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The authors outline a spatial science framework for policymakers, social scientists, and environmental researchers as they explore and analyze complex problems. By emphasizing research as a learning and experiential process while providing students with the encouragement and skills needed for success in proposal writing, the publication serves as a textbook for research-design or project-based courses at the upper-division undergraduate and graduate level. *Coauthored with Gregory D. Bierly and Jay D. Gatrell. Springer*

_____ **The Millennial Marriage, Brian J. Willoughby (School of Family Life)**

In recent decades, the modern world has been introduced to the concept of “me-marriage,” a marital relationship that blends individualized life goals and interests. By combining a review of the latest social science research on the benefits and costs of marriage with new quantitative and qualitative data from married and single adults, Willoughby explores the larger patterns at play and identifies trends of what a modern healthy marriage looks like. *Routledge*

_____ **A Bold Profession: African Nurses in Rural Apartheid South Africa, Leslie Anne Hadfield (History)**

Black nurses in South Africa played critical roles in rural clinics, navigating the intersections of traditional African healing practices, changing gender relations, and increasing opportunities for South Africa’s Black middle class between the 1960s and 1980s. This book tells the stories of women in their own voices to show how they carved out their own professional space and reshaped notions of health and healing during apartheid. *University of Wisconsin Press*

_____ **Structures of the Earth: Metageographies of Early Medieval China, D. Jonathan Felt (History)**

The traditional Chinese notion of China as the “middle kingdom”—literally the cultural and political center of the world—remains vital to its own self-perceptions and became foundational to Western understandings of China. This idea was formed during the unification of China in the Qin and Han dynasties, but the fragmentation of the empire in the subsequent “Age of Disunion” undermined imperial orthodoxies of unity, centrality, and universality. In response, geographical writing proliferated, exploring greater spatial complexities and alternative worldviews. This is the first study of the emergent

genre of geographical writing and the metageographies that structured China's spatial thought during that period. *Harvard University Press*

_____ ***A Dramatic Reinvention: German Television and Moral Renewal After National Socialism, 1956–1970, Stewart Anderson (History)***

Following World War II, Germany was faced not only with the practical tasks of reconstruction and denazification but also with the long-term mission of morally “recivilizing” its citizens. One of the most important mediums for re-education was television. This book shows how TV dramas transcended state boundaries and—withstanding the ideological differences between East and West—addressed shared issues and themes, helping to ease viewers into confronting uncomfortable moral topics. *Berghahn Books*

_____ ***The Price of Loyalty: Hubert Humphrey's Vietnam Conflict, Andrew L. Johns (History)***

Vietnam loomed large for Hubert Humphrey as vice president from 1964 through the 1968 election campaign against Richard Nixon. In his book, Johns assesses how Humphrey's loyalty to Lyndon B. Johnson, who emerges as the villain of the story in many ways, would negatively affect his political ambitions. It is a complex and frustrating narrative, the results of which would be tragic not only for Humphrey's presidential aspirations but also for the war in Southeast Asia and the future of the United States. *Rowman & Littlefield*

_____ ***Founding Factions: How Majorities Shifted and Aligned to Shape the U.S. Constitution, Jeremy C. Pope (Political Science)***

The deep structure of voting at the Constitutional Convention remains somewhat murky because the traditional stories are incomplete. It is true that the delegates came with common purposes, but they were divided by both interests and ideas into three crosscutting factions. The alliance of the core reformers with the slave interests helped change representation and helped make a stronger national government. But when it came time to create a strong executive, a group of small state delegates provided the crucial votes. There was no persistent dominant coalition of reformers or nationalists; rather, there was a series of minority factions allying with one another on the major issues to fashion a compromise that created the American government. *Co-authored with Shawn Treier, University of Michigan Press*

_____ ***Japanese Democracy and Lessons for the United States: Eight Counterintuitive Lessons, Ray Christensen (Political Science)***

How should nations best run elections and manage politics? Examples from the Japanese experience give insight from a non-Western democracy. The analysis challenges conventional wisdom in both Japan and the United States, highlighting surprising and counterintuitive findings from decades of observation. This book also explicitly compares Japan to other democracies to contextualize lessons from Japan for greater understanding. *Routledge*