Ben Lisle (American Studies)

**Modern Coliseum: Stadiums and American Culture**
University of Pennsylvania Press (2017)

Lisle guides readers through the changes in stadium design since World War II, from urban ballparks like Ebbets Field and Fenway Park to the later iterations that turned from cities to the suburbs. In tracing this cultural change, Lisle examines the motivations and actions of professional sports teams, architects, and city officials. What emerges is cultural analysis of this long-overlooked architectural and social phenomenon, the evolution of which reflects, in grand scale, changes in American society.

Adrianna Paliyenko (French)

**Genius Envy: Women Shaping French Poetic History, 1801-1900**
Penn State University Press (2016)

Where are the women in French poetry in the 19th century? In *Genius Envy*, Paliyenko restores them to their rightful place, tracing efforts by men of the time to marginalize women and diminish the importance of their work. Male thinkers, critics, and writers were part of a cultural effort to relegate women and their creative work by proclaiming that only men could carry the seed of true genius. This was a “scientific” theory of the time, one that linked the production of sperm cells to artistic creativity. Women, it was said, would reduce their reproductive capacity if they spent time and energy writing and reading. Paliyenko refreshes appreciation of the work and careers of five French women poets who challenged these notions and earned their place in literary history (see story, P. 52).

Jay Sibara (English) and Sarah Jacquette Ray

**Disability Studies and the Environmental Humanities**
University of Nebraska Press (2017)

How does the environment affect the human body? What role does it have in disability and disability politics? Sibara and Ray’s volume *Disability Studies and the Environmental Humanities* seeks to create a resource for undergraduate and graduate students that explores these questions from interdisciplinary perspectives. Beginning with several foundational essays to orient the reader in the environmental and disability discourse, Sibara and Ray include new essays and emerging voices on topics like food justice, health, and imperialism. In the initial essay, Ray dissects the image of the typical image of an outdoorsman—usually male and able bodied. In “Reification, Biomedicine, and Bombs: Women’s Politicization in Vieques’s Social Movement,” Victor M. Torres-Vélez investigates the female force behind health advocacy on the island of Vieques in the aftermath of its use as a facility for the U.S. military. Sibara and Ray weave together essays of many different topics and style to create a cohesive dialogue about the intersection of environment and disability politics.
Paula Harrington (English) and Ronald Jenn

**Mark Twain & France: The Making of a New American Identity**
University of Missouri Press (2017)

Mark Twain is known for his writing about American life, in novels like *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer* and *Life on the Mississippi*; however, despite his apparent distaste for the country, Harrington and Jenn argue that France was an important figure in his life and work, both as a place and a foundation for his own musings on American identity. The product of a Fulbright scholarship spent in Paris and a residency at Quarry Farm, the Clemens family’s New York summer home, *Mark Twain & France: The Making of a New American Identity* tracks and dissects the influence of France on the writer’s life and work.

Richard J. Cass ’73

**In Solo Time**
Encircle Publications (2017)

Cass dives into the Boston bar scene with his novel *In Solo Time*. In this prequel to his first mystery, *Solo Act*, alcoholic bar owner Elder Darrow finds himself in the middle of an investigation when a performer is murdered in his bar’s bathroom. It’s par for the course at the Esposito, a Boston dive that Darrow hopes to turn into a jazz nightspot. As the police struggle to find leads, Darrow discovers his connections to the case run deep. Can he stop the killer before he strikes again (and again)? Lovers of noir fiction will be at home in this dark—and engaging—depiction of the mean streets of Boston.

James Martin ’70, P’20 and James E. Samels

**Consolidating Colleges and Merging Universities: New Strategies for Higher Education Leaders**
Johns Hopkins University Press (2017)

Since the economic downturn of 2008, some colleges and universities have looked for solutions to their own financial weakness. In this book, Martin and Samels, a professor of English and an attorney, respectively, bring together higher education leaders to consider what may previously been unthinkable: forming partnerships with their competitors. Many of those leaders share their experiences, hoping to help their peers negotiate challenging economic times. A practical guide to the downsizing of American education.

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