugural director of the Institute for Black Intellectual and Cultural Life at Dartmouth College where she is also Associate Professor of English and creative writing. She is the author of *The Repeating Body: Slavery's Visual Resonance in the Contemporary*.

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"Cogent, beautifully conceived and written, and utterly convincing, *Mortevivum* is an instruction, like the poetry of Clifton and Tretheway, in how one might stay with and make present the black living and the dead.... This is the book I have been waiting for." —Christina Sharpe, Canada Research Chair in Black Studies in the Humanities at York University, Toronto, and author of Ordinary Notes

"Mortevivum charts a path for us to read, see, feel, think and look more intelligently—from the slurred violences of the visuality commonly fit to print, to the possibility of blurs that 'reflect our interior lives while leaving room for the exigencies of movement, stillness, and time."

 Kevin Quashie, Brown University, author of Black Aliveness, or a Poetics of Being



# The Secret Life of Data

Navigating Hype and Uncertainty in the Age of Algorithmic Surveillance

Aram Sinnreich and Jesse Gilbert

How data surveillance, digital forensics, and generative AI pose new long-term threats and opportunities — and how we can use them to make better decisions in the face of technological uncertainty.

In *The Secret Life of Data*, Aram Sinnreich and Jesse Gilbert explore the many unpredictable, and often surprising, ways in which data surveillance, AI, and the constant presence of algorithms impact our culture and society in the age of global networks. The authors build on this basic premise: no matter what form data takes, and what purpose we think it's being used for, data will always have a secret life. How this data will be used, by other people in other times and places, has profound implications for every aspect of our lives—from our intimate relationships to our professional lives to our political systems.

With the secret uses of data in mind, Sinnreich and Gilbert interview dozens of experts to explore a broad range of scenarios and contexts—from the playful to the profound to the problematic. Unlike most books about data and society that focus on the short-term effects o our immense data usage, *The Secret Life of Data* focuses primarily on the long-term consequences of humanity's recent rush toward digitizing, storing, and analyzing every piece of data about ourselves and the world we live in. The authors advocate for "slow files" regarding our relationship to data, such as creating new laws and regulations, ethics and aesthetics, and models of production for our data-fied society.

Cutting through the hype and hopelessness that so often inform discussions of data and society, *The Secret Life of Data* clearly and straightforwardly demonstrates how readers can play an active part in shaping how digital technology influences their lives and the world at large.

Aram Sinnreich is an author, professor, and musician. He is Chair of Communication Studies at American University. His books include *Mashed Up*, *The Piracy Crusade*, *The Essential Guide to Intellectual Property*, and *A Second Chance for Yesterday* (published as R. A. Sinn). Jesse Gilbert is an interdisciplinary artist exploring the intersection of visual art, sound, and software design at his firm Dark Matter Media. He was the founding Chair of the Media Technology department at Woodbury University, and he has taught interactive software design at both CalArts and UC San Diego.

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## **Counting Feminicide**

Data Feminism in Action Catherine D'Ignazio

#### Why grassroots data activists in Latin America count feminicide—and how this vital social justice work challenges mainstream data science.

What isn't counted doesn't count. And mainstream institutions systematically fail to account for feminicide, the gender-related killing of women and girls, including cisgender and transgender women. Against this failure, Counting Feminicide brings to the fore the work of data activists across the Americas who are documenting such murders-and challenging the reigning logic of data science by centering care, memory, and justice in their work. Drawing on Data Against Feminicide, a large-scale collaborative research project, Catherine D'Ignazio describes the creative, intellectual, and emotional labor of feminicide data activists who are at the forefront of a data ethics that rigorously and consistently takes power and people into account.

Individuals, researchers, and journalists—these data activists scour news sources to assemble spreadsheets and databases of women killed by gender-related violence, then circulate those data in a variety of creative and political forms. Their work reveals the potential of restorative/transformative data science—the use of systematic information to, first, heal communities from the violence and trauma produced by structural inequality, and second, to envision and work towards the world in which such violence has been eliminated. Specifically, D'Ignazio explores the possibilities and limitations of counting and quantification—reducing complex social phenomena to convenient, sortable, agreegable forms—when the goal is nothing short of the elimination of gender-related violence.

*Counting Feminicide* showcases the incredible power of data feminism in practice, in which each murdered woman or girl counts, and, in being counted, joins a collective demand for the restoration of rights and a transformation of the gendered order of the world.

**Catherine D'Ignazio** is Associate Professor of Urban Science and Planning in the Department of Urban Studies and Planning at MIT. She is the coauthor, with Lauren F. Klein, of *Data Feminism* (MIT Press).

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# A Darwinian Survival Guide

Hope for the Twenty-First Century Daniel R. Brooks and Salvatore J. Agosta

How humanity brought about the climate crisis by departing from its evolutionary trajectory 15,000 years ago—and how we can use evolutionary principles to save ourselves from the worst outcomes.

Despite efforts to sustain civilization, humanity faces existential threats from overpopulation, globalized trade and travel, urbanization, and global climate change. In *A Darwinian Survival Guide*, Daniel Brooks and Salvatore Agosta offer a novel—and hopeful—perspective on how to meet these tremendous challenges by changing the discourse from sustainability to survival. Darwinian evolution, the world's only theory of survival, is the means by which the biosphere has persisted and renewed itself following past environmental perturbations, and it has never failed, they explain. Even in the aftermath of mass extinctions, enough survivors remain with the potential to produce a new diversified biosphere.

Drawing on their expertise as field biologists, Brooks and Agosta trace the evolutionary path from the early days of humans through the Late Pleistocene and the beginning of the Anthropocene all the way to the Great Acceleration of technological humanity around 1950, demonstrating how our creative capacities have allowed humanity to survive. However, constant conflict without resolution has made the Anthropocene not only unsustainable, but unsurvivable. Guided by the four laws of biotics, the authors explain how humanity should interact with the rest of the biosphere and with each other in accordance with Darwinian principles. They reveal a middle ground between apocalypse and utopia, with two options: alter our behavior now at great expense and extend civilization or fail to act and rebuild in accordance with those same principles. If we take the latter, then our immediate goal ought to focus on preserving as many of humanity's positive achievements-from high technology to high art-as possible to shorten the time needed to rebuild.

Daniel R. Brooks is Professor Emeritus, University of Toronto, Senior Research Fellow, H. W. Manter Laboratory of Parasitology, University of Nebraska State Museum, and Fellow of the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS). He is the coauthor of *The Stockholm Paradigm* and *The Major Metaphors* of *Evolution*. **Salvatore J. Agosta** is Associate Professor at Virginia Commonwealth University and Fellow of the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study. He is the author of more than fifty scientific publications and coauthor of *The Major Metaphors* of *Evolution: Darwinism Then and Now*.

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US \$32.95T/\$43.95 CAN cloth 978-0-262-04868-2 "A sweeping retrospective on the evolution of humankind and a manifesto for how we might live in the post-Anthropocene." —Marcia Bjornerud, Professor of Geosciences, Lawrence University; author of *Timefulness* 

"A wondrously honest, fundamentally optimistic book that shows how, if enough of us adapt, humanity will survive. No book I know has put its case so well and so convincingly." —Andrew Sheng, Distinguished

Fellow, Asia Global Institute, University of Hong Kong

# **The AI Playbook**

Mastering the Rare Art of Machine Learning Deployment

Eric Siegel

#### In his bestselling first book, Eric Siegel explained how machine learning works. Now, in *The AI Playbook*, he shows how to capitalize on it.

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#### A note from the author:

What kind of AI does this book cover? The buzzword AI can mean many things, but this book is about machine learning, which is a central basis for—and what many mean by—AI. To be specific, this book covers the most vital use cases of m achine learning, those designed to improve a wide range of business operations.

**Eric Siegel** is a leading consultant and former Columbia University and UVA Darden professor. He is the founder of the long-running Machine Learning Week conference series, a frequent keynote speaker, and author of the bestselling *Predictive Analytics: The Power to Predict Who Will Click, Buy, Lie, or Die.* 

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# **Job Crafting**

Benjamin Laker, Lebene Soga, Yemisi Bolade-Ogunfodun, and Adeyinka Adewale

A practical and timely guide that shows employees how to craft the jobs they want and managers how to shape their organizations in ways that are conducive to such job crafting.

Job Crafting is a rigorous, modern take on job redesign that empowers workers to transform the jobs they have into the ones they want. Through the process of job crafting, a worker proactively alters their job to emphasize tasks that better align with their skills or that allow opportunities to learn new skills, with the help of executives who are willing to transform their organizations into supportive work environments. Offering practical guidance surrounded in original empirical evidence, British researcher Benjamin Laker and coauthors Lebene Soga, Yemisi Bolade-Ogunfodun, and Adeyinka Adewale describe the steps necessary for businesses and organizations to facilitate that support.

Based on thousands of interviews with staff an leaders at such Fortune 500 firms as Apple and Microsoft, the authors' clear, four-step framework shows managers how to maximize staff engagement and productivity by building the systems, structures, and processes that empower workers to job craft. As new principles of stewardship, authenticity, and empowerment redefine the old command-and-control leadership approach, and generations Y and Z seek autonomy and purpose at work, job crafting offers a potential silver bullet to many workforce problems. Aimed at managers, executives, scholars, and executive education students, *Job Crafting* rejuvenates discussions of job design, leaving readers informed and ready to discuss how to improve their performance and satisfaction in all sectors.

Benjamin Laker is a former government adviser turned scholar who is currently serving as Professor of Leadership at Henley Business School, University of Reading, and Visiting Fellow at Birkbeck, University of London. Lebene Richmond Soga is Professor of Entrepreneurship and Management Practice at Leeds Business School, Leeds Beckett University, a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy and a multi-award-winning academic. Yemisi Bolade-Ogunfodun is Associate Professor in Organisational Behaviour at the Global Business School for Health, University College London, as well as a Senior Fellow of the UK Higher Education Academy. Adeyinka Adewale is Associate Professor of Leadership Ethics and Entrepreneurship, and Director of Studies at Henley Business School, University of Reading. He is the founder of Africa Social Innovators' Network.

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# Leadership as Masterpiece Creation

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Charles Spinosa, Matthew Hancocks, and Haridimos Tsoukas

How leaders can take the moral risks necessary to create "masterpieces"—admirable, distinctive, and high-achieving businesses that create meaningful lives for customers, employees, and themselves.

In *Leadership as Masterpiece Creation*, Charles Spinosa, Matthew Hancocks, and Haridimos Tsoukas show how the humanities can help leaders create profitable, masterpiece organizations. Such organizations, they assert, are ones that possess the emotional and moral sensibilities of an artist, the wisdom of a statesperson, and the technical know-how of commerce. The authors draw on the works of Nietzsche, Heidegger, Bernard Williams, Shakespeare, and Machiavelli to conceptualize moral risk-taking, and then on the actions of Churchill, Madam C. J. Walker, Anita Roddick, Jeff Bezos, and others to show how the humanities can help create admirable businesses today.

As management consultants and educators steeped in the humanities themselves, the authors discuss their experiences helping business leaders achieve successful masterpieces that bring good lives to many. After describing our contemporary business environment and examples of leaders who have created masterpiece organizations, the book turns to the basic skills of masterpiece creation: managing moods, building trust, listening for difference, and speaking truth to power. Then come the senior skills: moral risk-taking and creating a masterpiece organizational culture, strategy, and leadership style. Last, the authors explain why their leaders build an economy of gratitude.

A culturally ambitious and refreshing read, *Leadership* as *Masterpiece Creation* is an invaluable volume for leaders of every stripe who wish to act daily with moral imagination.

Charles Spinosa is a management consultant with more than 25 years of experience. His consulting portfolio ranges from start-ups to Global 1000 companies. He is coauthor of *Disclosing New Worlds* (MIT Press). Matthew Hancocks has over 25 years of consulting and coaching experience for growth businesses and market leaders from biotech to wind farms, insurance to logistics, and national heritage to temporary staffing. Haridimos Tsoukas is Columbia Ship Management Professor of Strategic Management, University of Cyprus, and Distinguished Research Environment Professor of Organization Studies at Warwick Business School, University of Warwick. He is the author of *Philosophical Organization Theory*.

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#### Janet Borgerson and Jonathan Schroeder

#### A charmingly illustrated history of midcentury instructional records and their untold contribution to the American narrative of self-improvement, aspiration, and success.

For the midcentury Americans who wished to better their golf game through hypnosis, teach their parakeet to talk, or achieve sexual harmony in their marriage, the answers lay no further than the record player. In *Designed for Success*, Janet Borgerson and Jonathan Schroeder shed light on these endearingly earnest albums that contributed to a powerful American vision of personal success. Rescued from charity shops, record store cast-off bins, or forgotten boxes in attics and basements, these educational records reveal the American consumers' rich but sometimes surprising relationship to advertising, self-help, identity construction, and even aspects of transcendentalist thought.

Relegated to obscurity and novelty, instructional records such as *Secrets of Successful Varmint Calling, You Be a Disc Jockey*, and *How to Ski (A Living-Room Guide for Beginners)* offer distinct insights into midcentury media production and consumption. Tracing the history of instructional records from the inception of the recording industry to the height of their popularity, Borgerson and Schroeder offer close readings of the abundant topics covered by "designed for success" records. Complemented by over a hundred full-color illustrations, *Designed for Success* is a wonderfully nostalgic tour that showcases the essential role these vinyl records played as an unappreciated precursor to contemporary do-it-yourself culture and modern conceptions of self-improvement.

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# Machine à Amuser

The Life and Death of the Beistegui Penthouse Apartment

Wim van den Bergh

A richly illustrated history of a single building, the celebrated and yet enigmatic penthouse of the wealthy playboy Charles de Beistegui, designed by Le Corbusier and Pierre Jeanneret in late 1920s Paris.

What does it take to build not only a house but a machine for amusement? In *Machine* à *Amuser*, Wim van den Bergh chronicles the genesis of the famous penthouse of French-born Mexican millionaire bachelor Charles de Beistegui. The penthouse was planned and constructed by Le Corbusier & Pierre Jeanneret and built on a rooftop site on the Champs-Élysées between

1929–1932. Retracing the evolution of this icon of modern architecture from the initial competition between Gabriel Guevrekian, André Lurçat, and Le Corbusier & Pierre Jeanneret up to the executed version, van den Bergh tells the story of a client's ambition to build a house devoted to entertaining on one of the most well-heeled streets of Paris.

Machine à Amuser also examines the cultural milieu of artists and patrons that surrounded Beistegui and which ultimately determined the apartment's conception and use, including its rococo and surrealist-inspired interior decor. Drawing on a panoply of archival material, van den Bergh narrates the tensions that arose between client and architects as each vied for creative control of the project. As the book shows, while Le Corbusier, with his cousin Pierre Jeanneret, remained the official architects of the penthouse, its famed interior was ultimately designed by the client, Charles de Beistegui.

An account of a single building beloved by architects and architectural historians, *Machine à Amuser* tells a story that has never been told before. Van den Bergh redresses this lacuna in rich detail, revealing the history of the Beistegui penthouse, the evolution of the project, and its eventual erasure from the roofscapes of Paris.

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# Something Completely Different

Architecture in Belgium

Christophe van Gerrewey

# How architecture in Belgium, from its very beginnings, has epitomized modernity and singularity.

Since the foundation of the country in 1830, architecture in Belgium has been an expression of the key issues of modern Western societies. In *Something Completely Different*, Christophe Van Gerrewey uses this small European country as a case study to describe, interpret, and criticize more universal spatial problems and behaviors. In seven wide-ranging essays, he looks at the activities of architects from the past two centuries to better understand political evolutions, social gaps, aesthetic considerations, housing and planning, transport and infrastructure, order and chaos, and culture and ecology. The result is a literary text full of surprises and discoveries, showing both the shortcomings and the merits of what architects do.

Written as a kind of anti-guidebook, *Something Completely Different* appropriates certain clichés about Belgium (Baudelaire famously called Belgian monuments "counterfeits of France", eschews the pragmatism of most guidebooks in favor of meditative, essayistic prose, and finally, cunningly, reveals that all along the subject has not been Belgium at all, but rather the nature of architecture.

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# **Barbarian Architecture**

Thorstein Veblen's Chicago Joanna Merwood-Salisbury

#### A richly visual architectural history and theory of modernity that reexamines Thorstein Veblen's classic text The Theory of the Leisure Class through the lens of Chicago in the 1890s.

An important critic of modern culture, American economist Thorstein Veblen is best known for the concept of "conspicuous consumption," the ostentatious and wasteful display of goods in the service of social status-a term he coined in his 1899 classic The Theory of the Leisure Class. In the field of architectural history, scholars have employed Veblen in support of a wide range of arguments about modern architecture, but never has he attracted a comprehensive and critical treatment from the viewpoint of architectural history. In Barbarian Architecture, Joanna Merwood-Salisbury corrects this omission by reexamining Veblen's famous book as an original theory of modernity and situating it in a particular place and time-Chicago in the 1890s.

Merwood-Salisbury takes her title from Veblen's use of the term "barbarian," which refers to his belief that Gilded Age American society was a last remnant of a barbarian state of greed and acquisitiveness. Taking an interdisciplinary approach that draws on biography, intellectual history, and historiography, she explores Veblen's position in relation to debates about industrial reform and aesthetics in Chicago during the period 1890-1906. Bolstered by a strong visual narrative made possible by several of Chicago's historic photographic collections, Barbarian Architecture makes a compelling and original argument for the influence of Veblen's home city on his work and ideas.

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# Wolkenbügel

El Lissitzky as Architect Richard Anderson

How a visionary, never-realized architectural project, devised by one of the twentieth century's greatest artists, shaped architectural culture in Europe between the world wars.

After achieving international acclaim as a painter and designer, El Lissitzky set out in 1924 to convince the world—and himself—that he was also an architect. He did this with a project for a "horizontal skyscraper," which he gave an obscure and untranslatable name: Wolkenbügel. Eight of these buildings, perched atop slender pillars, were intended to stand at major intersections along Moscow's Boulevard Ring, integrating the flow of tramlines,

subways, and elevators. In *Wolkenbügel*, Richard Anderson explores Lissitzky's translation of visual and textual media into spatial ideas and offers an in-depth study of the surviving drawings and archival artifacts related to Lissitzky's most complex architectural proposal.

This book offers a new and definitite account of how Lissitzky expanded the conceptual and representational tools available to the modern architect by drawing on many sources—including photography, typography, exhibition design, and even the elementary forms of the alphabet—to create the Wolkenbügel. Anderson shows how the production and reception of a paper project served to link key ideas and relationships that animated the worlds of art and architecture, offering a new view on received histories of the interwar avant-gardes. By attending to Lissitzky's singular architectural project, Anderson reveals the dynamics of internationality in the constitution of modern architectural culture in Europe.

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# Contemporanea

A Glossary for the Twenty-First Century edited by Michael Marder and Giovanbattista Tusa

#### A groundbreaking, multidisciplinary collection that rethinks our present moment and anticipates the key concepts that will shape and direct the twenty-first century.

*Contemporanea* is a nascent lexicon for the twenty-first century edited by seasoned philosophers and authors Michael Marder and Giovanbattista Tusa. The collection showcases perspectives from a range of noteworthy thinkers in philosophy, ecology, and cultural studies, as well as artists, from across the globe, including Slavoj Zizek, Timothy Morton, Denise Ferreira Da Silva, and Vandana Shiva, who each describe what they anticipate will be the concepts shaping the trajectory of this century everything from the world state to the nuclear taboo, automation to Teslaism, plant sexuality to arachnomancy, and ecotrauma to resonances, to name a few.

This century, as the editors explain, has to date grounded itself in the debris of the preceding century, whose revolutions and struggles failed to transform our time: post-colonialism, post-fascism, and post-liberalism have morphed into neocolonialism, neofascism, and neoliberalism, often combined in a previously unimaginable mix. And, just as the political developments at the beginning of the twenty-first century revived and reshuffled those of the preceeding epoch, so too have philosophical trends sought to breathe fresh life into the stillborn -isms of the pastrealism, vitalism, logicism, materialism, empiricism, criticism-adding the adjective "new" and sometimes "radical" before them. To articulate a different future, another language is needed. And, to develop another language, one needs to develop fresh concepts, including the concepts proposed in this collection.

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Forlano and Glabau offer critical cyborg literacy as a way of thinking through questions about the relationship between humanity and technology in areas such as engineering and computing, art and design, and health care and medicine, as well as the social sciences and humanities. *Cyborg* examines whether modern technologies make us all cyborgs—if we consider, for instance, the fact that we use daily technologies at work, have technologies embedded into our bodies in health care applications, or use technology to critically explore possibilities as artists, designers, activists, and creators. Lastly, Cyborg offers perspectives from critical race, feminist, and disability thinkers to help chart a path forward for cyborg theory in the twenty-first century.

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## **Psychoanalytic Politics**

Jacques Lacan and Freud's French Revolution

second edition, with a new preface

**Sherry Turkle** 

#### An updated edition of the seminal book that explores why the interest in psychoanalysis in France exploded after 1968, and what it says about culture and therapy.

Among Western countries, France may well be the one that resisted Freud the longest. But, in the late 1960s, France was seized by an infatuation with Freudianism. By the end of that decade, France had more than a psychoanalytic movement: it had a widespread and deeply rooted psychoanalytic culture. At the heart of this development was Jacques Lacan's reconstruction of Freudian theory, a reinvention of psychoanalysis that resonated with French culture in the aftermath of the uprisings of 1968. In *Psychoanalytic Politics*, the second edition of her groundbreaking work, Sherry Turkle tells the fascinating story of Lacan and why his work so profoundly influenced the French psyche.

While in the United States psychoanalysis is identified with an essentially conservative medical establishment, the French rediscovery of Freud, in a dramatic enactment of Freud's prophesy, became associated with the most radical elements of French philosophical and political life. In this book, Turkle provides a firsthand account of the psychoanalytic culture that developed in France-as a politicized, Gallicized, and poeticized Freudianism, deeply marked by the work of Jacques Lacan. The clearest introduction in English to Lacan's teaching, Psychoanalytic Politics explores how cultures appropriate theories of mind and how ideas come to connect with individuals. The book's final chapter provides a fascinating portrayal of the last years of Lacan's life-the intrigue and power struggles that resulted in the break-up of the Freudian School he founded and the events that unfolded in the years following his death in 1981.

This edition includes a new preface by the author, reflecting on the origins of the book and its relevance for today: a time when the integration of thought and feeling, politics and self-examination is as urgent an endeavor as ever.

Sherry Turkle is the Abby Rockefeller Mauzé Professor of the Social Studies of Science and Technology at MIT. Her notable books include The Second Self, Life on the Screen, Simulation and Its Discontents, Alone Together, Reclaiming Conversation, and The Empathy Diaries.

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# Fifty Years of Dungeons & Dragons

edited by Premeet Sidhu, Marcus Carter, and José P. Zagal

On the fiftieth anniversary of *Dungeons & Dragons*, a collection of essays that explores and celebrates the game's legacy and its tremendous impact on gaming and popular culture.

In 2024, the enormously influential tabletop role-playing game *Dungeons & Dragons*—also known as *D&D*—celebrates its fiftieth anniversary. To mark the occasion, editors Premeet Sidhu, Marcus Carter, and José Zagal have assembled an edited collection that celebrates and reflects on important parts of the game's past, present, and future. Each chapter in *Fifty Years of Dungeons & Dragons* explores why the nondigital game is more popular than ever—with sales increasing 33 percent during the COVID-19 pandemic, despite worldwide lockdowns—and offers readers the opportunity to critically reflect on their own experiences, perceptions, and play of *D&D*.

Fifty Years of Dungeons & Dragons draws on fascinating research and insight from expert scholars in the field, including: Gary Alan Fine, whose 1983 book Shared Fantasy remains a canonical text in game studies; Jon Peterson, celebrated  $D \otimes D$  historian; Daniel Justice, Canada Research Chair in Indigenous Literature and Expressive Culture; and numerous leading and emerging scholars from the growing discipline of game studies, including Amanda Cote, Esther MacCallum-Stewart, and Aaron Trammell. The chapters cover a diverse range of topics—from  $D \otimes D$ 's adoption in local contexts and classrooms and by queer communities to speculative interpretations of what  $D \otimes D$  might look like in one hundred years—that aim to deepen readers' understanding of the game.

Premeet Sidhu is an accredited English and History teacher and PhD student at the University of Sydney. Her PhD looks at the modern resurgence and educational application of the tabletop role-playing game *Dungeons & Dragons*. Marcus Carter is Associate Professor in Digital Cultures at the University of Sydney. With Kelly Bergstrom and Darryl Woodford, he edited *Internet Spaceships Are Serious Business: An EVE Online Reader* and is the author of *Treacherous Play* (MIT Press). José P. Zagal is Professor at the University of Utah's Entertainment Arts & Engineering program. He is the author of *Ludoliteracy*, editor of *The Videogame Ethics Reader*, and editor-in-chief of *Transactions* of the Digital Games Research Association. Zagal has been honored as a DiGRA Distinguished Scholar and a Fellow of the Higher-Education Video Game Alliance for his contributions to games research.

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## **Algorithms of Resistance**

The Everyday Fight against Platform Power

**Tiziano Bonini and Emiliano Treré** 

#### How global workers, influencers, and activists develop tactics of algorithmic resistance by appropriating and repurposing the same algorithms that control our lives.

Algorithms are all around us, permeating more and more aspects of our daily lives. While accounts of platform power



tend to come across as bleak and monolithic, Algorithms of *Resistance* shows how people can resist algorithms across a variety of domains. Drawing from rich ethnographic materials and perspectives from both the Global North and South, authors Tiziano Bonini and Emiliano Treré explore how people appropriate and reconfigure algorithms to pursue their objectives in three domains of everyday life: gig work, cultural industries, and politics. They reveal how forms of algorithmic agency

and resistance are endemic and mundane and how the platform society is a contested battleground of contrasting forces.

Bonini and Treré begin by outlining their key theoretical framework of moral economies. This framework argues that algorithms exist on a continuum. At its two extremes are two competing moral economies: the user moral economy and the platform moral economy. From here, *Algorithms of Resistance* chronicles the various inventive ways that individuals can work to achieve agency and resist the ubiquitous power of algorithms. Casting a wide net with a diverse range of case studies, Bonini and Treré reveal the moral imperative for all of us—from delivery drivers to artists to social movements—to resist algorithms.

Tiziano Bonini is Associate Professor in Sociology of Culture and Communication in the Department of Social, Political and Cognitive Sciences at the University of Siena in Italy. **Emiliano Treré** is Reader in Data Agency and Media Ecologies at Cardiff University's School of Journalism, Media and Culture. He is the author of *Hybrid Media Activism*, winner of the Outstanding Book Award of the ICA Interest Group "Activism, Communication and Social Justice."

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### Sex and the Planet

What Opt-In Reproduction Could Do for the Globe Margaret Pabst Battin

#### What if human reproduction was always elective? A prominent bioethicist speculates about the possibilities—and the likely consequences.

What would the world be like if all pregnancy was intended, not unintended as it is nearly half the time now? Considerably better, Margaret Pabst Battin suggests in *Sex and the Planet*, a provocative thought experiment with far-reaching real-world implications. Many of the world's most vexing and seemingly intractable issues begin with sex—when sperm meets egg, as Battin puts it—abortion, adolescent pregnancy, high-risk pregnancy, sexual violence, population growth and decline. Rethinking reproductive rights and exposing our many mistaken assumptions about sex, *Sex and the Planet* offers an optimistic picture of how we might solve these problems—by drastically curtailing unintended pregnancies using currently available methods.

How we see this picture—as recommendation, prediction, Utopian fantasy, totalitarian plot, hypothetical conjecture, or realistic solution—depends to a great degree on which of thirteen problematic assumptions we maintain, assumptions Battin works to identify and challenge. Taking on sensitive topics like abortion and rape and religious issues around contraception, she shows how a fully informed, non-ideological approach could defuse much of the friction such issues tend to generate. Also, in her attention to male contraception and the asymmetry of female and male reproductive control, she pulls in the 50 percent of the human race—those with Y chromosomes—largely left out of discussions of reproductive health. *Sex and the Planet*, finally, takes a global view, inviting us to consider a possible even plausible—reproductive future.

**Margaret Pabst Battin** is Distinguished Professor of Philosophy and Adjunct Professor of Internal Medicine, Center for Health Ethics, Arts, and Humanities, at the University of Utah. She has written, cowritten, edited, or coedited some twenty books, including *The Least Worst Death* and other volumes on end-of-life issues.

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### Tor

From the Dark Web to the Future of Privacy

#### **Ben Collier**

# A biography of Tor—a cultural and technological history of power, privacy, and global politics at the internet's core.

Tor, one of the most important and misunderstood technologies of the digital age, is best known as the infrastructure



underpinning the so-called Dark Web. But the real "dark web," when it comes to Tor, is the hidden history brought to light in this book: where this complex and contested infrastructure came from, why it exists, and how it connects with global power in intricate and intimate ways. In Tor: From the Dark Web to the Future of Privacy, Ben Collier has written, in essence, a biography of Tora cultural and technological history of power, privacy, politics, and empire in the deepest reaches of the internet.

The story of Tor begins in the 1990s with its creation by the US Navy's Naval Research Lab, from a convergence of different cultural worlds. Drawing on in-depth interviews with designers, developers, activists, and users, along with twenty years of mailing lists, design documents, reporting, and legal papers, Collier traces Tor's evolution from those early days to its current operation on the frontlines of global digital powerincluding the strange collaboration between US military scientists and a group of freewheeling hackers called the Cypherpunks. As Collier charts the rise and fall of three different cultures in Tor's diverse community-the engineers, the maintainers, and the activists, each with a distinct understanding of and vision for Tor-he reckons with Tor's complicated, changing relationship with the contemporary US empire. Ultimately, the book reveals how different groups of users have repurposed Tor and built new technologies and worlds of their own around it, with profound implications for the future of the Internet.

**Ben Collier** is Lecturer in Digital Methods in the Department of Science, Technology, and Innovation Studies at the School of Social and Political Science, University of Edinburgh.

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### The Character of Consent

The History of Cookies and the Future of Technology Policy

#### Meg Leta Jones

# The rich, untold origin story of the ubiquitous web cookie — what's wrong with it, why it's being retired, and how we can do better.

Consent pop-ups continually ask us to download cookies to our computers, but is this all-too-familiar form of privacy protection effective? No, Meg Leta Jones explains in *The Character of Consent*, rather than promote functionality, privacy, and decentralization, cookie technology has instead made the internet invasive, limited, and clunky. Good thing, then, that the cookie is set for retirement in 2024. In this eye-opening book, Jones tells the little-known story of this broken consent arrangement, tracing it back to the major transnational conflicts around digital consent over the last twenty-five years. What she finds is that the policy controversy is not, in fact, an information crisis—it's an identity crisis.

Instead of asking how people consent, Jones asks who exactly is consenting and to what. Packed into those cookie popups, she explains, are three distinct areas of law with three different characters who can consent. Within (mainly European) data protection law, the data subject consents. Within communication privacy law, the user consents. And within consumer protection law, the privacy consumer consents. These areas of law have very different histories, motivations, institutional structures, expertise, and strategies, so consentand the characters who can consent-plays a unique role in those areas of law. The Character of Consent gives each computer character its due, taking us back to their origin stories within the legal history of computing. By doing so, Jones provides alternative ways of understanding the core issues within the consent dilemma. More importantly, she offers bold new approaches to creating and adopting better tech policies in the future.

**Meg Leta Jones** is Provost's Distinguished Associate Professor in the Communication, Culture & Technology program at Georgetown University and the author of *Ctrl+Z: The Right to Be Forgotten*. She is also a core faculty member of the Science, Technology and International Affairs program in Georgetown's School of Foreign Service, a faculty affiliate with the Institute for Technology Law & Policy at Georgetown Law Center, and a faculty fellow at the Georgetown Ethics Lab.

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## **The Creative Brain**

Myths and Truths

#### Anna Abraham

A nuanced, science-based understanding of the creative mind that dispels the pervasive myths we hold about the human brain—but also uncovers the truth at their cores.

What is the relationship between creativity and madness? Creativity and intelligence? Do psychedelics truly enhance



creativity? How should we understand the left and right hemispheres of the brain? Is the left brain, in fact, the seat of reasoning and the right brain the seat of creativity? These are just some of the questions Anna Abraham, a renowned expert of human creativity and the imagination, explores in The Creative Brain, a fascinating deep dive into the origins of the seven most common beliefs about the human brain. Rather than endorse or debunk these myths, Abraham traces them

back to their origins to explain just how they started and why they spread—and what at their core is the truth.

Drawing on theoretical and empirical work in cognitive psychology and neuroscience, Abraham offers an examination of human creativity that reveals the true complexity underlying our conventional beliefs about the brain. The chapters in the book explore the myth of the right brain as the hemisphere responsible for creativity; the relationship between madness and creativity, psychedelics and creativity, atypical brains and creativity, and intelligence and creativity; the various functions of dopamine; and lastly, the default mode revolution, which theorized that the brain regions most likely to be involved in the creative process are those areas of the brain that are most active during rest or mind-wandering.

An accessible and engaging read, *The Creative Brain* gets to the heart of how our creative minds work and why some people are more creative than others, offering illuminating insights into what on its surface seems to be an endlessly magical phenomenon.

**Anna Abraham** is the E. Paul Torrance Professor and Director of the Torrance Center for Creativity and Talent Development at the University of Georgia. She is the author of *The Neuroscience of Creativity* and the editor of the multidisciplinary volume *The Cambridge Handbook of the Imagination*.

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# The Ghost in the Addict

#### **Shepard Siegel**

#### How withdrawal distress and cravings can haunt current and former addicts, and what they can teach us about addiction and its treatments.

"The dead drug leaves a ghost behind. At certain hours it haunts the house," Jean Cocteau once wrote. In *The Ghost in the Addict*, Shepard Siegel offers a Pavlovian analysis of drug use. Chronic drug use, he explains, conditions users to have an anticipatory homeostatic correction, which protects the addict from overdose. This drug-preparatory response, elicited by drug-paired cues, is often mislabeled a "withdrawal response." The withdrawal response, however, is not due to the baneful effects of previous drug administrations; rather, it is due to the body's preparation for the next drug administration—a preparatory response that can haunt addicts like a ghost long after they have conquered their usage.

Examining the failure of legislation, the circumstances of overdose, and the cues that promote drug use, Siegel seeks to counter the widespread belief that addiction is evidence of a pathology. Instead, he proposes that the addict has an adaptive, learned response to the physiological changes wrought by drug use. It is only through understanding so-called withdrawal symptoms as a Pavlovian response, he explains, that we can begin to understand why addicts experience cravings long after their last drug use.

"Nobody knows more about what really happens in addiction than Shep Siegel." —Angela Duckworth, author of *Grit* 

**Shepard Siegel** is Distinguished University Professor of Psychology, Neuroscience, and Behavior at McMaster University. He has been a Fellow in the American Psychological Association, the Society of Experimental Psychologists, and the Royal Society of Canada. From 2003 to 2008 he was Editor of *Learning & Behavior*.

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## **Things That Move**

A Hinterland in Architectural History

#### **Tim Anstey**

# A history of architecture, not as the art of what stays but of what changes and moves.

We tend to think of architecture as a practice in permanence, but what if we inverted the hierarchical relationship between



the permanent and the transient that so often underlies architectural discussions? In Things That Move, Tim Anstey does just that: instead of assuming that architecture is, at a certain level, stationary, he considers how architecture moves subjects (referring to its emotive potential in the experience it creates how it moves objects (referring to how it choreographs bodies in motion, and how it is itself moved (referring to the mixture of materials, laws, affordances, and images that introduce movement into any architectural condition).

Organized in three sections, *Things That Move* first addresses "Cargoes," which considers the mobile peripheries of architectural history through the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. These chapters ask what kinds of knowledge can be included under a discussion of something called architecture, noting the interrelation between discourses of the lithe and the technical and those associated with the production of monumental, static compositions. The second section, "Dispatches," reinterprets early architectural theory by examining the Renaissance ideal of decorum, the nature of the architectural work, and the ways in which architects are constituted as authors. And finally, Anstey considers architecture in terms of "Vehicles," using two cases from the twentieth century that investigate the relationship between architecture and cultural memory.

Using a broadly forensic approach to connect details in otherwise disparate cases, *Things That Move* is a breathtakingly capacious architectural account that will change the way readers understand buildings, their becoming, and their significance.

**Tim Anstey** is Chair of the PhD Programme at the Oslo School of Architecture and Design. He is the author of *Architecture and Authorship* and the designer and cocurator for the international exhibitions Images of Egypt at the Museum of Cultural History, Oslo, and Warburg Models at the Warburg Haus, Berlin and the Architectural Association, London.

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### **Prior Art**

Patents and the Nature of Invention in Architecture

#### Peter H. Christensen

# A groundbreaking text on the history of the use of patents in architecture.

Although patents existed in Renaissance Italy and even in Confucian thought, it was not until the middle third of the nineteenth century that architects embraced the practice of patenting in significant numbers. Patents could ensure, as they did for architects' engineering brethren, the economic and cultural benefits afforded by exclusive intellectual property rights. But patent culture was never directly translatable to the field of architecture, which tended to negotiate issues of technological innovation in the context of the more abstract issues of artistic influence and normal expression. In *Prior Art*, scholar Peter Christensen offers the first full-scale monographic treatment of this complex relationship between art and invention.

Christensen's method, a site-oriented approach steeped in multinational and multilingual archival work, is geared toward unifying fractured global histories of architectural patents through the distinct union of architectural, cultural, and legal history. *Prior Art* offers a record of the marriage of intellectual property and architectural invention—a momentous, understudied, and still underutilized aspect of architectural culture in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries—and the ways in which it influenced how buildings are conceived, designed, engineered, constructed, and promoted.

Peter Christensen is the Arthur Satz Professor of the Humanities and the Ani and Mark Gabrellian Director of the Humanities Center at the University of Rochester. He is the author of *Germany and the Ottoman Railway Network* and *Precious Metal*.

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### **Art as Demonstration**

A Revolutionary Recasting of Knowledge

**Sven Spieker** 

How artists wield demonstration to question the status quo both aesthetically and politically, marshaling art and education as powerful agents of change.

Demonstration, in short, says: See here. It is the practice of pointing to something in order to explain or contest it. As



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"A must-read for anyone who takes efforts to mobilize art for instructional purposes seriously." —Alexander Alberro

**Sven Spieker** is the founding editor of *ARTMargins* print journal and ARTMargins Online and Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He is the author of *The Big Archive* and the editor of *Destruction* (both MIT Press), and editor of *Akusmatik im Labor: Kultur-Kunst-Medien*.

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## **Radio-Activities**

Architecture and Broadcasting in Cold War Berlin Alfredo Thiermann Riesco

#### A historical and theoretical account of the city of Berlin from the intertwined perspectives of architecture, environmental, and media studies.

In 1945, having occupied German territory, Soviet troops made two strategic moves: they dismantled the Deutschlandsender III radio transmission tower, the single tallest structure at the time in Europe, and they seized the Haus des Rundfunks in West Berlin, a monumental building designed by Hans Poelzig. These moves were crucial both symbolically and technically, as together they sparked what would become a veritable radio war between the Eastern and Western blocs during the Cold War. In *Radio-Activities*, Alfredo Thiermann Riesco investigates this spatial conflict as he interrogates the political, technological, and environmental dimensions of architecture at a time when buildings began to interact with the remote transmission of information.

By its very nature, the medium of radio promised to evaporate the intrinsic material aspect of architecture; in fact, it did no such thing. By way of transscalar analyses, Thiermann Riesco pays particular attention to Berlin's buildings, walls, transmission towers, factories, research institutions, and territorial organizations during the Cold War period, which enabled the production, reproduction, and transmission of sonic-based content across the divide of the Iron Curtain. In doing so he reveals under-researched continuities between politics, technology, media, and architecture, in the process reframing notions of national and transnational boundaries.

A timely and fascinating study, *Radio-Activities* brilliantly interrogates the status and agency of buildings during a period—not unlike today's—of increasingly hyperconnected, ubiquitous, and invisible modes of coexistence.

Alfredo Thiermann Riesco is an architect and Assistant Professor of History and Theory of Architecture at the École Polytechnique Fédérale in Lausanne. His work has been exhibited at the Museum of Modern Art in New York, Museo Nacional de Bellas Artes in Santiago, Istanbul Design Biennial, gta exhibitions in Zurich, and Venice Art Biennale, among other institutions. He is a recipient of the Rome Prize awarded by the German Academy in Rome.

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# It Goes without Saying

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The Intersectional Economics of Women in STEM Work

Mary A. Armstrong and Susan L. Averett

#### An exploration of workplace participation and earnings patterns for diverse women in US STEM professions that upends the myth that STEM work benefits women economically.

Seen as part economic driver, part social remedy, STEM work is commonly understood to benefit both the US economy and people—particularly women—from underrepresented groups. But what do diverse women find when they work in US STEM occupations? What do STEM jobs really deliver and for whom? In *Disparate Measures*, Mary Armstrong and Susan Averett challenge the conventional wisdom that a diverse US STEM workforce will bring about economic abundance for the women who participate in it. Combining intersectionality theory and critical data theory with a feminist economic analysis, the authors explore how different groups of diverse women truly fare in US STEM professions.

Disparate Measures is centered on eight unique, in-depth case studies, each of which provides an intersectional economic analysis (a term coined by the authors) of diverse women working in STEM occupations. Four case studies prioritize women of color and examine the STEM participation and earnings of Black women, American Indian and Alaska Native women, Asian and Pacific Islander women, and Hispanic women/Latinas; four additional case studies illuminate intersections that are frequently neglected by the STEM inclusivity literature: foreign-born women, women with disabilities, Queer women, and mothers. What the authors find in their groundbreaking, detailed analysis is that the promises of STEM are only partly true: when compared to women not working in STEM, most women are indeed economically elevated by STEM occupations-yet when compared to white men in the same STEM occupations, women's second-class status is usually reaffirmed. The authors conclude by offering seven "big-picture" recommendations for rethinking STEM equity, showing just how we can successfully confront the entrenched patterns of economic disadvantage faced by diverse women in STEM jobs.

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An introduction to dynamical systems theory, a detailed mathematical analysis of pairs of Braitenberg vehicles, and a look at how these results apply to the study of physical and biological organisms.

Powering the concept of a Braitenberg vehicle, developed in 1984 by the Italian-Austrian cyberneticist Valentino Braitenberg, is the idea that simple systems can produce complex behaviors. A pair of interacting Braitenberg vehicles is simple, but they can meander, wind around, and follow each another in a number of ways. In this book, Scott Hotton and Jeff Yoshimi show how dynamical systems theory—in particular the theory of open dynamic systems—can be used to analyze pairs of these vehicles in great detail. The result of the authors' long-standing collaboration at the intersection of mathematics, philosophy, cognitive science, and biology, *The Open Dynamics of Braitenberg Vehicles* offers a rigorous mathematical foundation for embodied cognition, especially when it comes to two-way interactions between an agent and its environment.

**Scott Hotton** is a mathematical biologist at the University of California, Merced Jeff Yoshimi is Professor and founding faculty member in the Department of Cognitive and Information Sciences at the University of California, Merced.

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# The Science of Sadness

A New Understanding of Emotion

#### **David Huron**

An accessible, scientific account of grief, melancholy, and nostalgia in human life and their broader lessons for understanding emotions in general.

The Science of Sadness proposes an original scientific account of grief, melancholy, and nostalgia, advocating a unique ethological approach to these familiar, woeful emotions. One of the leading scholars in the psychology of music and music cognition, David Huron draws on hundreds of studies from physiology, medicine, neuroscience, psychology, anthropology, and the arts to resolve long-standing problems that have stymied modern emotion research. A careful examination of sadness-related behaviors reveals their biological and social functions, which Huron uses to formulate a new theory about how emotions in general are displayed and interpreted.

**David Huron** is Arts and Humanities Distinguished Professor Emeritus in the School of Music and at the Center for Cognitive and Brain Sciences at the Ohio State University. His previous books include *Sweet Anticipation* and *Voice Leading* (both MIT Press).

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# The Curious Culture of Economic Theory

#### **Ran Spiegler**

An essay collection that explores the professional culture of contemporary economic theory, highlighting key features of successful economic theory from the last quarter century.

When is a theoretical result taken seriously enough for economic application? How do theorists actively try to influence this judgment? What determines whether a new theoretical subfield adopts a "pure" or an "applied" style? How do theorists respond to economists' penchant for "rational" explanations of human behavior? These are just some of the questions regarding the professional culture of contemporary economic theory that Ran Spiegler attempts to answer in this incisive essay collection, *The Curious Culture of Economic Theory*. In exploring these questions, Spiegler addresses the norms that economic theorists apply as they produce, evaluate, and disseminate research.

**Ran Spiegler** is Professor of Economics at Tel Aviv University and University College London, specializing in economic theory. He is the author of *Bounded Rationality* and *Industrial Organization*. In 2017, he received the Yrjö Jahnsson Award in Economics, in recognition of his contributions to this area.

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## **Fulfilling the Pledge**

Securing Industrial Democracy for American Workers in a Digital Economy

#### **Roger C. Hartley**

#### An insightful and evidence-based assessment of our urgent need to enact labor law reform—and how to achieve it.

Millions of non-union workers want unionization, but our current labor-management relations law conspires to deny them meaningful opportunities to secure collective workplace representation. The resulting low rates of collective bargaining impose economic, political, and social costs on us all. In *Fulfilling the Pledge*, Roger Hartley addresses the plight of American workers, who face a grim, uncertain future, as the digital workplace reshapes the hierarchical post–World War II industrial relations system that once gave workers a voice. Through empirical evidence and the lens of law and policy, Hartley examines what industrial sociologists call the chronic "representation gap" and clarifies how a wide-ranging movement could build a vocal constituency for the congressional enactment of labor law reform.

The pledge made in the 1935 National Labor Relations Act to encourage establishment of industrial democracy—where workers possess a voice in their places of work—remains unfulfilled. Speaking to policymakers, scholars, historians, and the average citizen, *Fulfilling the Pledge* makes a compelling case for collective workplace representation that serves the greater good, even as American labor relations law continues to undermine collective bargaining by workers and becomes an increasingly significant political and social issue.

**Roger C. Hartley** is Professor of Law at The Catholic University of America and an award-winning teacher of constitutional law and labor law. He is the author of four other books, including *Monumental Harm: Reckoning with Jim Crow Era Confederate Monuments.* 

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# The Left Hand of Data

Designing Education Data for Justice

#### Matthew Berland and Antero Garcia

A speculative framework that imagines how we can use education data to promote play, creativity, and social justice over normativity and conformity.

Educational analytics tend toward aggregation, asking what a "normative" learner does. In *The Left Hand of Data*, educational researchers Matthew Berland and Antero Garcia start from a different assumption—that outliers are, and must be treated as, valued individuals. Berland and Garcia argue that the aim of analytics should not be about enforcing and entrenching norms but about using data science to break new ground and enable play and creativity. From this speculative vantage point, they ask how we can go about living alongside data in a better way, in a more just way, while also building on the existing technologies and our knowledge of the present.

Antero Garcia is Associate Professor in the Graduate School of Education at Stanford University. He has authored or edited more than a dozen books about the possibilities of literacies, play, and civics in transforming schooling in America. Matthew Berland is Professor of Design, Informal, and Creative Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction and Affiliate Faculty in Information Studies, Computer Sciences, Educational Psychology, and Science/Technology Studies at University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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# Undeclared

A Philosophy of Formative Higher Education

**Chris Higgins** 

#### An imaginative tour of the contemporary university as it could be: a place to discover self-knowledge, meaning, and purpose.

What if college were not just a means of acquiring credentials, but a place to pursue our formation as whole persons striving to lead lives of meaning and purpose? In *Undeclared*, Chris Higgins confronts the contemporary university in a bid to reclaim a formative mission for higher education. In a series of searching essays and pointed interludes, Higgins challenges us to acknowledge how far our practices have drifted from our ideals, asking: What would it look like to build a college from the ground up to support self-discovery and personal integration? What does it mean to be a public university, and are there any left? How can the humanities help the job-ified university begin to take vocation seriously?

**Chris Higgins** is Associate Professor and Chair in the Department of Formative Education in Boston College's Lynch School of Education and Human Development, where he directs the Transformative Educational Studies program. He is the author of *The Good Life of Teaching*.

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### Computational Thinking Curricula in K–12

International Implementations

edited by Harold Abelson and Siu-Cheung Kong

#### An international overview of how policy makers, curriculum developers, and school practitioners can integrate computational thinking into K–12 curricula.

In today's digital society, computational thinking (CT) is a critical component of all children's education. In *Computational Thinking Curricula in K*–12, editors Harold Abelson and Siu-Cheung Kong present a range of professional perspectives on the most effective ways to integrate CT into school curricula. Their edited volume, which offers an overview of educational policy, curriculum development, school implementation, and classroom practice, will appeal especially to policy makers, curriculum developers, school practitioners, and educational researchers. The essays cover twelve countries and regions across three continents: Australia, China, Finland, Hong Kong, India, Israel, New Zealand, Singapore, South Korea, Spain, Taiwan, and the United Kingdom, with a particular emphasis on Asia.

A companion to the editors' earlier *Computational Thinking Education in K-12*, this book consists of two sections: 1) educational policy and curriculum development and 2) school implementation and classroom practice. The authors delve into issues of regional history; governmental planning; official initiatives; leadership commitment; curriculum design; pedagogical implementation; equity, diversity, and inclusion; assessment, including longitudinal assessment across age groups; formal and informal learning approaches to CT; and teacher development. Specific topics include core competencies and CT education, robotics education and CT, AI and CT, and gamebased platforms for computational problem-solving. The varying ways that CT is being integrated into the early grades, in particular, presents an interesting case study in international comparative education.

**Harold Abelson** is Professor of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT. **Siu-Cheung Kong** is Research Chair Professor of e-Learning and Digital Competency at the Education University of Hong Kong. Together they are the editors of *Computational Thinking Education in K*-12 (MIT Press).

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## **Voices on the Margins**

Inclusive Education at the Intersection of Language, Literacy, and Technology

#### Yenda Prado and Mark Warschauer

A rich view of inclusive education at the intersection of language, literacy, and technology—drawing on case study research in a diverse full-inclusion US school before, during, and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

Despite advancing efforts in integration, the segregation of students with disabilities from their nondisabled peers persists. In the United States, 34 percent of all students with disabilities spend at least 20 percent of their instructional time in segregated classrooms. For students with intellectual or multiple disabilities, segregated placement soars to 80 percent. In *Voices on the Margins*, Yenda Prado and Mark Warschauer provide an ethnography of an extraordinary full-inclusion public charter school in the western United States—Future Visions Academy. And they ask: What does it mean to be inclusive in today's schools with their increasingly pervasive use of digital technologies?

Voices on the Margins examines the ways digital technologies support inclusion and language and literacy practices for culturally and linguistically diverse children with and without disabilities. A wide range of qualitative data collected in the case study illuminates three central themes: (1) the kinds of social organization that allow a fully inclusive environment for children with disabilities to thrive, (2) the ways that digital technologies can be used to help students express their voice and agency, while developing language and literacy skills, and (3) the ways that digital technologies can be used to foster stronger networks and connections between students, teachers, staff, and parents.

Yenda Prado has advised and written about emerging technologies and trends in inclusive education for the US Department of Education, PBS KIDS, the University of California, and the American Educational Research Association. Mark Warschauer is Professor of Education and Informatics at the University of California, Irvine, where he directs the Digital Learning Lab.

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# Hedgehogs, Killing, and Kindness

The Contradictions of Care in Conservation Practice

#### Laura McLauchlan

#### How our understanding of and relationship to hedgehogs reveals the complex interactions between culture, technology, bodies, conservation, and care for animals.

Across the globe, the bumbling hedgehog has been framed in a variety of ways throughout history—as an animal of both good and bad luck, of transformation, of vengeance, and of wit and reincarnation. In recent years, it has also, in different parts of the world, been viewed as a pest for their predation on ground-nesting birds and has thus become a target for culling. In *Hedgehogs, Killing, and Kindness*, Laura McLauchlan explores how human actors have interacted with hedgehogs and other species through time and attends to the questions these interactions raise when it comes to ending and preserving life in the name of species conservation and wildlife rehabilitation.

Laura McLauchlan is an anthropologist with expertise in both ethnographic illustration and more-than-human approaches. She is currently a postdoctoral fellow in anthropology at Macquarie University.

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# The Green Power of Socialism

Wood, Forest, and the Making of Soviet Industrially Embedded Ecology

#### Elena Kochetkova

#### How the Soviet forestry industry developed a unique form of industrial ecology—a commonsense approach toward natural resources for the economy and society.

In *The Green Power of Socialism*, Elena Kochetkova examines the relationship between nature and humans under state socialism by looking at the industrial role of Soviet forests. The book explores evolving Soviet policies of wood consumption, discussing how professionals working in the forestry industry of the Soviet state viewed the present and future of forests by considering them both a natural resource and a trove of industrial material. When faced with the prospect of wood shortages, these specialists came to develop new industry-ecology paradigms. Kochetkova looks at the materiality of Soviet industry through forests and wood to show how, paradoxically, industrial ecology emerged and developed as a by-product of the Soviet industrialization project.

**Elena Kochetkova** is Associate Professor in Modern European Economic History at the Department of Archeology, History, Cultural Studies and Religion at the University of Bergen. She served as a Secretary of the European Society of Environmental History from 2019 to 2021.

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History for a Sustainable Future

### Transforming School Food Politics around the World

#### edited by Jennifer E. Gaddis and Sarah A. Robert

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How to successfully challenge and transform public school-food programs to emphasize care, justice, and sustainability, with insights from eight countries across the Global North and South.

Transforming School Food Politics around the World illustrates how everyday people from a diverse range of global contexts have successfully challenged and changed school food programs that fall short of these ideals. Editors Jennifer Gaddis and Sarah A. Robert highlight the importance of global and local struggles to argue that the transformative potential of school food hinges on valuing the gendered labor that goes into caring for, feeding, and educating children.

Jennifer E. Gaddis is Associate Professor of Civil Society and Community Studies at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and the author of *The Labor of Lunch*. She is an advisory board member of the National Farm to School Network. Sarah A. Robert is Associate Professor at the University at Buffalo's Graduate School of Education. She is the author of *Neoliberal Education Reform; Neoliberalism, Gender, and Education Work;* and *School Food Politics*. She is an Associate Editor for *Gender, Work, and Organizations*.

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Histories, Technologies, Stories, Predictions

#### **Michael Batty**

#### How computers simulate cities and how they are also being embedded in cities, changing our behavior and the way in which cities evolve.

At every stage in the history of computers and communications, it is safe to say we have been unable to predict what happens next. When computers first appeared nearly 75 years ago, primitive computer models were used to help understand and plan cities, but as computers became faster, smaller, more powerful, and ever more ubiquitous, cities themselves began to embrace them. As a result, the smart city emerged. In *The Computable City*, Michael Batty investigates the circularity of this peculiar evolution: how computers and communications changed the very nature of our city models, which, in turn, are used to simulate systems composed of those same computers.

**Michael Batty** is Bartlett Professor of Planning at University College London, where he is Chair of the Centre for Advanced Spatial Analysis (CASA) and a Turing Fellow in the Alan Turing Institute. He is the author of *Inventing Future Cities*, *The New Science of Cities*, and *Cities and Complexity* (all MIT Press).

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#### Michael J. Albert

An innovative work of realism and utopianism that analyzes the possible futures of the world-system and helps us imagine how we might transition beyond capitalism.

The world-system of which we are all a part faces multiple calamities: climate change and mass extinction, energy supply shocks, the economic and existential threat of AI, the chilling rise of far-right populism, and ratcheting geopolitical tensions, to name only a few. In *Navigating the Poly*crisis, Michael Albert seeks to illuminate how the "planetary polycrisis" will disrupt the global community in the coming decades and how we can best meet these challenges. Albert argues that we must devote more attention to the study of possible futures and adopt transdisciplinary approaches to do so. To provide a new form of critical futures analysis, he offers a theoretical framework—planetary systems thinking—that is informed by complexity theory, world-systems theory, and ecological Marxism.

**Michael J. Albert** is Lecturer in Global Environmental Politics at the University of Edinburgh.

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# **The Rule Book**

The Building Blocks of Games

#### Jaakko Stenros and Markus Montola

# How games are built on the foundations of rules, and how rules—of which there are only five kinds—really work.

Board games to sports, digital games to party games, gambling to role-playing games. They all share one thing in common: rules. Indeed, rules are the one and only thing game scholars agree is central to games. But what, in fact, are rules? In *The Rule Book*, Jaakko Stenros and Markus Montola explore how different kinds of rules work as building blocks of games. Rules are constraints placed on us while we play, carving a limited possibility space for us. They also inject meaning into our play: without rules there is no queen in chess, no ball in Pong, and no hole in one in golf.

By considering the similarities and differences of wildly different games and rules within a shared theoretical framework, *The Rule Book* renders all games more legible.

Jaakko Stenros is University Lecturer in Game Studies working at the Centre of Excellence in Game Culture Studies at Tampere University. He has published ten books and over a hundred articles and reports on games and play and heads the international Master's Programme in Game Studies. **Markus Montola** has published several books on role-playing, pervasive games, and larp, and has worked as a lead designer on mobile games such as *Shadow Cities*, *The Walking Dead: Our World*, and most recently *Friends & Dragons*. He is a cofounder of the mobile game studio Playsome.

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### **Run and Jump**

The Meaning of the 2D Platformer

#### Peter McDonald

# How abstract design decisions in 2D platform games create rich worlds of meaning for players.

Since the 1980s, 2D platform games have captivated their audiences. Whether the player scrambles up the ladders in *Donkey Kong* or leaps atop an impossibly tall pipe in *Super Mario Bros.*, this deceptively simple visual language has persisted in our cultural imagination of video games. In *Run and Jump*, Peter McDonald surveys the legacy of 2D platform games and examines how abstract and formal design choices have kept players playing.

**Peter McDonald** is Assistant Professor of Design, Creative, and Informal Education in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at the University of Wisconsin–Madison.

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## **Seeing Red**

Nintendo's Virtual Boy

José P. Zagal and Benj Edwards

# The curious history, technology, and technocultural context of Nintendo's short-lived stereoscopic gaming console, the Virtual Boy.

The console was red. The (revolutionary!) stereoscopic 3D graphics were red. And shortly after its vaunted release in 1995, Nintendo's balance sheet was in the red. Of all the failures the games industry has witnessed over the years, perhaps the most famous—or infamous—was the Virtual Boy. Why the Virtual Boy failed is one question José Zagal and Benj Edwards explore in *Seeing Red*, but even more interesting to the authors is what the platform was: what it promised, how it worked, and where it fit into the evolving story of gaming.

Offering rare insight into how we think about video game platforms, *Seeing Red* illustrates where perception and context come, quite literally, into play.

Josei P. Zagal is Professor at the University of Utah's Entertainment Arts & Engineering program. He is the author of *Ludoliteracy*, editor of *The Videogame Ethics Reader*, and Editor-in-Chief of *Transactions of the Digital Games Research Association*. **Benj Edwards** is a tech historian and journalist. He is currently the AI and Machine Learning reporter for *Ars Technica* and a tech journalist for publications such as *The Atlantic, Wired, Macworld, PCWorld, Fast Company*, and other publications.

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# Cats, Carpenters, and Accountants

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#### Wayne de Fremery

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*Cats, Carpenters, and Accountants* argues that bibliography serves a foundational role within information science as infrastructure, and like all infrastructures, it needs and deserves attention. Wayne de Fremery's thoughtful provocation positions bibliography as a means to serve the many ends pursued by information scientists. He explains that bibliographic practices, such as enumeration and description, lie at the heart of knowledge practices and cultural endeavors, but these kinds of infrastructures are difficult to see. In this book, he reveals them and the ways that they formulate information and meaning, artificial intelligence, and human knowledge.

**Wayne de Fremery** is Professor of Information Science and Entrepreneurship at Dominican University of California, where he also directors the Françoise O. Lepage Center for Global Innovation.

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### **Optimizing Play**

Why Theorycrafting Breaks Games and How to Fix It

#### Christopher A. Paul

An unexpected take on how games work, what the stakes are for them, and how game designers can avoid the traps of optimization.

The process of optimization in games seems like a good thing—who wouldn't want to find the most efficient y to play and win? As Christopher Paul argues in *Optimizing Play*, however, optimization can sometimes risk a tragedy of the commons, where actions that are good for individuals jeopardize the overall state of the game for everyone else. As he explains, players inadvertently limit play as they theorycraft, seeking optimal choices. The process of developing a meta, or the most effecti e tactic available, structures decision making, causing play to stagnate. A "stale" meta then creates a perception that a game is solved and may lead players to turn away from the game.

**Christopher A. Paul** is Professor of Communication and Media at Seattle University. He is the author of *Free-to-Play* and coauthor, with Mia Consalvo, of *Real Games* (both MIT Press). He is also the author of *The Toxic Meritocracy of Video Games* and *Wordplay and the Discourse of Video Games*.

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#### Abelardo Gil-Fournier and Jussi Parikka

# An investigation of aesthetics and visualizations of planetary surfaces from an experimental media theory perspective.

What if every vista, every island—indeed, every geographical feature on Earth—could be viewed as an art object? In *Living Surfaces*, Abelardo Gil-Fournier and Jussi Parikka explore how the surface of the Earth has, over the last two centuries, become known and perceived as an environment of images. *Living Surfaces* features a range of case studies from eighteenth-century experiments with and observations of vegetal matter, photosynthesis, and plant physiology to twenty-first-century machine vision and AI techniques of calculating agricultural and other landscape surfaces. Mapping these different scales of vegetal images, Gil-Fournier and Parikka help us understand core questions that pertain to the artistic and architectural reference points for the Anthropocene.

Abelardo Gil-Fournier is an artist and researcher. Initially trained in physics, he holds a PhD in Arts from the Winchester School of Art. His work has been shown and discussed in international venues and exhibitions. Jussi Parikka is Professor of Digital Aesthetics and Culture at Aarhus University and Visiting Professor at the Film and TV School of the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague as well as the Winchester School of Art. He is the author of *Insect Media, A Geology of Media, What is Media Archaeology?*, and *Operational Images* and a coauthor of *The Lab Book*.

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# **Enacting Platforms**

Feminist Technoscience and the Unreal Engine

#### **James Malazita**

An analysis of the game engine Unreal through feminist, race, and queer theories of technology and media, as well as a critique of the platform studies framework itself.

In this first scholarly book on the Unreal game engine, *Enacting Platforms*, James Malazita explores one of the major contemporary game development platforms through feminist, race, and queer theories of technology and media, revealing how Unreal produces, and is produced by, broader intersections of power. Taking a novel critical platform studies approach, he also raises deeper questions: what are the material and cultural limits of platforms themselves? What is the relationship between the analyst and the platform of study, and how does that relationship in part determine what "counts" as the platform itself? Malazita also offers a forward-looking critique of the platform studies framework itself.

The Unreal platform serves as a kind of technical and political archive of the games industry, highlighting how the techniques and concerns of games have shifted and accreted over the past 30 years. Today, Unreal is also used in contexts far beyond games, including in public communication, biomedical research, civil engineering, and military simulation and training. The author's depth of technical analysis, combined with new archival findings, contributes to discussions of topics rarely covered in games studies (such as the politics of graphical rendering algorithms), as well as new readings of previously "closed" case studies (such as the engine's entanglement with the US military and American masculinity in America's Army). Culture, Malazita writes, is not "built into" software but emerges through human practices with code.

James Malazita is Assistant Professor of Science and Technology Studies and Associate Director of the Games and Simulation Arts and Sciences Program at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

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How the blurring of media forms—transmedia—became the default for how we experience narratives, and how that cultural transformation has redefined the worlds of education, entertainment, and our increasingly polarized public discourse.

Ed Finn is Founding Director of the Center for Science and the Imagination and Associate Professor in the School for the Future of Innovation in Society and the School of Arts, Media, and Engineering at Arizona State University. **Bob Beard** is Public Engagement Strategist for the Center for Science and the Imagination at Arizona State University. **Joey Eschrich** is Managing Editor for the Center for Science and the Imagination at Arizona State University and Assistant Director of Future Tense, a partnership of Slate, New America, and Arizona State University. **Ruth Wylie** is Assistant Director of the Center for Science and the Imagination and Associate Research Professor in the Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University.

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A provocative edited collection that takes an original approach toward the black box of military technology, surveillance, and AI—and reveals the aesthetic dimension of warfare.

Jens Bjering earned his PhD at the University of Copenhagen with a thesis on post-9/11 US torture and is now a consultant at the Royal Danish Defence College. Anders Engberg-Pedersen is Professor of Comparative Literature at the University of Southern Denmark, Chair of Humanities at the Danish Institute for Advanced Studies, and series editor of *Prisms: Humanities and War* (MIT Press). He is the author of *Martial Aesthetics: How War Became an Art Form.* Solveig Gade is Associate Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies in the Department of Arts and Cultural Studies at the University of Copenhagen and coeditor of (*W*)archives: Archival Imaginaries, *War, and Contemporary Art.* Christine Strandmose Toft holds a PhD in Comparative Literature. She earned her degree at the Department for the Study of Culture, University of Southern Denmark, with a thesis on the representations of the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan in fiction.

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Understanding Prejudice, Discrimination, and Exclusion

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Digital data have become the critical frontier where emerging economic practices and organizational forms confront the traditional economic order and its institutions. In *Data Rules*, Cristina Alaimo and Jannis Kallinikos establish a social science framework for analyzing the unprecedented social and economic restructuring brought about by data. Working at the intersection of information systems and organizational studies, they draw extensively on intellectual currents in sociology, semiotics, cognitive science and technology, and social theory. Making the case for turning "data-making" into an area of inquiry of its own, the authors uncover how data are deeply implicated in rewiring the institutions of the market economy.

The authors associate digital data with the decentering of organizations. As they point out, centered systems make sense only when firms (and formal organizations more broadly) can keep the external world at arm's length and maintain a relative operation independence from it. These patterns no longer hold. Data transform the production of goods and services to an endless series of exchanges and interactions that defeat the functional logics of markets and organizations. The diffusion of platforms and ecosystems is indicative of these broader transformations. Rather than viewing data as simply a force of surveillance and control, the authors place the transformative potential of data at the center of an emerging socioeconomic order that restructures society and its institutions.

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Carrigan connects altruism, computing, race, and gender to advance the theory that social purpose is an important factor to consider in working toward gender equity in computing. Further, she argues that transforming computing culture from hostile to welcoming has the potential to change not only who produces computing technology but also the core values of its production, with possible impacts on social applications. *Cracking the Bro Code* explains how digital bosses have come to operate imperiously in our society, dodging taxes and oversight, and how some programmers who look like them are enchanted with a sense of divine right. In the context of computing's powerful influence on the world, Carrigan speculates on how the cultural mechanisms sustaining sexism, harassment, and technocracy in computing workspaces impact both those harmed by such violence as well as society at large.

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