We are pleased to introduce the new University of Pittsburgh Press colophon.

The logo is a graphic representation of the Cathedral of Learning, iconic symbol of the University of Pittsburgh. Its soaring design was intended to inspire the students and scholars of the University. Begun in 1926 and finished a decade later, it is still the second-tallest university building and the second tallest neo-Gothic structure in the world. Its completion in 1936 marked the very same year as the founding of the University of Pittsburgh Press.

While it reaches for the sky, the Cathedral’s roots are deep in the hearts of ordinary people from all over the world who came to work and live in Pittsburgh. When the Great Depression threatened completion of the building, a fundraising campaign of ten cents per brick appealed to tens of thousands of local children and saved the project. And one of the Cathedral’s most inspiring features are its thirty Nationality Rooms, each one hand-crafted to represent a different culture – from Germany to Armenia, China to Turkey, and Africa to Japan. Each room was designed, built, and paid for by the many immigrant communities that also built the city of Pittsburgh.

In sum, the Cathedral of Learning represents the high aspiration of a search for the truth, grounded in the hard work of facts and careful analysis, combined with a deep appreciation for local concerns and global affairs in equal measure. It would be difficult to think of a more appropriate symbol of the University of Pittsburgh Press and the books we publish.

PETER KRACHT, DIRECTOR, UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH PRESS
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The Dogs of Detroit

BRAD FELVER
SELECTED BY LYNNE SHARON SCHWARTZ

The Debut of a Masterful Short Story Writer,
Winner of the 2018 Drue Heinz Literature Prize

“The Dogs of Detroit is animated by a tough-minded vision of strife and frustration, beneath which runs a streak of compassion for its bereft, often violent characters. With consummate skill and assurance, Brad Felver writes of overlooked people suffering physical and emotional deprivation, who struggle, now and again with success, in thwarted lives. Ambivalence colors the deepest relationships, with love and hate resembling an ever shifting hologram.”
—Lynne Sharon Schwartz, judge

“Brad Felver is a master of voice and creating unforgettable characters, and the stories in The Dogs of Detroit are knockouts. This collection witnesses violence in its many permutations - the violence of loss, the violence of love, and even tangible, physical brutality when the violence of grief is overwhelming. Sometimes it is easier to throw a punch than to be undone by sorrow. But if these are characters in pain, they are also tremendously human, and even laugh-out-loud funny at times. No one writes like Brad Felver, and The Dogs of Detroit is a remarkable collection.”
—Craig Santos Perez

“In The Dogs of Detroit, everyone is fighting—with siblings, fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, friends, co-workers, and themselves. But they’re also fighting for better lives and for the people they love—with bare-knuckles and callused hands—whether it’s carving three-legged desks out of ancient trees, conning strangers with a gold ring and a broken-down mule, digging graves in the frozen soil of Ohio, turning rats into flaming bits of light in the Bronx, or painting footprints in the snowy ruins of Detroit. These stories contain the powerful voices of the hungry and the grieving and the lost of America and each of them will leave an indelible mark. So put up your dukes and get ready to rumble with Brad Felver! You will not be disappointed.”
—Hannah Tinti

The 14 stories of The Dogs of Detroit each focus on grief and its many strange permutations. This grief alternately devolves into violence, silence, solitude, and utter isolation. In some cases, grief drives the stories as a strong, reactionary force, and yet in other stories, that grief evolves quietly over long stretches of time. Many of the stories also use grief as a prism to explore the beguiling bonds within families. The stories span a variety of geographies, both urban and rural, often considering collisions between the two...
“Mrs. Heinz was not only a philanthropic ‘angel’ to writers of short fiction, but was well-versed in classic and contemporary literature. She was an early supporter of Dan Halpern and his important publishing efforts, his magazine Antaeus, which for 25 years was one of the most prominent American literary magazines; and his small but vital poetry and fiction house, Ecco Press. And she was deeply involved, for example, in their production of a thirteen-volume edition of The Tales of Chekhov.

This personal involvement carried over into her work on the Heinz Prize. Whenever she appeared at the luncheon for the winner of the Prize (usually at the Duquesne Club), she had read the book and could converse with the winner about it. One story I like to tell about her is that when one winner, Jane McCafferty, showed up for the luncheon with a bad case of the flu, Mrs. Heinz privately asked the head waiter to bring two excellent bottles of champagne. While the diners were having their dessert and coffee, she presented the champagne to Jane saying “I know this was a strain for you today, my dear, so please use these for another celebration when you’re feeling better.”

-Ed Ochester

Mrs. Drue Heinz, a Life in Literature
The University of Pittsburgh Press celebrates the life of Mrs. Drue Heinz, publisher and patron of the literary arts and creator of the endowment for the Drue Heinz Literature Prize, a national award that each year sponsors the discovery and publication of a new collection of short stories published by the Press.

EXCERPT FROM “THE DOGS OF DETROIT”

Nights, when Polk cannot hunt the dogs, he instead attacks his father. He has grown to crave the hot pain spreading over his face, the bulging of his knuckles when they connect with bone. His father fights back just enough. They roll around on the floor, struggling and grunting, sneaking in shots to the ribs and the temples. When they tire, they each collapse, wheezing, moaning. They rub their flushed faces and lick away the blood pooling on their gums and retreat to their corners. No resentment or words, as if they are not punching each other, not exactly. A narcotic hunger being fed, one which brings no joy, but rather is a conduit for torment.

After their fights they lay there, panting, blinking back tears, and only then does Polk confide in his father. He lists off the revenges he wants to take on the universe. He imagines the worst things possible: toddler coffins, flayed penguins, pipe bombs in convents, napalm in orphanages. He hates himself for it, his selfishness, his appetite for sloppy justice. Always he ends up wondering the same thing: Does God hate me more than I hate God?

His father reaches for Polk’s hand, but Polk pulls away. No touching unless it is to create violence. “Patience,” his father says. “We must learn grief.”

Brad Felver is a fiction writer, essayist, and teacher of writing. His honors include the O. Henry Award, a Pushcart Prize special mention, and the Zone 3 Fiction Prize. His fiction and essays have appeared widely in magazines such as One Story, New England Review, Hunger Mountain, and Colorado Review. Currently he serves as Lecturer and Associate Chair of the English Department at Bowling Green State University. He lives with his wife and kids in northern Ohio.

MARKETING PLANS
• National print and online review attention
• National print and online advertising
• Radio, TV, and print interviews and features
• Drue Heinz Prize reading in Pittsburgh with judge Lynne Sharon Schwartz
• Select author appearances regionally (PA, OH) and nationally

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I Can’t Talk About the Trees Without the Blood

TIANA CLARK

Winner of the 2017 Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize

“Critiquing the commodification of black pain while also acknowledging and revealing your hurt as a black person is tricky as hell. It is dangerous. And that is precisely what Tiana Clark does in these beautiful, vulnerable, honest poems. It is a kind of tenderness, and a kind of belief. A reaching toward. It is a kind of care.”

—Ross Gay

“If Tiana Clark’s I Can’t Talk about the Trees without the Blood were a blank book bearing that title alone, I would still feel like I was in the presence of a profound lyric gift. It’s astonishing, the heft of that declaration, and the way these poems rise up to meet its rigor and clarity. Toni Morrison commanded writers to ‘make it political as hell, and make it irrevocably beautiful.’ Clark, as if in response, writes, ‘Let us marvel at the Love and Grace that bought / and brought us here.’ The formal dexterity of these poems, the vision that takes us from Daphne to Lorca to Phillis Wheatley to Balanchine to Rihanna to Rukeyser, announces a significant and comprehensive new poetic talent. This beauty is irrevocable—Clark has written one of the best first books of poetry I have ever read.”

—Kaveh Akbar

HOW TO FIND THE CENTER OF A CIRCLE

\[ x^2 + y^2 = r^2 \]

The first time with those molten syllables at a skating rink spun around me but my body Ugly as two white boys they curved a little girl felt How I told the teacher But what about with the red in her ears? you are branded

red hot as searing lassos they silking what blackened marked taunted me the loop of crying my selves did I know and she the little girl hot g sounds You never forget with iron—

was called a nigger g sounds, around my neck like white spiders a carousel of hate. the word meant wrong with heat. a radius of shameful skin on roller skates, my circumference. I was in the center of a circle—begin to double.

I was different? put them in timeout. rolling away, struck ringing fire songs the first time seared raw, permanent.


MARKETING PLANS

• National print and online review attention
• National print and online interviews and features
• Launch party in Nashville at Ruby’s with Parnassus Books
Autobiography of a Wound

BRYNNE REBELE-HENRY

Winner of the 2017 Donald Hall Prize for Poetry

“There were a number of contenders that made this a truly tough decision, but in the end, I couldn’t get this one out of my mind. Brynne Rebele-Henry has such a singular, obsessive urgency to her voice.”
—Kim Addonizio, judge

“I learned early that beauty is violence, proclaims the speaker in Autobiography of a Wound. That a wound can speak for itself, and have its own personal history, is in and of itself an arresting idea. Brynne Rebele-Henry complicates that idea in poems that live and breathe in an adamant but prayerful darkness punctuated by small poppies, rosaries, white silk pants, sewing needles. Autobiography of a Wound is unafraid to stand at the edge of any precipice, and Rebele-Henry is unafraid to confront the darkness that lives in any crevice.”
—Tarfia Faizullah

EXCERPT FROM “PORTRAIT OF A FEMALE FIGURE WITH PUNCTURE MARKS & FRAYED ROPE”

Because a man is taught that his anger is
A: a god
B: a burning house, a burning church, a girl with a phone cord wrapped around her neck, broken capillaries like swarmed fish

Dear man:

Once I would call a kiss a bruise because they all bruised me with them,
girls biting into me until I was nothing, until my veins shifted under their teeth,
until the breath knocked out of me and I sat there dumb and dead at 15

Brynne Rebele-Henry has published poetry, fiction, and nonfiction in such journals as American Poetry Review, Denver Quarterly, Prairie Schooner, Fiction International, Rookie, and So to Speak. She has won numerous awards for her writing, including the 2016 Adroit Prize for Prose, the 2015 Louise Louis/Emily F. Bourne Award, and a 2017 Glenna Luschei MARKETING PLANS

• National print and online review and advertising attention
• Regional author appearances (VA, DC)
• Will read at AWP Portland (2019)—youngest Donald Hall Prize winner ever (age 18)
• LGBTQ+ media outreach
Refuse

JULIAN RANDALL
Winner of the 2017 Cave Canem Poetry Prize

“Randall’s work speaks to his refusal to abide by the expected boundaries and binaries set out for him. As we contemplate how to go forward in an America whose fault line runs deep, an immigrant son entrenched in the American experience, a black man owning his Dominican heritage, a sensualist uncowed by the magnetic poles of sexual appeals, a poet unabashedly forwards, interrogates, and illumines the fulsome measure of his ‘I’ . . . And no matter who would dare an argument, or seek to deny Randall’s utter personhood, *Refuse* is an inscription that won’t allow erasure.”

—Vievee Francis, judge

“Though these poems meddle in binaries and duality, they refuse to split the body and instead reveal the biracial bi voice haunting these pages as whole and wholly original. This debut joins that great lineage of Cave Canem Prize winners, and, once again, gives us not just a spellbinding collection of poetry, but announces a new and necessary voice in Black poetics.”

—Danez Smith

EXCERPT FROM “OBAMA WANTS TO BE CLEAR ABOUT HIS LEGACY”

Let me be clear as a water stain on glass nearly window but not bulletproof I want some things to always be constant Legacy is muzzled by history with good reason Let me be clearer still a persistent film of dew on dying grass Opacity is a form of treason I gut envelopes with a thin gold and sometimes my own dead face unspools and men in suits rush in because it would be a tragedy if I remembered I was someone who could die Let me be clear my blood necessitates repetition I am gone I am gone I am gone the two very attractive radar tracking devices sipping cosmos at the bar in their strapless summer dresses to swivel attentively and lock on to “fungible commodities.”

MARKETING PLANS

• National print and online review attention
• Regional author appearances
• Social media outreach and online advertising
• LGBTQ+, African American, and Latinx outreach
CEASE
BETH BACHMANN

“A scarily original, apocalyptic book about a time when it appears it is necessary to destroy and kill for peace.”*

“The poems in Beth Bachmann’s CEASE—not quite lyric, not quite prose—read more like urgently wired messages. Sometimes, her words splash forward like water from a pitcher. Sometimes, they erupt like fire from a drum.”
—Henri Cole*

“How are we to speak to each other in a time of war? In half-whispers? shouts? In their music—and even more so in their silences—these poems’ incredible power is in the knowledge they possess: the keen awareness that here, in America ‘we are guilty of what we haven’t done.’ Bachmann has created here a necessary, inimitable, urgent music.”
—Ilya Kaminsky

WALL
we need one more for a territory
to return to
coming & going contained in we cannot wait
to draw the water sweet bridge lips
become animal & the animal becomes me
***
where am I to find you without the wall
the law of belonging
to a form given by light
all we need for peace is permission
to trespass end to end the in between contrast
is all we see oil light itself a weapon
that threatens exposure
***
your memory is now in your imagination
your memory is now in my imagination
your memory of me each time we meet
we meet here commit the path to pathway
if no land water if
no land no burial where you can’t reach me

Beth Bachmann is a 2016 Guggenheim Fellow in poetry and the author of two prior books from the Pitt Poetry Series: Temper, winner of the AWP Donald Hall Prize and Kate Tufts Discovery Award, and Do Not Rise, winner of the Poetry Society of America’s Alice Fay di Castagnola Award. Poems from CEASE received the Virginia Quarterly Review Emily Clark Balch Prize.

MARKETING PLANS
• National print and online review attention
• Regional author appearances (Nashville)
• National print and online advertising

Of Related Interest:
Do Not Rise
Beth Bachmann
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Yellow Moving Van

RON KOERTEGE

“Sometimes funny, sometimes acerbic, sometimes tender-hearted, and every now and then, all of those at the same time.”

“In the funhouse world of Ron Koertge, Mary’s halo is as big as an inner tube, Mrs. Death fills in for her dreaded husband, and it takes a whole day and a half to build Rome. These new poems will entertain you so well, you might not even notice how the poet is issuing everywhere little appeals to your heart.”

—Billy Collins

“Who wouldn’t want to read poems entitled “Lovesick Girls in Prison”, “Reading to the Bland,” or “Death Hands Me the Scythe?” In Ron Koertge’s Yellow Moving Van, you might not be certain if you should laugh out loud or squirm with recognition at our common humanity.”

—Laurel Ann Bogen

“Ron Koertge re-visits myths, write about farmers in the heartland, and chats with the breeze in Southern California. I’m going to give this book to all my friends.”

—Charles Harper Webb*

YELLOW MOVING VAN

Brandi’s young with a new job and a farfetched sports car. We met when she wandered over in a little silver dress with a cat named Amos in her arms.

I poured coffee, and she told me about a boyfriend in Alabama and how much she loves Amos, too, who likes to watch her do laundry or paint her toenails.

I said that Amos was a minor prophet in the Bible. “Oh, that’s okay,” she said. “It’s not like I bring guys home or anything.”

Amos loves the night and its noises and I love to sort my mind’s shabby merchandise. If he joins me on the porch I put down my book. I tell him, “Forget Keats. You’re a foster child of silence and slow time.” He just narrows his golden eyes. The moon looks empty tonight -- an unfinished room

that at least needs flowers and perhaps a Chinese scroll with a winding road, and someone waiting at the bend of a green river.

Ron Koertge, a long-time resident of South Pasadena, California, taught English and Creative Writing at Pasadena City College for thirty-seven years. He has published more than a dozen books of poetry, and is the recipient of grants from the National Endowment for the Arts and the California Arts Council, has poems in two volumes of Best American Poetry, and is a 2017 Pushcart Prize winner. Koertge is also the author of the poem “Negative Space,” short-listed for a 2017 Oscar in Animated Short Films. He teaches at Hamline University in their low-residency MFA program.

MARKETING PLANS
• Select author appearances (Southern CA)
• AWP 2019 appearance (Pitt Poetry Series Panel)
• Social media outreach and other online promotion
Plasma
BRADLEY PAUL

“Bradley Paul’s amazing poems give back so much to the life they are written out of.”*

“We will not know what it means / but we will understand”—those are the words that Plasma ends on, and it earns them with a verve that is impossibly inventive, by turns wry, melancholy, decent, hopeless, sweet, fed up, amused, and alarmed.”
—David Rivard*

“Plasma opens with ravishing terror: a child crying and suburban violence and the long shadows of the heart and the mind and the imagination. These poems are funny in the way that falling down is: the unexpected punctuated with, or punctured by, sudden pain. They break you up like gravity. They speed down the page and through history and across the screen. Think Frank O’Hara and Dante. Blake and Bosch. Heaven and hell. Right here. Right now.”
—Paul Guest

“What kind of meteorology are you? The local news is dumb but local. Who cares about a mugging except I know that corner. It will rain, so what, except it rains on me. The first drop is a heavy one. The cotton where it lands is heavy on my shoulder but the rest of the cotton is light. My shirt grows heavy too now, says the weather girl. A warehouse near here burned but only partially. The shadow of one helicopter moves left as the light of another moves right. I know that warehouse, and here it is on TV burning as it rains first on one fireman then on the next.

Bradley Paul’s books include The Obvious (selected by Brenda Hillman for the New Issues Poetry Prize) and The Animals All Are Gathering (winner of the 2009 Donald Hall Prize of poetry). His poetry has appeared in American Poetry Review, Boston Review, Smartish Pace, Fence, Pleiades, Iowa Review, and more. A native of Baltimore, Paul lives in Los Angeles, where he writes for television.

MARKETING PLANS
• National print and online review attention
• Regional author appearances
• Social media outreach
• Online advertising

Of Related Interest:
The Animals All Are Gathering
Bradley Paul
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Sidebend World

CHARLES HARPER WEBB

“Sidebend World may be Webb’s finest collection to date.”

“His unique sidebend slant finds both the humor in the absurdity of our daily lives, and the heart that sustains us through that absurdity. The genius of Webb’s poetry is the flurry of synapses that go off on every page—it’s pure joy to read his work, to try to keep up with him.”
—Jim Daniels

“Like the work in his wonderful anthology, Stand Up Poetry, Charles Harper Webb’s glorious new collection, Sidebend World, features poems that indeed do ‘stand up,’ providing a welcome comedy and stability at a time when the only heroes may be sandwiches, when fathers dread a future of clowndom in their young son’s eyes, when fear and fatigue are our constant companions. Equal parts wisdom and whimsy, Webb’s ‘stand up’ poems are constantly doing side bends that tilt the cosmos dangerously, exhilaratingly, off-kilter, then—lovingly, affirmatively—set the world right again.”
—Ronald Wallace

EXCERPT FROM “GETTING TO KNOW MY NEUROTRANSMITTERS”

Serotonin, with her blue bonnet and gingham dress that rustles on her way to church: gentle nurse who salves the bites and abrasions of the day, calms me when my feet twirl like propellers, and convines me to slide the butcher knife back in its block.

Endorphin, with her corkscrewy red hair, her Southern Comfort voice that gets me goose-loose, lifty-drifty, creamy-dreamy, stoned silly as a martyr by marshmallows I catch and eat with the whipped cream that clouds plip-plop onto my tongue.

Dopamine: smarter than he looks with his buck teeth and straw hat, nutty Norepinephrine on his arm. Five minutes with them, and I’m Fortune’s Son. My muscles twitch. Thoughts siren through my brain’s clogged streets. Fun? Yes it is; but stay too long, and weathermen start spreading rumors that I’m Mary Magdalene. “Kill the bitch!” dogs bark as I drive by.

Charles Harper Webb has published twelve books of poetry, including Brain Camp. Webb’s awards in poetry include the Morse Prize, the Kate Tufts Discovery Award, the Felix Pollock Prize, and the Benjamin Saltman Prize. Webb is Professor of English at California State University, Long Beach, where he teaches in the MFA Creative Writing Program.

MARKETING PLANS
• National print and online review attention
• Regional author appearances (Southern California)
• Social media outreach
• AWP 2019 appearance (Pitt Poetry Series panel)

Of Related Interest:
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American Dream Deferred

FREDERICK W. GOODING, JR.

The Untold Story of the Struggle of African-American Federal Workers in the Post War Years

“A pioneering work of scholarship about one of the most significant struggles of the modern black freedom movement, one that has been almost completely untold until now. Frederick Gooding’s vivid narrative about the long and difficult struggle of African-Americans who worked in the federal government reveals that more than laws and regulations were needed to gain equality and respect. Only when black men and women in the nation’s capital organized for themselves did they gain the rights and opportunities they had always deserved.”
—Michael Kazin, Georgetown University

“In this timely and critically important study, Frederick Gooding, Jr.’s meticulous research illuminates the understudied history of African American federal workers from World War II to the Reagan era. With perceptive analysis, Gooding, Jr. explores not only the causes and costs of systemic racism in the federal workplace, but also the heroic efforts made by ‘black collared’ workers to uproot it.”
—Margaret Rung, Roosevelt University

As the largest employer of one of the world’s leading economic and geo-political superpowers, the history of the federal government’s workforce is a rich and essential tool for understanding how the “Great Experiment” truly works. The literal face of federal policy, federal employees enjoy a history as rich as the country itself, while reflecting the country’s evolution towards true democracy within a public space. Nowhere is this progression towards democracy more apparent than with its internal race relations. While World War II was a boon to black workers, little is known about the nuanced, ongoing struggles for dignity and respect that black workers endured while working these “good, government jobs.” American Dream Deferred challenges postwar narratives of government largess for African Americans by illuminating the neglected stories of these unknown black workers.
Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania, 1770–1830

PETER E. GILMORE

A History of One of the Earliest, and Most Influential Groups to Settle in Western Pennsylvania

“A finely-textured book that shatters myths as it reconstructs a community that we thought we had known. This first-rate study uncovers the fascinating story of how an elusive group of Irish migrants, in a dynamic period of American history, defined themselves as a people and recast their faith lives. In doing so, they shaped the world around them.”

—Patrick Griffin, University of Notre Dame

“In Peter E. Gilmore’s deft handling, the Irish Presbyterians of western Pennsylvania appear not as the hard-drinking, hard-fighting, fiercely insular and individualistic Scots Irish of today’s popular culture. Gilmore presents serious, hardworking immigrants who built farms, formed communities, and created congregations in a new land where they disciplined themselves through the institutions of the church and responded vigorously to the market revolution and reform movements transforming American life in the early nineteenth century. Anyone interested in the Irish and Scots Irish in America will need to read this book.”

—Warren Hofstra, Shenandoah University

Irish Presbyterians and the Shaping of Western Pennsylvania, 1770–1830 is a historical study examining the religious culture of Irish immigrants in the early years of America. Despite fractious relations among competing sects, many immigrants shared a vision of a renewed Ireland in which their versions of Presbyterianism could flourish free from the domination of landlords and established church. In the process, they created the institutional foundations for western Pennsylvanian Presbyterian churches.

Rural Presbyterian Irish church elders emphasized community and ethnoreligious group solidarity in supervising congregants’ morality. Improved transportation and the greater reach of the market eliminated near-subsistence local economies and hastened the demise of religious traditions brought from Ireland. Gilmore contends that ritual and daily religious practice, as understood and carried out by migrant generations, were abandoned or altered by American-born generations in the context of major economic change.

MARKETING PLANS
• Western PA and Pittsburgh region print and online review attention
• Local author appearances (Western PA)
• Book launch in Pittsburgh
• Targeted pitch to Presbyterian churches and libraries
Inevitably Toxic
Historical Perspectives on Contamination, Exposure and Expertise

BRINDA SARATHY, VIVIEN HAMILTON, AND JANET FARRELL BRODIE

Exposure to Toxins as Part of Our Everyday Lives

“Science can be used to both explicate and obscure the violence of toxic exposures. The scholars in this book offer us careful historical accounts that show how science has been both not enough and sometimes profoundly complicit in toxic histories, themselves undergirded by militarism, racism, and industrialism. Crucially, the essays in this book demonstrate how ubiquitous toxicity is an achievement, not an inevitability—it can and should be otherwise.”
—Michelle Murphy, University of Toronto

“In this insightful and eye-opening volume, the contributors draw on previously unexamined histories of risk to skillfully illuminate the many ways that environmental hazards have become a normal part of our everyday lives, how these threats fall disproportionately on marginalized communities, and how we can imagine and create a more sustainable and equitable society.”
—David Pellow, University of California Santa Barbara

Not a day goes by that humans aren’t exposed to toxins in our environment—be it at home, in the car, or workplace. But what about those toxic spaces and items that aren’t marked? Why are we warned about some toxic spaces’ substances and not others? The essays in Inevitably Toxic consider the exposure of bodies in the United States, Canada and Japan to radiation, industrial waste, and pesticides. Research shows that appeals to uncertainty have led to social inaction even when evidence, e.g. the link between carbon emissions and global warming, stares us in the face. In some cases, influential scientists, engineers and doctors have deliberately “manufactured doubt” and uncertainty but as the essays in this collection show, there is often no deliberate deception. We tend to think that if we can’t see contamination and experts deem it safe, then we are okay. Yet, having knowledge about the uncertainty behind expert claims can awaken us from a false sense of security and alert us to decisions and practices that may in fact cause harm.

In the epilogue, Hamilton and Sarathy interview Peter Galison, a prominent historian of science whose recent work explores the complex challenge of long term nuclear waste storage.

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Intersections: Histories of Environment, Science, and Technology

Brinda Sarathy is a professor of environmental analysis and director of the Robert Redford Conservancy for Southern California Sustainability at Pitzer College. She is the author of Pineros: Latino Labour and the Changing Face of Forestry in the Pacific Northwest.

Vivien Hamilton is an associate professor of history of science and director of the Hixon-Riggs Program for Responsive Science and Engineering at Harvey Mudd College. Her work examines the history of medical technologies, focusing on questions of authority, expertise and cross-disciplinary collaboration.

Janet Farrell Brodie is a professor of U.S. history at Claremont Graduate University. Her recent scholarship focuses on secrecy in the nuclear era with articles in the Journal of Diplomatic History and The Journal of Social History.

Marketing Plans
• National review attention
• Online advertising
• Featured in Environmental Studies 2019 brochure
• Environmental issues media outreach (print and online)
Edward Condon’s Cooperative Vision
Science, Industry, and Innovation in Modern America

THOMAS C. LASSMAN

A Physicist Redefines the Relationship Between Academic Science and Technological Innovation in Industry

“In this masterfully researched book, Thomas Lassman reconstructs the life and work of physicist Edward Condon, who helped to bring the quantum theory of solids into the mainstream of American scientific research in both academia and industry. Here is a great story of science, technology, industry, and government not mixing optimally, a tragedy at multiple levels, and a cautionary tale of not pushing the envelope too much when that envelope is controlled by less brilliant, less visionary, less tolerant but far more powerful individuals.”
—David Hounshell, Carnegie Mellon University

“Lassman has written the definitive scientific biography of Edward Condon and, more importantly, a lively, incisive, and eye-opening study of industrial research in the mid-twentieth century. This book should be required reading for anyone interested in the political and institutional history of American science or in the organization of knowledge and its diverse possibilities.”
—Jessica Wang, University of British Columbia

As a professor of physics at Princeton University, Edward Condon sealed his reputation as one of the sharpest minds in the field and a pioneer in quantum theoretical physics. Then, in 1937, he left it all behind to pursue an industrial career—first at the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company in Pittsburgh and then, by way of the federal government, at the National Bureau of Standards. In a radical departure from professional norms, Condon sought to redefine the relationship between academic science and technological innovation in industry. He envisioned intimate cooperation with the universities to serve the needs of his employers and also the broader business community.

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French philosopher Charles Renouvier played an influential role in reviving philosophy in France after it was proscribed during the Second Empire. Drawn to the ideals of the French Revolution, Renouvier came to recognize that the free will and civil liberties he supported were essential to the pursuit of science, contrary to the ideologies of positivists and socialists who would restrict liberty in the name of science. He struggled against monarchy and religious authority in the period up through 1848 and defended a liberal, secular form of political organization at a critical turning point in French history, the beginning of the Third Republic. As Warren Schmaus argues, Renouvier’s work provides an example of one way in which philosophy of science can succeed in bringing about change in political life—by critiquing political ideologies that falsely claim absolute certainty on religious, scientific, or any other grounds. Liberty and the Pursuit of Knowledge explores the understudied relationship between Renouvier’s philosophy of science and his political philosophy, shedding new light on the significance of his thought for the history of philosophy.

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The Correspondence of
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The Correspondence,
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This volume contains 266 letters covering a period of twenty-two months, when Tyndall was in his mid-thirties and had been employed by the Royal Institution as professor of natural philosophy since September 1853. Many of the letters printed here concern the lectures he delivered at the RI and other institutions and his attempt to establish his reputation as a researcher. Although he published in several other areas—including the cleavage of rocks, colorblindness, and glaciers—the main focus of his research was the newly discovered and problematic phenomenon of diamagnetism. Tyndall reported his experimental results and theoretical views on this subject in several lectures and papers that greatly enhanced his scientific standing, which was further extended by his contact with other scientists, not only in London but across the British Isles and in France and Germany. By the end of this period, Tyndall was a man of science with a European reputation that was recognized in November 1856 when the Royal Society elected him a member of its Council.

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