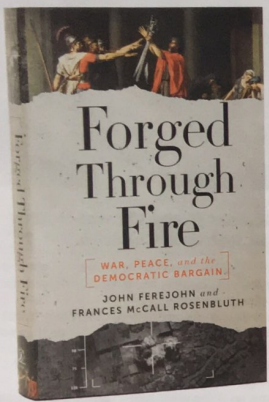




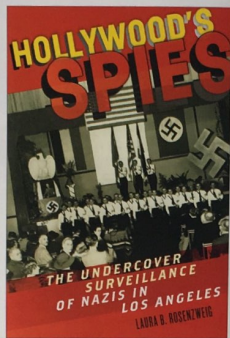
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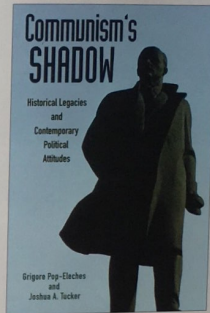


Forged Through Fire
 Coauthored by School of Law professor John Ferejohn, *Forged Through Fire: War, Peace, and the Democratic Bargain* (Liveright) traces the origins of the links between armed conflict and democracy's expansion. According to the authors, the heavy cavalry of the Middle Ages did not require mass numbers of peasants, so aristocratic power remained concentrated. Everything changed, however, when the rise of gunpowder weapons necessitated a large infantry forced the elite to concede some rights to the wider populace. Wars of mass mobilization then led to the form of democracy we now know, in which huge standing armies require broad participation by the lower classes. Today, the book asserts, the lessening need for bodies in the wake of technological advancements may be detrimental to democracy.

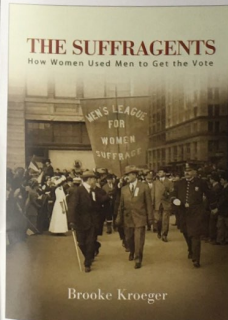
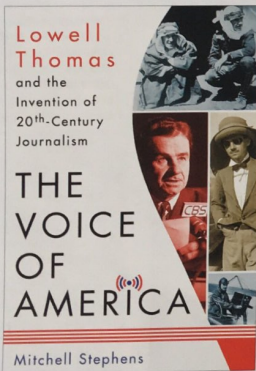


Hollywood's Spies
 In a story that perhaps only Hollywood could bring about, Laura Rosenzweig recounts how Jewish movie executives paid private investigators to infiltrate Nazi groups operating in Los Angeles, thus establishing the first anti-Nazi Jewish resistance organization in the United States: the Los Angeles Jewish Community Committee (LAJCC). *Hollywood's Spies: The Undercover Surveillance of Nazis in Los Angeles* (NYU Press) illuminates the role that Jewish Americans played in combating domestic insurgent Nazism in the 1930s. Forced undercover by the anti-Semitic climate of the period, the LAJCC partnered with organizations whose Americanism was unquestioned—notably, the American Legion—to channel information regarding Nazi plots to Congress, the US Justice Department, the FBI, and the Los Angeles Police Department.

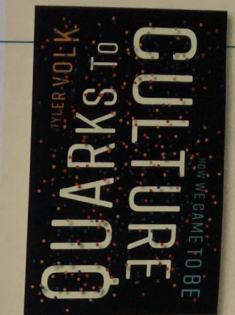
Communism's Shadow
Communism's Shadow: Historical Legacies and Contemporary Political Attitudes (Princeton University Press) assesses the effect of communist legacies on the attitudes of post-communist citizens. Individuals in these nations hold political, economic, and social opinions that consistently differ from citizens in other countries, according to coauthor Joshua Tucker, director of NYU's Jordan Center for the Advanced Study of Russia. The authors demonstrate that living through communism has a clear and consistent effect on explaining why citizens in post-communist countries are, on average, less supportive of democracy and more supportive of state-provided social welfare. Thus, the longer citizens have lived through communism, the greater their support for beliefs associated with communist ideology.



The Voice of America
 Lowell Thomas began delivering America's first national radio newscast in 1930 and mastered what we now call traditional journalism. In *The Voice of America: Lowell Thomas and the Invention of 20th-Century Journalism* (St. Martin's Press), journalism professor Mitchell Stephens takes readers through Thomas's creation of nonpartisan, objective, and trusted journalism that served as a model for generations of reporters—one that the author acknowledges no longer holds the favor it once did. "A country that, before Lowell, had been divided geographically is increasingly divided, after Lowell, by cable network, website, or Twitter feed," Stephens observes. "And this new, more fragmented media environment has also altered what we ask from journalism."



The Suffragents
 Women won the right to vote in New York 100 years ago this November. But while the leadership of Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton in the suffrage movement has been well-documented, little is known about one of its influential allies: men. "In the course of women's protracted and hard-fought battle to gain the vote in the United States, men played a consequential role that they did not aggrandize or promote," observes journalism professor Brooke Kroeger in her new book, *The Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote* (SUNY Press). "[The Men's League for Woman Suffrage] willingly acted on orders from and in tandem with the women who ran the greater state and national suffrage campaigns."



Quarks to Culture
 Scientists have painstakingly sought to understand how the universe's parts make up its whole, but environmental scientist Tyler Volk suggests a new approach in his book *Quarks to Culture: How We Came to Be* (Columbia University Press). "When physicists talk about their quest for a theory of everything, they do not include the works of Shakespeare," he writes. "But what if we were to desire to include Shakespeare along with the quarks of physics as a member of the set of things being studied?" Stretching from atoms to the building of societies, Volk reveals how a universal natural rhythm produced a grand sequence of 12 fundamental levels across the fields of physics, biology, and culture.

Transition by Design
 Transitions to adulthood for adolescents with disabilities are as diverse as the adolescents themselves. While there have been marked improvements for students with disabilities, there is still concern that employment education and independent living outcomes are not equitable across groups of students. Recommending a shift toward strength-based approaches to research and practice, Audrey Trainor, Steinhardt associate professor of education, explores how all stakeholders, including researchers and practitioners, can help shape equitable opportunities for youth with disabilities in transition. *Transition by Design: Improving Equity and Outcomes for Adolescents with Disabilities* (Teachers College Press) reframes disability, diversity, and equity during the transition from high school to adulthood.

