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A detailed look into the cultural history and cultural impact of dog rescue in the United States

**From Property to Family**

*American Dog Rescue and the Discourse of Compassion*

Andrei S. Markovits and Katherine N. Crosby

In the wake of the considerable cultural changes and social shifts that the United States and all advanced industrial democracies have experienced since the late 1960s and early 1970s, social discourse around the disempowered has changed in demonstrable ways. In *From Property to Family: American Dog Rescue and the Discourse of Compassion*, Andrei Markovits and Katherine Crosby describe a “discourse of compassion” that actually alters the way we treat persons and ideas once scorned by the social mainstream. This “culture turn” has also affected our treatment of animals inaugurating an accompanying “animal turn”. In the case of dogs, this shift has increasingly transformed the discursive category of the animal from human companion to human family member. One of the new institutions created by this attitudinal and behavioral change towards dogs has been the breed specific canine rescue organization, examples of which have arisen all over the United States beginning in the early 1980s and massively proliferating in the 1990s and subsequent years. While the growing scholarship on the changed dimension of the human-animal relationship attests to its social, political, moral and intellectual salience to our contemporary world, the work presented in Markovits and Crosby’s book constitutes the first academic research on the particularly important institution of breed specific dog rescue.

**Andrei S. Markovits** the Karl W. Deutsch Collegiate Professor of Comparative Politics and German Studies as well as an Arthur F. Thurnau Professor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

**Katherine N. Crosby**, a 2011 graduate of the University of Michigan, is completing her doctorate in the Department of History, University of South Carolina in Columbia.

“I love this book . . . it is a subtle and persuasive argument about the changing nature of animals and American society.”

– Kristin Luker, University of California, Berkeley

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The story of Toledo glass—past, present, and future

The Glass City
*Toledo and The Industry That Built It*
Barbara L. Floyd

The headline, “Where Glass is King,” emblazoned Toledo newspapers in early 1888, before factories in the Ohio city had even produced their first piece of glass. After years of struggling to find an industrial base, Toledo had attracted Edward Drummond Libbey and his struggling New England Glass Company to the shores of the Maumee River, and many felt Toledo’s potential as “The Future Great City of the World” would at last be realized.

The move was successful—though not on the level some boosters envisioned—and since 1888, Toledo glass factories have employed thousands of workers who created the city’s middle class and developed technical innovations that impacted the glass industry worldwide. But as has occurred in other cities dominated by single industries—from Detroit to Pittsburgh to Youngstown—changes to the industry it built have had a devastating impact on Toledo. Today, 45 percent of all glass is manufactured in China.

Well-researched yet accessible, this new book explores how the economic, cultural, and social development of the Glass City intertwined with its namesake industry and examines Toledo’s efforts to reinvent itself amidst the Midwest’s declining manufacturing sector.

**Barbara L. Floyd** is University Archivist and Director of the Ward M. Canaday Center for Special Collections at the University of Toledo.
A ghostly presence compels a couple to seek the truth about their home’s unsettling past

Spirits and Wine
Susan Newhof

It’s a mystery and a ghost story, all wrapped up in one. A young couple buys an old house in a small lake town in western Michigan and finds it to be haunted by the dramatic secrets of its past inhabitants. As the couple settles in, disturbing events prompt them to investigate who those residents were, what happened to them, and why their spirits remain active. Could the Spanish influenza epidemic in the region, which resulted in the deaths of an unprecedented number of young, healthy adults in Michigan and elsewhere in 1918–19, and the resulting slew of orphans, have something to do with the spirits now haunting their house? They are determined to discover the truth about their house, even if it jeopardizes their own safety.

Susan Newhof, author of Michigan’s Town and Country Inns, is a writer and a consultant in media relations and public speaking. She and her husband, Paul Collins, live in a century-old home in Montague, Michigan.

“A graceful, elegantly told ghost story that is at times frightening, at times heartwarming, often quite funny, and always an engrossing and fascinating read.”

—Rodney Vaccaro, Emmy award–winning Hollywood screenwriter and producer

“I started Friday night and got up Saturday morning with a desire to get back to it to finish. In my experience, if I wake up and the first thing on my mind is getting back to a book, it’s a good book.”

—Bryan Uecker, co-owner of The Book Nook & Java Shop, Montague, Michigan
Gwendolyn Calvert Baker has had an extraordinary career and has witnessed a dramatic change in the ways that U.S. schools provide education to and about our multiethnic, multicultural society. But Baker hasn’t just lived through the progression of multicultural considerations—she has been singularly instrumental in shaping the conversation around education as a multicultural domain. In *Hot Fudge Sundae in a White Paper Cup*, she shares her memories and experience of a lifetime spent serving and leading the cause for multicultural education.

“Gwen Baker’s bounty of vision, intelligence, steadfast integrity, political prowess, and humanity simply flows from her to everything and everyone she touches. She has lived many lives and left many more legacies—in education, the nonprofit world—which will benefit us all long into the future. One of our greatest unsung heroes, Gwen Baker is my hero.”

—Eddy Bayardelle, Former President of the Merrill Lynch Foundation

“This book is a beautifully written, inspiring, courageous, and deeply moving chronicle of resilience, hope, and possibilities. Baker’s experiences with racism and other life challenges—epitomized by having a hot fudge sundae served to her in a paper cup while the glass dish was reserved for Whites—enabled her to develop the fortitude, wisdom, and quiet dignity that are evident on every page of this elegantly written, timely, and engaging book. Baker connects with her readers in deeply personal ways, which makes her life story authentic, inspiring, and compelling.”

—James A. Banks, Director of the Center for Multicultural Education, University of Washington, Seattle
A belletristic personal correspondence and contest of extravagant and amusing letterhead

Dear Wizard

The Letters of Nicholas Delbanco and Jon Manchip White
Nicholas Delbanco, editor

Nicholas Delbanco has assembled a carefully selected, highly crafted work based on over 30 years’ correspondence with Jon Manchip White, a prolific author of screenplays, novels, and radio plays; a university professor; and a “bon vivant.” Delbanco’s exchange of letters with the larger-than-life figure began in 1980 and continued until White’s death in the summer of 2012. The two authors’ interaction is framed by a contest to outdo each other in locales and institutions represented on the letterheads and stationery employed. The letters range from light to serious, at times investigating the art and practice of writing; critiquing the authors’ own work and that of colleagues; assessing the state of the writing profession; negotiating age, illness, and loss.

Nicholas Delbanco is Robert Frost Distinguished University Professor of English Language and Literature at the University of Michigan and past director of the MFA program. He has published 25 books of fiction and nonfiction. He directs the Hopwood Awards Program at the University of Michigan, has served as Chair of the Fiction Panel for the National Book Awards, and has received a Guggenheim Fellowship and, twice, a National Endowment for the Arts Writing Fellowship.

Jon Manchip White was a distinguished Welsh-American writer who published more than 30 books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry over a long writing career. His works of fiction include novels, collections of short stories, and many scripts for film and television. His nonfiction books include history, biography, archaeology, anthropology, travel, and personal essays.
Counting the Tiger’s Teeth
An African Teenager’s Story
Toyin Falola

Counting the Tiger’s Teeth examines a crucial turning point in Nigerian history, the Agbekoya rebellion (“Peasants Reject Poverty”) of 1968-70, as chronicled by Toyin Falola, reflecting on his firsthand experiences as a teenage witness to history. Falola, the foremost scholar of Africa of this generation, illuminates the complex factors that led to this armed conflict and details the unfolding of major events and maneuvers. The narrative provides unprecedented, even poetic, access to the social fabric and dynamic cosmology of the farming communities in rebellion as they confronted the modernizing state. The postcolonial government exercised new modes of power that corrupted or neglected traditional forms of authority, ignoring urgent pleas for justice and fairness of the citizenry. What emerges, as the rural communities organized for and executed the war, is a profound story of traditional culture’s ingenuity and strength in this epic struggle over the direction of a nation. Falola reveals the rebellion’s ambivalent legacy, the uncertainties of which inform even the present historical moment. Like Falola’s prizewinning previous memoir, A Mouth Sweeter Than Salt, this engagingly written book performs the essential service of providing a way of walking with ancestors, remembering the dead, reminding the living, and converting orality into a permanent text.

Toyin Falola is Jacob and Frances Sanger Mossiker Chair in the Humanities and University Distinguished Teaching Professor of History, University of Texas.

“As [Counting the Tiger’s Teeth] reflects on this working-class insurrection it chronicles the cultures and traditions of Yorubaland of the 1960s, including the predominance of African traditional religions; Christianity; Islam; polygamy; agriculture; education; work ethics, and sacrifice . . . a must read for scholars of African life-writing, history, sociology, economics, politics, and gender studies, as well as those interested in African, Diaspora, comparative studies and the autobiographical genre.”

—Adetayo Alabi,
University of Mississippi
Reading representations of whiteness by contemporary African American performers and artists

**Coloring Whiteness**

*Acts of Critique in Black Performance*

Faedra Chatard Carpenter

*Coloring Whiteness* pays homage to the ways that African American artists and performers have interrogated tropes and mythologies of whiteness to reveal racial inequalities, focusing on comedy sketches, street theater, visual art, video, TV journalism, and voice-over work since 1964. By investigating enactments of whiteness—from the use of white makeup and suggestive masks, to literary motifs and cultural narratives regarding “white” characteristics and qualities—Faedra Chatard Carpenter explores how artists have challenged commonly held notions of racial identity. Through its layered study of expressive culture, her book considers how artistic and performance strategies are used to “color” whiteness and complicate blackness in our contemporary moment.

Utilizing theories of performance and critical race studies, *Coloring Whiteness* is also propelled by Carpenter’s dramaturgical sensibilities. Her analysis of primary performance texts is informed not only by traditional print and visual materials, but also by her interviews with African American theater artists, visual artists, and cultural critics. The book is an invaluable contribution to the fields of theater and performance studies, African American studies, cultural studies, critical race studies, and American studies.

Faedra Chatard Carpenter is a freelance dramaturg and Assistant Professor in the School of Theatre, Dance, and Performance Studies at the University of Maryland.

“Carpenter offers an engaging exploration of how contemporary artists—Adrienne Kennedy, Douglas Turner Ward, Dave Chappelle, and Michael Jackson among others—interrogate the limits and boundaries of race by embracing whiteness, white alter egos, and, indeed, whiteface. *Coloring Whiteness* is a refreshingly insightful book that significantly contributes to critical race studies, performance studies, and theatre history.”

—Harvey Young, Northwestern University

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A revealing exploration of Northern proslavery sentiment during the period before the Civil War.

The Captive Stage
Performance and the Proslavery Imagination of the Antebellum North
Douglas A. Jones, Jr.

The Captive Stage offers the first cultural history of proslavery ideology in the antebellum United States. While previous studies of performance and literary culture in the period have overwhelmingly focused on an antislavery theme, in fact the majority of representations of slavery before the Civil War explicitly defended the institution or accepted it as constitutive of American life. To address this lacuna, Douglas A. Jones, Jr. traces the pervasiveness of proslavery ideology in the antebellum period, charting its functionality in the social, cultural, and racial imaginary in the most unexpected of places: the free North. Even after northern states outlawed slavery in the late-18th and early-19th centuries, many of their constituencies continued to profit from imagining and embodying black bondage in positive terms. These gains were not just economic and political but also cognitive and psychological, and reflect the multiple and frequently contradictory ways that Americans across personal and collective difference used proslavery ideology to conceptualize the interrelation of race, subjectivity, and society. Furthermore, The Captive Stage pays particular attention to the ways in which African Americans’ claims to universal freedom and citizenship influenced the shape of these proslavery-inflected conceptualizations.

Douglas A. Jones, Jr. is Assistant Professor of English, Rutgers University.

“The Captive Stage makes a substantive and exciting contribution to the growing body of literature examining performances of race, slavery, and citizenship in 19th-century American culture.”
—Heather Nathans, Tufts University
Provides a new perspective on the Chinese avant-garde through the figure of artist and activist Tian Han

The Avant-Garde and the Popular in Modern China

Tian Han and the Intersection of Performance and Politics

Liang Luo

The Avant-Garde and the Popular in China examines avant-garde performance as an important political force shaping popular culture in modern China, focusing on artist and activist Tian Han. This is the first book to analyze Han’s art and activism and to explore how an important group of Chinese performing artists invested in politics and the pursuit of the avant-garde came to terms with different ways of being “popular” in modern times.

The book traces Han’s trajectory through key moments in the evolution of twentieth-century Chinese national culture, from the Christian socialist cosmopolitanism of post–WWI Tokyo to the urban modernism of Shanghai in 1920s and 1930s, then into the Chinese hinterland during the late 1930s and 40s, and finally to the Communist Beijing of the 1950s, revealing the dynamic interplay of art and politics throughout this period. The figure of Tian Han exemplifies the instability of conventional delineations between the avant-garde, popular culture, and political propaganda. Understanding Tian Han in his time sheds light upon a new generation of contemporary Chinese avant-gardists (Ai Wei Wei being the best known), who, half a century later, are similarly engaging national politics and popular culture. Luo shows how, rather than a landscape of alienated avant-gardists resisting institutional control on the one hand and a top-down, monolithic Socialist culture on the other, we find a cultural milieu where the avant-garde engaged creatively with popular forms and where both the avant-garde and the popular converged upon political engagement.

Liang Luo is Associate Professor of Chinese Literature and Culture at the University of Kentucky.
Examines Argentina’s most iconic female figures, from saints to pop singers, politicians to anarchists

**Evita, Inevitably**  
*Performing Argentina’s Female Icons Before and After Eva Perón*  
Jean Graham-Jones

*Evita, Inevitably* sheds new light on the history and culture of Argentina by examining the performances and reception of the country’s most iconic female figures, in particular, Eva Perón, who rose from poverty to become a powerful international figure. The book links the Evita legend to a broader pattern of female iconicity from the mid-19th century onward, reading Evita against the performances of other female icons: Camila O’Gorman (1828-1848), executed by firing squad over her affair with a Jesuit priest; Difunta Correa, a devotional figure who has achieved near-sainthood; cumbia-pop performer Gilda; the country’s patron saint, the Virgin of Luján; and finally, Argentina’s president, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner. Employing the tools of discursive, visual, and performance analysis, Jean Graham-Jones studies literature, film, folklore, Catholic iconography, and Internet culture to document the ways in which these “femicons” have been staged.

*Jean Graham-Jones* is Professor of Theatre at the Graduate Center, City University of New York.

“The use of performance pieces coupled with historical background and analysis of the femicons makes for a thought-provoking read. The writing is crisp, the topic new and engaging, and the approach—which includes very popular female figures such as Difunta Correa, the Argentine anarchist, and Gilda—demonstrates that there can be a blurring of high and low, and that those distinctions are false.”  
—Tamara Falicov, University of Kansas, author of *The Cinematic Tango*

“In examining the changes in iconic construction from textual forms in the 19th century to increasingly virtual realms in the 21st century, Graham-Jones pioneers scholarship on virtual globalized celebri iconicity, national myth making, and ty, and effectively ushers Eva Perón studies into the 21st century.”  
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Stepping back to examine the relationship between Baldwin and queer theory, Brim unveils new critical insights that their complicated pairing provides.

**James Baldwin and the Queer Imagination**

Matt Brim

For many readers and scholars, James Baldwin occupies so central a place in black gay literary history that he has become a key representative for queer creative culture. *James Baldwin and the Queer Imagination* seeks to complicate this view by providing a sustained investigation of the queer implications of Baldwin’s writing while addressing the problematic appropriation of Baldwin as the standard-bearer of queer literary history and African American writing. Author Matt Brim argues that Baldwin’s queer imagination is highly complex and anything but obvious, that queerness emerges unevenly in Baldwin’s fiction, in ways that can be as restrictive as they are revelatory, and that his work exemplifies what the author terms an “unqueer” undercurrent present in queer creative thought. In demonstrating Baldwin’s ambiguity, Brim also provides a critique of queerness from within queer studies.

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A fascinating look at the shifting meanings of murderous gay characters in American theater over a century

**Murder Most Queer**

*The Homicidal Homosexual in the American Theater*

Jordan Schildcrout

The “villainous homosexual” has long stalked America’s cultural imagination, most explicitly in the figure of the gay murderer, a character in dozens of plays. But as society’s understanding of homosexuality has changed, so has the significance of these controversial characters, especially when employed by gay theater artists themselves to explore darker fears and desires. *Murder Most Queer* examines the shifting meanings of murderous gay characters in American theater over a century, showing how these representations wrestle with and ultimately subvert notions of gay villainy.

*Murder Most Queer* works to expose the forces that create the homophobic paradigm that imagines sexual and gender nonconformity as dangerous and destructive and to show how theater artists—and for the most part gay theater artists—have rewritten and radically altered the significance of the homicidal homosexual. Jordan Schildcrout argues that these figures, far from being simple reiterations of a homophobic archetype, are complex and challenging characters who enact trenchant fantasies of empowerment, replacing the shame and stigma of the abject with the defiance and freedom of the outlaw, giving voice to rage and resistance. These bold characters also probe the darker anxieties and fears that can affect gay lives and relationships. Instead of sentencing them to the prison of negative representations, this book analyzes the meanings in their acts of murder, confronting the real fears and desires condensed in those dramatic acts.

**Jordan Schildcrout** is Assistant Professor of Theatre and Performance at Purchase College, State University of New York.

“A fascinating read, its tone both playful and serious, Murder Most Queer explores the guilty pleasures and subversive opportunities for agency that sexual minorities find in seemingly phobic and exploitive dramatizations of killer queers.”

—Sara Warner, Cornell University

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Paula Vogel
Joanna Mansbridge

Paula Vogel's plays, including the Pulitzer-prizewinning *How I Learned to Drive*, initiate a conversation with contemporary culture, staging vexed issues like domestic violence, pornography, and AIDS. She does not write “about” these concerns, but instead examines how they have become framed as “issues”–as sensationalized topics–focusing on the histories and discourses that have defined them and the bodies that bear their meanings. Mobilizing campy humor, keen insight, and nonlinear structure, her plays defamiliarize the identities and issues that have been fixed as “just the way things are.” Vogel crafts collage-like playworlds that are comprised of fragments of history and culture, and that are simultaneously inclusive and alienating, familiar and strange, funny and disturbing. At the center of these playworlds are female characters negotiating with the images and discourses that circumscribe their lives and bodies.

In this, the first book-length study of Vogel and her work, Joanna Mansbridge explores how Vogel’s plays speak back to the canon, responding to and rewriting works by William Shakespeare, Edward Albee, Sam Shepard, and David Mamet, rearranging their plots, revising their conflicts, and recasting their dramatis personae. The book examines the theories shaping the playwright and her plays, the production and reception of her work, and the aesthetic structure of each play, grounding the work in cultural materialist, feminist and queer theory, and theater and performance studies scholarship.

Joanna Mansbridge is a Sessional Lecturer in the Department of English, Simon Fraser University.
A spirited challenge to previous notions of the avant-garde and avant-garde performance

The Ghosts of the Avant-Garde(s)
Exorcising Experimental Theater and Performance
James M. Harding

Pronouncements such as “the avant-garde is dead,” argues James M. Harding, have suggested a unified history or theory of the avant-garde. His book examines the diversity and plurality of avant-garde gestures and expressions to suggest “avant-garde pluralities” and how an appreciation of these pluralities enables a more dynamic and increasingly global understanding of vanguardism in the performing arts. In pursuing this goal, the book not only surveys a wide variety of canonical and noncanonical examples of avant-garde performance, but also develops a range of theoretical paradigms that defend the haunting cultural and political significance of avant-garde expressions beyond what critics have presumed to be the death of the avant-garde. The Ghosts of the Avant-Garde(s) offers a strikingly new perspective not only on key controversies and debates within avant-garde studies but also on contemporary forms of avant-garde expression within a global political economy.

James M. Harding is Professor of Theatre and Performance Studies at the University of Warwick. His previous books include Cutting Performances: Collage Events, Feminist Artists, and the American Avant-Garde and the co-edited collections Not the Other Avant-Garde: The Transnational Foundations of Avant-Garde Performance and Restaging the Sixties: Radical Theaters and Their Legacies.

“A timely and necessary contribution to the field that will set the agenda in theatre and performance studies—in avant-garde studies and beyond—for years to come.”
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A critical examination of the ways in which music is understood and exploited in American law enforcement and justice

Music in American Crime Prevention and Punishment
Lily E. Hirsch

Although the use of music for extramusical purposes has been a part of American culture for some time, for much of the general public the phenomenon remained largely unknown until revelations became widespread of startling military practices during the second Iraq War. In *Music in American Crime Prevention and Punishment*, Lily E. Hirsch explores, through a series of fascinating case studies, the related terrain at the intersection of music and law, demonstrating the ways in which music has become a tool of law enforcement and justice. To do this, Hirsch asks several questions: How does the law treat music? When and why does music participate in the law? How does music influence the legal process? How does the legal process influence music? And how do these appropriations affect the romantic ideals underlying our view of music?

Lily E. Hirsch is an independent scholar. Previously, she was Assistant Professor of Music and Director of the Bachelor of Arts program in music at Cleveland State University. She is the author of *A Jewish Orchestra in Nazi Germany: Musical Politics and the Berlin Jewish Culture League* (University of Michigan Press, 2010).

“Taking an impressive and new approach to contemporary musical culture, the book is the first major intervention in what will soon be a thriving sub-field of contemporary musicological study. Hirsch is one of the most subtle thinkers in musicology.”
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The first book-length study of one of the most essential elements of hip-hop: musical borrowing

**Rhymin’ and Stealin’**

*Musical Borrowing in Hip-Hop*

Justin A. Williams

It has long been commonplace to speak of hip-hop as a form of music deeply reliant on borrowing, especially when it comes to sampling. And yet, until now, almost no one has seriously investigated these critical elements, except to judge them on ethical and legal grounds. In *Rhymin’ and Stealin’*, Justin Williams presents the first book-length study to approach hip-hop intertextuality from a musicological perspective. Using examples from Nas, Jay-Z, A Tribe Called Quest, Eminem, and many others, Williams shows that the transformation of preexisting material is the fundamental element of hip-hop aesthetics, detailing how it works and situating it within the context of other music forms. Whether by taking a familiar dance move, quoting a famous speech, or sampling a rapper or 1970s funk song, by appropriating and reappropriating these elements, hip-hop artists transform something old into something new, something different, something quintessentially hip-hop. Although all music genres use and adapt preexisting material in different ways, hip-hop music celebrates and flaunts its “open source” culture through highly varied means. Indeed, within hip-hop culture there exists a constantly evolving web of reference both to the genre’s own past and to other musical and cultural forms. This web of references, borrowed material, and digitally sampled sounds forms the basis of this book.

**Dr. Justin A. Williams** is Principal Lecturer in Music at the University of Bristol.

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Tracing how the meanings of a barbaric surgical procedure emerged, accrued, and transformed within medicine and public culture in the U.S.

American Lobotomy

A Rhetorical History

Jenell Johnson

In 1935, lobotomy, one of the most infamous procedures in the history of medicine, was heralded as a “miracle cure” by newspapers and magazines, as they hoped that this “soul surgery” would empty the nation’s perennially blighted asylums. But the practice soon fell from favor, as the operation became characterized as a cruel practice with suspiciously authoritarian overtones. Only twenty years after the first operation, lobotomists once praised for “therapeutic courage” were condemned for their barbarity. American Lobotomy: A Rhetorical History studies representations of lobotomy in a wide variety of cultural texts to offer a rhetorical and cultural history of the infamous procedure and its continued effect on American medicine.

Author Jenell Johnson has uncovered previously discarded texts including science fiction, horror films, political polemics, and conspiracy theories that illustrate lobotomy’s entanglement with social and political narratives and how they contributed to a powerful image of the operation that persists to this day. In a provocative challenge to the history of medicine, American Lobotomy argues that lobotomy’s rhetorical history is crucial to understanding lobotomy’s medical history, offering a case study of how medicine accumulates meaning as it circulates in public culture, and it stands as an argument for the need to understand biomedicine as a culturally situated practice.

Jenell Johnson is Assistant Professor of Rhetoric, Politics, and Culture at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

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Hallowed Stewards
Solon and the Sacred Treasurers of Ancient Athens
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Students of ancient Athenian politics, governance, and religion have long stumbled over the rich evidence of inscriptions and literary texts that document the Athenians’ stewardship of the wealth of the gods. Likewise, Athens was well known for devoting public energy and funds to all matters of ritual, ranging from the building of temples to major religious sacrifices. Yet, lacking any adequate account of how the Athenians organized that commitment, much less how it arose and developed, ancient historians and philologists alike have labored with only a paltry understanding of what was a central concern to the Athenians themselves. That deficit of knowledge, in turn, has constrained and diminished our grasp of other essential questions surrounding Athenian society and its history, such as the nature of political life in archaic Athens, and the forces underlying Athens’ imperial finances.

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Berossus and Manetho
John Dillery

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