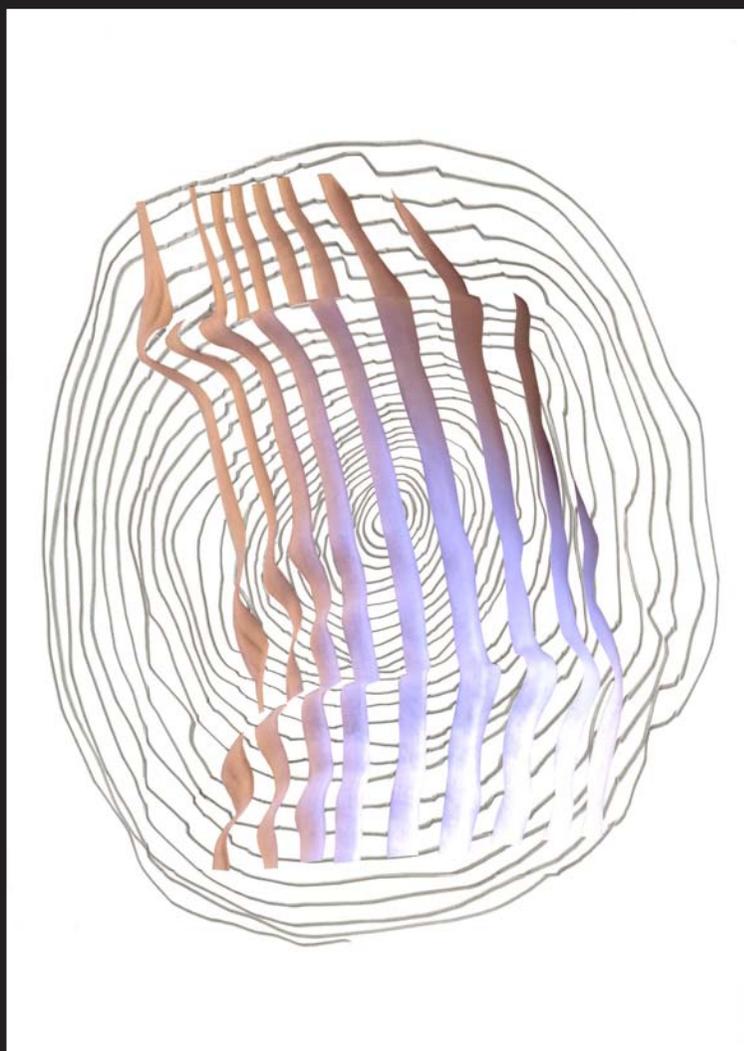


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Anthems, Sonnets, and Chants

Recovering the African American Poetry of the 1930s

Jon Woodson

In the 1930s African Americans faced three distinct historical crises that impacted the lives of African Americans directly—the Great Depression, the existential-identity crisis, and the Italo-Ethiopian War, with its threat of a race war. A sizeable body of black poetry was produced in this decade, which captured the new modes of autonomy through which black Americans resisted these social calamities. Much of it, however, including the most influential protest poems, was dismissed as “romantic” by major, leftist critics and anthologists.

Anthems, Sonnets, and Chants: Recovering the African American Poetry of the 1930s, by Jon Woodson, uses social philology to unveil social discourse, self fashioning, and debates in poems gathered from anthologies, magazines, newspapers, and individual collections. The first chapter examines three long poems, finding overarching jeremiadic discourse that inaugurated a militant, politically aware agent. Chapter two examines self-fashioning in the numerous sonnets that responded to the new media of radio, newsreels, movies, and photo-magazines. The third chapter shows how new subjectivities were generated by poetry addressed to the threat of race war in which the white race was exterminated.

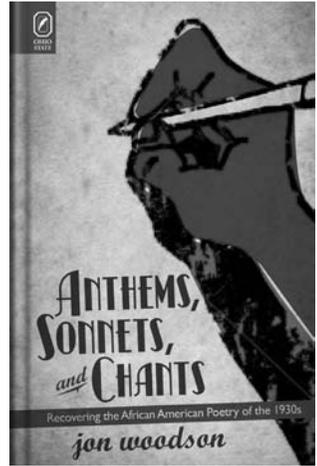
The black intellectuals who dominated the interpretative discourses of the 1930s fostered exteriority, while black culture as a whole plunged into interiority. *Anthems, Sonnets, and Chants* delineates the struggle between these inner and outer worlds, a study made difficult by a contemporary intellectual culture which recoils from a belief in a consistent, integrated self.

Jon Woodson is professor of English at Howard University.

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“Jon Woodson’s *Anthems, Sonnets, and Chants* is a thoroughly engaging work. He makes a convincing case for not only reading a wide range of neglected poetry from the period, but for reading it through the rich interpretive lens he provides. This is a major work of scholarship which genuinely breaks new ground in the field.”

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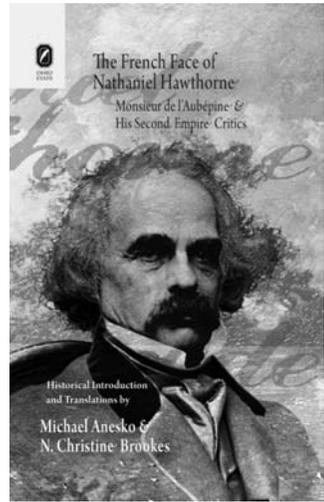


The French Face of Nathaniel Hawthorne

Monsieur de l'Aubépine and His Second Empire Critics

Historical Introduction and Translations by Michael Anesko and N. Christine Brookes

Most students of American literature probably can recall the playful French *nom de plume*—Monsieur de l'Aubépine—that Nathaniel Hawthorne occasionally employed to disguise some of his early attempts at authorship. But very few will know that Monsieur de l'Aubépine enjoyed a surprisingly intelligent critical reception in France during his lifetime. No fewer than six—often startling—essays about the American author appeared in leading French periodicals from 1852 to 1864. *The French Face of Nathaniel Hawthorne*, edited by Michael Anesko and N. Christine Brookes, recuperates these lost (or forgotten) critical assessments, making available to English readers for the first time the full texts of these extraordinary contemporaneous French critical essays. Besides offering elegantly rendered (and helpfully annotated) translations of the essays, Anesko and Brookes analyze them in relation to their immediate historical context and examine their unexpected relevance to later critical trends and arguments.



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Michael Anesko is associate professor of English at Pennsylvania State University.
N. Christine Brookes is assistant professor of French at Central Michigan University.

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"These essays, in conjunction with the Introduction, constitute a major addition to our understanding of a significant moment in literary history, not only with respect to Hawthorne's critical reception in France, but also to that reception's influence on Henry James's Hawthorne, and to later critical positions and affinities. The scholarship itself is comprehensive and informed—and the attention to detail, especially with respect to translation and the complex context in which it operates, is, in my opinion, extraordinary." —John Dolis, professor of English and American studies, Penn State University, Scranton

Charlotte Perkins Gilman

New Texts, New Contexts

Edited by Jennifer S. Tuttle and Carol Farley Kessler

During her lifetime, Charlotte Perkins Gilman (1860–1935) was a popular writer, public speaker, and social reformer whose literary interests ranged from short stories, novels, and nonfiction philosophical studies to poetry, newspaper columns, plays, and many other genres. Though she fell into obscurity after her death, there has been a resurgence of interest in Gilman’s works among literary scholars.

Charlotte Perkins Gilman: New Texts, New Contexts represents a new phase of feminist scholarship in recovery, drawing readers’ attention to Gilman’s lesser-known works from fresh perspectives that revise what we thought we knew about the author and her work. Volume contributors consider an array of texts that have not yet enjoyed adequate critical scrutiny, including Gilman’s short fiction, drama, and writing for periodicals, as well as her long fiction. Similarly, incorporating careful archival, biographical, and historical research, contributors explore Gilman’s life and writings—including her most famous story, “The Yellow Wall-Paper”—through strikingly new critical lenses. Other essays included here assess Gilman’s place in a longer historical trajectory and within multiple rhetorical traditions, from the genre of feminist humor to the canon of African American women’s literary production.

Jennifer S. Tuttle is associate professor of English and Dorothy M. Healy Chair in Literature & Health at the University of New England, where she serves as Faculty Director, Maine Women Writers Collection; she also coedits *Legacy: A Journal of American Women Writers*. Carol Farley Kessler is professor emerita of English, American Studies, and Women’s Studies at Penn State-Brandywine, and has also published on Elizabeth Stuart Phelps and U.S. women’s utopian writing.

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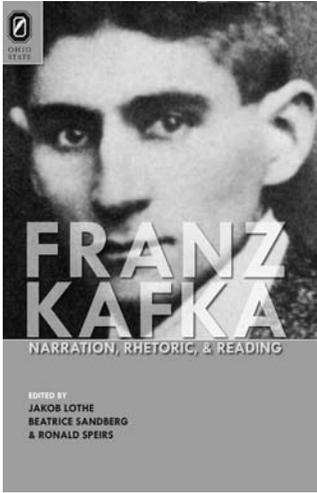
“With this collection, the editors aim to provide additional context for Gilman’s life and work and to engage with texts often overshadowed by her canonical ones. The editors as well as the contributors have succeeded in these two goals. They situate Gilman more fully in her times and widen the scholarly lens so that more of Gilman’s numerous works come into focus.” —Cynthia J. Davis, professor of English, University of South Carolina



Franz Kafka

Narration, Rhetoric, and Reading

Edited by Jakob Lothe, Beatrice Sandberg, and Ronald Speirs



Franz Kafka: Narration, Rhetoric, and Reading presents essays by noted Kafka critics and by leading narratologists who explore Kafka's original and innovative uses of narrative throughout his career. Collectively, these essays by Stanley Corngold, Anniken Greve, Gerhard Kurz, Jakob Lothe, J. Hillis Miller, Gerhard Neumann, James Phelan, Beatrice Sandberg, Ronald Speirs, and Benno Wagner examine a number of provocative questions arising from Kafka's narratives and method of narration. The arguments of the essays relate both to the peculiarities of Kafka's story-telling and to general issues in narrative theory. They reflect, for example, the complexity of the issues surrounding the "somebody" doing the telling, the attitude of the narrator to what is told, the perceived purpose(s) of the telling, the implied or actual reader, the progression of events, and the progression of the telling. As the essays also demonstrate, Kafka's narratives still present a considerable challenge to, as well as a great resource for, narra-

tive theory and analysis.

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Theory and Interpretation of Narrative
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"The editors of this volume have brought together a group of internationally acclaimed specialists in cutting-edge narrative theory and eminent Kafka scholars from a number of countries. Franz Kafka offers a ground-breaking textual exegesis of often enigmatic texts and reveals the light that can be cast on interpretive problems by rigorous, state-of-the-art narrative theory. The book is a model of high calibre collaborative work undertaken by leading Kafka experts." —John J. White, emeritus professor of German and comparative literature, King's College London

Toys and Tools in Pink

Cultural Narratives of Gender, Science, and Technology

Carol Colatrella

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs work collaboratively to connect education and research at the institutional, national, and global levels. But what role do women play in STEM? In this very timely book, Carol Colatrella responds to the under-representation of women in STEM by considering how gender inflects literary and media representations. In her analysis of fictional and cinematic texts that reference STEM, she investigates cultural tensions concerning sex roles—tensions that continue to be influential in today's world.

Toys and Tools in Pink analyzes female character types that recur in fictional narratives in print, on television, and in the cinema: female criminals and detectives, mothers who practice medicine, and “babe scientists,” among others. It also investigates how narrative settings and plots both subsume and influence cultural stereotypes of gender in prescribing salient professional and personal codes of conduct in the STEM fields.

Literary and historical case studies in *Toys and Tools in Pink* examine issues of women's abilities in, access to, and management of science and technology. These issues appear in debates among university faculty, politicians, and public policy analysts concerned about women's participation in STEM fields. Current analyses of diverse fictions and films demonstrate a continuing interest in women's place in science and technology and also create new, evolving understandings of femininity and masculinity that revise earlier stereotypes. Carol Colatrella is a professor of literature and cultural studies in the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture, and Co-Director of the Center for the Study of Women, Science, and Technology, at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

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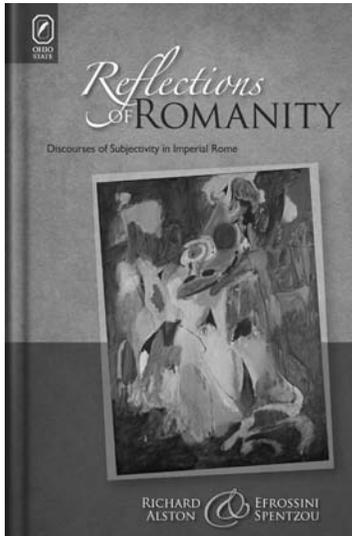


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Reflections of Romanity

Discourses of Subjectivity in Imperial Rome

Richard Alston and Efrossini Spentzou



Reflections of Romanity: Discourses of Subjectivity in Imperial Rome, by Richard Alston and Efrossini Spentzou, challenges and provokes debate about how we understand the Roman world, and ourselves, by engagement with the early imperial literature of the mid-first to early second-century CE. Alston and Spentzou explore Roman subjectivity to illuminate a society whose fragmentation presented considerable challenges to contemporary thinkers. These members of the elite and intellectual classes faced complex ideological choices in how they could define themselves in relation to imperial society.

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Inventing Womanhood

Gender and Language in Later Middle English Writing

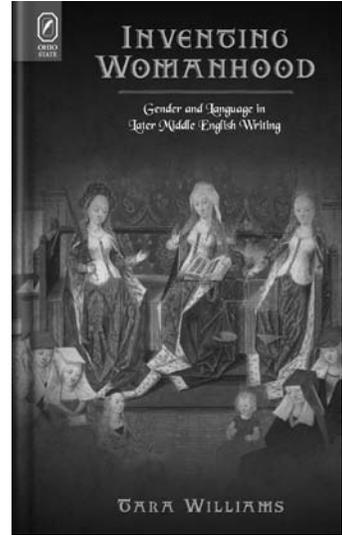
Tara Williams

In *Inventing Womanhood*, Tara Williams investigates new ideas about womanhood that arose in fourteenth-century Britain and evolved throughout the fifteenth century. In the aftermath of the plague and the substantial cultural shifts of the late 1300s, female roles expanded temporarily. As a result, the dominant models of maiden, wife, and widow could no longer adequately describe women's roles and lives.

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Portraits of the Artist as a Young Woman

Painting and the Novel in France and Britain, 1800–1860

Alexandra K. Wettlaufer

As women entered the field of cultural production in unprecedented numbers in nineteenth-century France and Britain, they gradually forged a place for themselves, however tenuous, in artistic movements and exhibitions, in academies and salons, and finally in the public imagination. *Portraits of the Artist as a Young Woman: Painting and the Novel in France and Britain, 1800–1860* focuses on a decisive period in that process of professional self-invention and maps out the concrete and symbolic roles played by women painters, real and fictional, in the construction of female artistic identity in the aesthetic and the public spheres. Alexandra K. Wettlaufer examines the diverse and complex ways canonical and non-canonical women painters and novelists—including Anne Brontë, Sydney Owenson, Margaret Gillies, Marceline Desbordes-Valmore, George Sand, and Hortense Haudebourt-Lescot—figured and brought forth the radical image of a female subject representing the world.

Wettlaufer brings to light a rich and nearly forgotten culture of women’s artistic production, allowing us to understand the nineteenth-century in more complex and nuanced ways across the borders of gender, genre, and nation. In her close readings of paintings by women and novels about women painting, she charts the political and cultural resonances of this artistic self-representation, tracing its evolution through themes of “The Studio” (Part I), “Cosmopolitan Visions” (Part II), and “The Portrait” (Part III). By pairing painting and literature in a single study that also considers works from two distinct but closely related cultures, *Portraits of the Artist as a Young Woman* locates the interpretation of these works in the dialogic context in which they were created and consumed, highlighting aesthetic and political intersections between nineteenth-century British and French art, literature, and feminism that are too often elided by the disciplinary boundaries of scholarship.



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I predict *Portraits of the Artist as a Young Woman* will take its rightful place in the bibliography of feminist studies of painting and literature.” —Michèle Hannoosh, professor of French, University of Michigan

The Real, the True, and the Told

Postmodern Historical Narrative and the Ethics of Representation

Eric L. Berlatsky

The Real, The True, and The Told: Postmodern Historical Narrative and the Ethics of Representation, by Eric L. Berlatsky, intervenes in contemporary debates over the problems of historical reference in a postmodern age. It does so through an examination of postmodern literary practices and their engagement with the theorization of history. The book looks at the major figures of constructivist historiography and at postmodern fiction (and memoir) that explicitly presents and/or theorizes “history.” It does so in order to suggest that reading such fiction can intervene substantially in debates over historical reference and the parallel discussion of redefining contemporary ethics.

Much theorization in the wake of Hayden White suggests that history is little better than fiction in its professed goal of representing the “truth” of the past, particularly because of its reliance on the narrative form. While postmodern fiction is often read as reflecting and/or repeating such theories, this book argues that, in fact, such fiction proposes alternative models of accurate historical reference, based on models of nonnarrativity. Through a combination of high theory and narrative theory, the book illustrates how the texts examined insist upon the possibility of accessing the real by rejecting narrative as their primary mode of articulation. Among the authors examined closely in *The Real, The True, and The Told* are Virginia Woolf, Graham Swift, Salman Rushdie, Art Spiegelman, and Milan Kundera.

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Revivalist Fantasy

Alliterative Verse and Nationalist Literary History

Randy P. Schiff

Revivalist Fantasy: Alliterative Verse and Nationalist Literary History by Randy P. Schiff contributes to recent conversations about disciplinary history by analyzing the nationalist context for scholars and editors involved in disseminating the literary historical theory of an Alliterative Revival. Redirecting Alliterative Revivalism's backward gaze, *Revivalist Fantasy* re-engages with the local contexts of select alliterative works.

Schiff revises readings of alliterative poetry as Francophobic, exploring the transnational imperialist elitism in the translation *William of Palerne*. He contributes to the discussion of gender in *Sir Gawain and the Green Knight* by linking the poem's powerful female players with anxieties about women's control of wealth and property in militarized regions of England. The book also explores the emphatically pre-national, borderlands sensibilities informing the *Awntyrs off Arthure* and *Golagros and Gawane*, and it examines the exploitation of collaborative composition in the material legacy of the *Piers Plowman* tradition.

Revivalist Fantasy concludes that Revivalist nationalism obscures crucial continuities between late-medieval and post-national worlds and that critics' interests should be channeled into the forging of connections between past and present rather than suspended in the scholarly pursuit of origins. The book will be of interest to scholars of editorial history and translation studies and to those interested in manuscript studies.



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Fashioning Celebrity

Eighteenth-Century British Actresses and Strategies for Image Making

Laura Engel

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By emphasizing the importance of reading narratives through visual and theatrical frameworks and visual and theatrical representations through narrative models, Engel demonstrates the ways in which actresses' identities were imagined through a variety of discourses that worked dialectically to construct their complex self-representations. *Fashioning Celebrity* suggests that eighteenth-century practices of self-promotion mirror contemporary ideas about marketing, framing, and selling the elusive self, providing a way to begin to chart a history of our contemporary obsession with fame and our preoccupation with the rise and fall of famous women.

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The Governance of Friendship

Law and Gender in the *Decameron*

Michael Sherberg

The Governance of Friendship: Law and Gender in the Decameron by Michael Sherberg addresses two related and heretofore unexamined problems in the pages of the *Decameron*: its theory of friendship and the legal theory embedded in it. Sherberg shows how Aristotle's *Ethics* as well as Thomas Aquinas's *Summa Theologica* inform these two discourses, at the intersection of which Boccaccio locates the question of gender relations which is one of the book's central concerns.

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Michael Sherberg is associate professor of Italian, Washington University in St. Louis.

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