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Oral and Manuscript Culture in the Bible

The current volume aims to shed new light on the relationships between Catholicism and books during the early modern period, gathering studies with special focus on trade, common readings and the mechanisms used to control readership in different territories.

Christianity, Book-Burning and Censorship in Late Antiquity

The most important theatrical movement in sixteenth- and early seventeenth-century Europe, the *commedia dell'arte* has inspired playwrights, artists, and musicians including Molière, Dario Fo, Picasso, and Stravinsky. Because of its stock characters, improvised dialogue, and extravagant theatricalism, the *commedia dell'arte* is often assumed to be a superficial comic style. With *Befriending the Commedia dell'Arte of Flaminio Scala*, Natalie Crohn Schmitt demolishes that assumption. By reconstructing the *commedia dell'arte* scenarios published by troupe manager Flaminio Scala

(1547–1624), Schmitt demonstrates that in its Golden Age the commedia dell'arte relied as much on craftsmanship as on improvisation and that Scala's scenarios are a treasure trove of social commentary on early modern daily life in Italy. In the book, Schmitt makes use of her intensive research into the social and cultural history of sixteenth-century Italy and the aesthetic principles of the period. She combines this research with her insights drawn from studying with contemporary commedia dell'arte performers and from directing a production of one of Scala's scenarios. The result is a new perspective on the commedia dell'arte that illuminates the style's full richness.

Christianity and the Crisis of Cultures

From the earliest days of public outrage over "indecent" nickelodeon shows, Americans have worried about the power of the movies. The eleven essays in this book examine nearly a century of struggle over cinematic representations of sex, crime, violence, religion, race, and ethnicity, revealing that the effort to regulate the screen has reflected deep social and cultural schisms. In addition to the editor, contributors include Daniel Czitrom, Marybeth Hamilton, Garth Jowett, Charles Lyons, Richard Maltby, Charles Musser, Alison M. Parker, Charlene Register, Ruth Vasey, and Stephen Vaughn. Together they make it clear that censoring the movies is more than just a reflex against "indecent," however defined. Whether censorship protects the vulnerable or suppresses the creative, it is part of a broader

culture war that breaks out recurrently as Americans try to come to terms with the market, the state, and the plural society in which they live.

Church and Culture in Seventeenth-Century France

Challenging the common assumption that religious heterodoxy was a prelude to the secularisation of thought, this volume explores the variety of relations between heterodox theology, political thought, moral and natural philosophy and historical writing in both Protestant and Catholic Europe from 1600 to the Enlightenment.

The Censor, the Editor, and the Text

'Censorship' has become a fashionable topic, not only because of newly available archival material from Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union, but also because the 'new censorship' (inspired by the works of Foucault and Bourdieu) has widened the very concept of censorship beyond its conventional boundaries. This volume uses these new materials and perspectives to address the relationship of censorship to cultural selection processes (such as canon formation), economic forces, social exclusion, professional marginalization, silencing through specialized discourses, communicative norms, and other forms of control and regulation. Two articles in this collection investigate these issues theoretically. The remaining eight contributions address the issues by investigating censorial practice across time and

space by looking at the closure of Paul's playhouse in 1606; the legacy of 19th century American regulations and representation of women teachers; the relationship between official and samizdat publishing in Communist Poland; the ban on Gegenwartsfilme (films about contemporary society) in East Germany in 1965/66; the censorship of modernist music in Weimar and Nazi Germany; the GDR's censorship of jazz and avantgarde music in the early 1950s; Aesopian strategies of textual resistance in the pop music of apartheid South Africa and in the stories of Mario Benedetti.

Purifying America

This book explores the secrets of the extraordinary editorial success of Jacobus Acontius' *Satan's Stratagems*, an important book that intrigued readers and outraged religious authorities across Europe. Despite condemnation by the Catholic Church, the work, first published in Basel in 1565, was a resounding success. For the next century it was republished dozens of times in different historical context, from France to Holland to England. The work sowed the idea that religious persecution and coercion are stratagems made up by the devil to destroy the kingdom of God. Acontius' work prepared the ground for religious toleration amid seemingly unending religious conflicts. In Revolutionary England it was propagated by latitudinarians and independents, but also harshly censored by Presbyterians as a dangerous Socinian book. Giorgio Caravale casts new light on the reasons why both

Catholics and Protestants welcomed this work as one of the most threatening attacks to their religious power. This book is an invaluable resource for anyone interested in the history of toleration, in the Reformation and Counter-Reformation across Europe.

The Catholic Church and Hollywood

Until the close of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, the stance of the Roman Catholic Church toward the social, cultural, economic, and political developments of the twentieth century was largely antagonistic. Naturally opposed to secularization, skeptical of capitalist markets indifferent to questions of justice, confused and appalled by new forms of high and low culture, and resistant to the social and economic freedom of women—in all of these ways the Catholic Church set itself up as a thoroughly anti-modern institution. Yet, in and through the period from World War I to Vatican II, the Church did engage with, react to, and even accommodate various aspects of modernity. In *All Good Books Are Catholic Books*, Una M. Cadegan shows how the Church's official position on literary culture developed over this crucial period. The Catholic Church in the United States maintained an Index of Prohibited Books and the National Legion of Decency (founded in 1933) lobbied Hollywood to edit or ban movies, pulp magazines, and comic books that were morally suspect. These regulations posed an obstacle for the self-understanding of Catholic American readers, writers, and scholars. But as Cadegan finds, Catholics developed a rationale by which they could both respect the laws of the Church

as it sought to protect the integrity of doctrine and also engage the culture of artistic and commercial freedom in which they operated as Americans. Catholic literary figures including Flannery O'Connor and Thomas Merton are important to Cadegan's argument, particularly as their careers and the reception of their work demonstrate shifts in the relationship between Catholicism and literary culture. Cadegan trains her attention on American critics, editors, and university professors and administrators who mediated the relationship among the Church, parishioners, and the culture at large.

Culture and Censorship in Late Renaissance Italy and France

In this study of the reciprocities binding religion, politics, law, and literature, Debora Shuger offers a profoundly new history of early modern English censorship, one that bears centrally on issues still current: the rhetoric of ideological extremism, the use of defamation to ruin political opponents, the grounding of law in theological ethics, and the terrible fragility of public spheres. Starting from the question of why no one prior to the mid-1640s argued for free speech or a free press per se, *Censorship and Cultural Sensibility* surveys the texts against which Tudor-Stuart censorship aimed its biggest guns, which turned out not to be principled dissent but libels, conspiracy fantasies, and hate speech. The book explores the laws that attempted to suppress such material, the cultural values that underwrote this regulation, and, finally, the very different framework

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of assumptions whose gradual adoption rendered censorship illegitimate. Virtually all substantive law on language concerned defamation, regulating what one could say about other people. Hence Tudor-Stuart laws extended protection only to the person hurt by another's words, never to their speaker. In treating transgressive language as akin to battery, English law differed fundamentally from papal censorship, which construed its target as heresy. There were thus two models of censorship operative in the early modern period, both premised on religious norms, but one concerned primarily with false accusation and libel, the other with false belief and immorality. Shuger investigates the first of these models—the dominant English one—tracing its complex origins in the Roman law of iniuria through medieval theological ethics and Continental jurisprudence to its continuities and discontinuities with current U.S. law. In so doing, she enables her reader to grasp how in certain contexts censorship could be understood as safeguarding both charitable community and personal dignitary rights.

The Intellectual Consequences of Religious Heterodoxy, 1600-1750

A New York Times Notable Book of 2018 “Searingly passionate...Nixey writes up a storm. Each sentence is rich, textured, evocative, felt...[A] ballista-bolt of a book.” —New York Times Book Review In Harran, the locals refused to convert. They were dismembered, their limbs hung along the town’s main street. In Alexandria, zealots pulled the elderly philosopher-mathematician Hypatia from her chariot and flayed

her to death with shards of broken pottery. Not long before, their fellow Christians had invaded the city's greatest temple and razed it—smashing its world-famous statues and destroying all that was left of Alexandria's Great Library. Today, we refer to Christianity's conquest of the West as a "triumph." But this victory entailed an orgy of destruction in which Jesus's followers attacked and suppressed classical culture, helping to pitch Western civilization into a thousand-year-long decline. Just one percent of Latin literature would survive the purge; countless antiquities, artworks, and ancient traditions were lost forever. As Catherine Nixey reveals, evidence of early Christians' campaign of terror has been hiding in plain sight: in the palimpsests and shattered statues proudly displayed in churches and museums the world over. In *The Darkening Age*, Nixey resurrects this lost history, offering a wrenching account of the rise of Christianity and its terrible cost.

Censorship & Cultural Regulation in the Modern Age

Debates over censorship often become debates over the influence of culture on society's morals and the perceived need to protect women and children. *Purifying America* explores the widespread middle-class advocacy of censorship as a popular reform around the turn of the century and provides a historical perspective on contemporary debates over censorship, morality, and pornography that continue to divide women.

The Censor, the Editor, and the Text

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Movie Censorship and American Culture

This book offers a comprehensive account of modern Spanish culture, tracing its dramatic and often unexpected development from its beginnings after the Revolution of 1868 to the present day. Specially-commissioned essays by leading experts provide analyses of the historical and political background of modern Spain, the culture of the major autonomous regions (notably Castile, Catalonia, and the Basque Country), and the country's literature: narrative, poetry, theatre and the essay. Spain's recent development is divided into three main phases: from 1868 to the outbreak of the Spanish Civil War; the period of the dictatorship of Francisco Franco; and the post-Franco arrival of democracy. The concept of 'Spanish culture' is investigated, and there are studies of Spanish painting and sculpture, architecture, cinema, dance, music, and the modern media. A chronology and guides to further reading are provided, making the volume an invaluable introduction to the politics, literature and culture of modern Spain.

Tradition, Heterodoxy, and Religious Culture

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Groundbreaking essays show the variety and complexity of the roles played by inquisition in medieval England.

Jewish Books and their Readers

The Flip Reader

The rise of printing had major effects on culture and society in the early modern period, and the presence of this new technology—and the relatively rapid embrace of it among early modern Jews—certainly had an effect on many aspects of Jewish culture. One major change that print seems to have brought to the Jewish communities of Christian Europe, particularly in Italy, was greater interaction between Jews and Christians in the production and dissemination of books. Starting in the early sixteenth century, the locus of production for Jewish books in many places in Italy was in Christian-owned print shops, with Jews and Christians collaborating on the editorial and technical processes of book production. As this Jewish-Christian collaboration often took place under conditions of control by Christians (for example, the involvement of Christian typesetters and printers, expurgation and censorship of Hebrew texts, and state control of Hebrew printing), its study opens up an important set of questions about the role that Christians played in shaping Jewish culture.

Presenting new research by an international group of scholars, this book represents a step toward a fuller understanding of Jewish book history. Individual

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essays focus on a range of issues related to the production and dissemination of Hebrew books as well as their audiences. Topics include the activities of scribes and printers, the creation of new types of literature and the transformation of canonical works in the era of print, the external and internal censorship of Hebrew books, and the reading interests of Jews. An introduction summarizes the state of scholarship in the field and offers an overview of the transition from manuscript to print in this period.

Dutch review of church history

Culture and the State in Spain, 1550-1850

Commentary on current events and social conditions in the Philippines.

Befriending the Commedia dell'Arte of Flaminio Scala

Explores what happened once the monarchy had been swept away after the civil war and puritans found themselves in power. Examines campaigns to regulate sexual behaviour, reform language, and suppress Christmas traditions, disorderly sports, and popular music. Shows how reformers, despite meeting defiance and evasion, could have a major impact.

Challenge and Response: Education in

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American Culture

National literary histories based on internally homogeneous native traditions have significantly contributed to the construction of national identities, especially in multicultural East-Central Europe, the region between the German and Russian hegemonic cultural powers stretching from the Baltic states to the Balkans. History of the Literary Cultures of East-Central Europe, which covers the last two hundred years, reconceptualizes these literary traditions by de-emphasizing the national myths and by highlighting analogies and points of contact, as well as hybrid and marginal phenomena that tra

History of the Literary Cultures of East-Central Europe

Looks at the history of the production code, discusses the influence of the Legion of Decency, and considers specific films

Poetry and Censorship in Counter-Reformation Italy

Who are the censors of foreign literature? What motives influence them as they patrol the boundaries between cultures? Can cuts and changes sometimes save a book? What difference does it make when the text is for children, or designed for schools? These and other questions are explored in this wide-ranging international collection, with copious examples: from Catullus to Quixote, Petrarch to Shakespeare,

Wollstonecraft to Waugh, Apuleius to Mansfield, how have migrating writers fared? We see many genres, from Celtic hero-tales to histories, autobiographies, polemics and even popular songs, transformed on their travels by the censor's hand.

All Good Books Are Catholic Books

In 1972, *The Godfather* and *Deep Throat* were the two most popular films in the country. One, a major Hollywood studio production, the other an independently made "skin flick." At that moment, Jon Lewis asserts, the fate of the American film industry hung in the balance. Spanning the 20th century, *Hollywood v. Hard Core* weaves a gripping tale of censorship and regulation. Since the industry's infancy, film producers and distributors have publicly regarded ratings codes as a necessary evil. Hollywood regulates itself, we have been told, to prevent the government from doing it for them. But Lewis argues that the studios self-regulate because they are convinced it is good for business, and that censorship codes and regulations are a crucial part of what binds the various competing agencies in the film business together. Yet between 1968 and 1973 Hollywood films were faltering at the box office, and the major studios were in deep trouble. Hollywood's principal competition came from a body of independently produced and distributed films--from foreign art house film *Last Tango in Paris* to hard-core pornography like *Behind the Green Door*--that were at once disreputable and, for a moment at least, irresistible, even chic. In response, Hollywood imposed the

industry-wide MPAA film rating system (the origins of the G, PG, and R designations we have today) that pushed sexually explicit films outside the mainstream, and a series of Supreme Court decisions all but outlawed the theatrical exhibition of hard core pornographic films. Together, these events allowed Hollywood to consolidate its iron grip over what films got made and where they were shown, thus saving it from financial ruin.

Hollywood Censored

Dealing with the issue of ecclesiastical censorship and control over reading and readers, this study challenges the traditional view that during the eighteenth century the Catholic Church in Italy underwent an inexorable decline. It reconstructs the strategies used by the ecclesiastical leadership to regulate the press and culture during a century characterized by important changes, from the spread of the Enlightenment to the creation of a state censorship apparatus. Based on the archival records of the Roman Inquisition and the Congregation of the Index of Forbidden Books preserved in the Vatican, it provides a comprehensive analysis of the Catholic Church's endeavour to keep literature and reading in check by means of censorship and the promotion of a "good" press. The crisis of the Inquisition system did not imply a general diminution of the Church's involvement in controlling the press. Rather than being effective instruments of repression, the Inquisition and the Index combined to create an ideological apparatus to resist new ideas and to direct

public opinion. This was a network mainly inspired by Counter-Enlightenment principles which would go on to influence the Church's action well beyond the eighteenth century. This book is an English translation of *Il governo della lettura: Chiesa e libri nell'Italia del Settecento* (Bologna: Il Mulino, 2007).

Censorship and Heresy in Revolutionary England and Counter-Reformation Rome

Church, Censorship and Culture in Early Modern Italy

In *Poetry and Censorship* Jennifer Helm offers insight into motives and strategies of Counter-Reformation censorship of poetry in Italy. Materials of Roman censorial authorities reveal why the control of poetry and of its reception was crucial to Counter-Reformation cultural politics.

The Culture of Inquisition in Medieval England

Key players and themes in US religion before the twentieth century -- Changes in the religious landscape in the early twentieth century -- Religion and social conflict in the early twentieth century -- Shifts in the religious landscape from World War II to the present -- Religion and evolving social conflicts from World War II to the present -- Cultural aspects of religion from World War II to the present -- Conclusion: consensus, pluralism, and hegemony in

Books in the Catholic World during the Early Modern Period

Discusses the dangers of the Western world's growing secularism, including growing poverty, declining morals, and greater threats to security, and argues that spiritual renewal is the solution to these problems.

Translation and Censorship

2001 essay collection on the Italian Church's attempt to control and censor 'knowledge' during the counter-Reformation.

Hollywood v. Hard Core

It is estimated that only a small fraction, less than 1 per cent, of ancient literature has survived to the present day. The role of Christian authorities in the active suppression and destruction of books in Late Antiquity has received surprisingly little sustained consideration by academics. In an approach that presents evidence for the role played by Christian institutions, writers and saints, this book analyses a broad range of literary and legal sources, some of which have hitherto been little studied. Paying special attention to the problem of which genres and book types were likely to be targeted, the author argues that in addition to heretical, magical, astrological and anti-Christian books, other less obviously subversive

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categories of literature were also vulnerable to destruction, censorship or suppression through prohibition of the copying of manuscripts. These include texts from materialistic philosophical traditions, texts which were to become the basis for modern philosophy and science. This book examines how Christian authorities, theologians and ideologues suppressed ancient texts and associated ideas at a time of fundamental transformation in the late classical world.

Censorship and Cultural Sensibility

By bringing together two apparently unrelated issues - the role of censorship in the creation of print culture and the place of Jewish culture within the context of Christian society - the author advances a new outlook on both, allowing each to be examined through the conceptual framework usually reserved for the other.

The Darkening Age

Tracing the development of the Church in the United States, Johnson discusses the reasons it found "The Miracle" sacrilegious and how it attained the power to persuade civil authorities to ban it.

Prediche

One of the most important studies ever published on eighteenth-century Russia, Victor Zhivovs Language and Culture in Eighteenth-Century Russia now brings an essential work on the genesis of modern Russian

culture to a wider, English-speaking audience. Historians and students of Russian culture agree that the creation of a Russian literary language was key to the formation of a modern secular culture, and Zhivov's book traces the growth of a vernacular language from the hybrid Slavonic of the late seventeenth century through the debates between archaists and innovators of the early nineteenth century. An essential addition to the library of any Russian scholar.

Church and Censorship in Eighteenth-Century Italy

A study of the involvement of the Catholic Church in the cultural life of France in the seventeenth century.

Miracles and Sacrilege

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England's Culture Wars

During the 1930s, the Catholic Church in the US was engaged in a metaphorical 'war' against the increasingly modern and secular values of the American public. Alexander McGregor offers a detailed account of how the Church, feeling itself to

be under siege, used the media- and particularly cinema- to reach out to Americans. The 1930s were the 'golden age' for Hollywood, and the Church saw the film industry as an opportunity to engender a pro-Catholic social moral code amongst the US population. McGregor examines the ways in which the American Catholic Church sought to directly influence film production through its involvement with censorship bodies such as the Legion of Decency. Led by two senior bishops, the Legion of Decency's self-appointed task was to police the censorship process of Hollywood films and ensure the moral exactness of the final product. McGregor furthermore discusses wider themes in this struggle for influence over the public sphere, such as the representations of sex and sexuality in the media, and representations of Americanism and patriotism in popular culture. He thus highlights how the American Catholic Church represented itself and its values, as well as how it perceived its opponents. Finally, 'The Catholic Church and Hollywood' investigates the apparent contradiction at the heart of this attempt to influence the public through the medium of cinema: that a religious group, claiming to be beholden to a higher law and power, would at the same time seek to merge its public identity with secular institutions. McGregor thus scrutinises the claim that in the American polity, state and religion are completely separate. Focusing on the Church's contempt for the public's newfound interest in science, wealth and sexual liberation, Alexander McGregor sheds light on both the social mores of the Catholic Church and wider American society during this crucial period.

The Cambridge Companion to Modern Spanish Culture

Oral and Manuscript Culture in the Bible is the fruit of Professor Loubser's confrontation with how Scripture is read, understood, and used in the Third World situation, which is closer than modern European societies to the social dynamics of the original milieu in which the texts were produced.

Language and Culture in Eighteenth-century Russia

This volume represents an attempt to understand relationships between subjectivity and the state in Spain from the earliest articulations of the "subject" during the Renaissance to the consolidation of an array of bourgeois subjectivities in the mid-nineteenth century. The major argument running throughout the volume is that "literary discourse," from the time it emerges in the sixteenth century to the time it coheres within a wholly modern concept of the "aesthetic," actively develops forms of subjectivity in relation to institutions of class power. Whether we are concerned with the spread of mercantile social relations within waning feudalism or with the cultural "naturalization" of fully capitalist social relations, "literature" reflects the emergence of sensibilities which seek to coordinate and unify the economic, linguistic, political, and social conditions for individual experience. The overall picture of subject formation and state formation presented in this volume, therefore, starts from the initial "autonomy" of

"literature" as a sphere of subjectivity for early modern political elites and moves toward the nineteenth-century generalization of the "aesthetic" as a bourgeois sphere in which both state-imposed and self-conferred forms of political subjectivity are realized. Book jacket.

The Hebrew Book in Early Modern Italy

Jewish Books and their Readers asks what constituted a 'Jewish' book in early modern Europe: how it was presented, disseminated, and understood within Jewish and Christian environments, and what effect this had on views of Jews and their intellectual heritage.

Religion, Culture, and Politics in the Twentieth-century United States

Questo libro di storia potrebbe contenere numerosi refusi e parti di testo mancanti. Solitamente gli acquirenti hanno la possibilita di scaricare gratuitamente una copia scansionata del libro originale (senza refusi) direttamente dall'editore. Il libro e Non illustrato. 1845 edition. Estratto: buono, fa ora, tu mei promettesti che 'l faresti quando tu ti infirmassi. Oh, dice l'infirmo, io non credo morire; io guariro, e farollo alla chiesa, e li mi confessero. Finalmente costui aggravo in tal modo che e'non v'era speranza di guarire, perche era disfidato da' medici. Il buono disse: io n' aro forse ora onore, che 'l si conosce mortale; e vallo a trovare e dice: fratel mio, io non voglio che tu indugi piu. Tu sei in gran pericolo.

Vuo' tu morire come un turco? Il cattivo se gli volse e disse: compagno mio, io ho fatti tanti peccati, che io mi dispero che Dio me gli perdoni. Il buono lo confortava: come, fratello mio, e' tiene le braccia aperte, gli e morto per te, e credi che e' non ti perdoni? non dubitare di niente, io ti ricevo nella mia fede. Lui pare stava sodo in quella dispera Savonauola, Opere. Voi. I. 47 zionc, c non si poteva rivocarc a speranza. In modo che quel devoto mal contento se ne torno a casa. E la notte seguente gli parve vedere il nostro Signor Gesu. Cristo che discendeva sopra il letto del cattivo, e diceva: Revertere ad me, fili mi. Revertere et ego suscipiam te. E lui pure rispondeva: Signore, io ho fatto tanti peccati e infiniti, tu non mi perdoneresti. Il Signore pare gli diceva: lo sono pure morto per te; e lui rispondeva: e pero tanto sono maggiori li miei peccati e la mia ingratitude. Non dubitare, dice Gesu, lo sono misericordioso, e ho perdonato a tanti gran peccatori, io perdonero ancora a te. Rispose: tu sei ancora giusto, e non mi posso immaginare che tu mi perdonassi. Finalmente il Signore prese del costato suo un pugno di sangue, c gitoglielo nella faccia

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