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[A book's appearance here does not preclude its being reviewed in a subsequent volume. Ed.]

The Globalization of Crime: Understanding Transitional Relationships in Context by Mark Findlay. Cambridge, U.K.: Cambridge University Press, 1999. 243 pp. \$64.95 cloth.

Turning to the burgeoning topic of global everything, Findlay offers the interesting argument that crime not only stems from globalization, but also produces it.

Interrogating Social Justice: Politics, Culture and Identity by Marilyn Corsianos and Kelly Amanda Train eds. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 1999. 269 pp. \$23.95 paper.

Although published in Canada (and edited by a Canadian), this book raises conceptual questions which are central to the topic of social justice; contains contributions by scholars from both Canada and the U.S.

Criminal Injustice: Racism in the Criminal Justice System by Robynne Neugebauer ed. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 2000. 374 pp. \$29.95 paper.

A collection of previously published articles centering mainly on Canada; might be interesting as a reader in criminology taught in the upper Midwest.

Test of Faith: Hope, Courage and the Prison Experience by Eva Evelyn Hanks. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 2000. 198pp. \$14.95 paper.

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This small work written by a woman married to a convicted bank robber might be worth a weekends diversion of light reading.

The Case for Penal Abolition by *W. Gordon West and Ruth Morris, editors. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 2000. 362 pp. \$14.95 paper.*

Contributions from a wide range of scholars and practitioners (e.g., a prison chaplain); centers on Canada, but probably would appeal to U.S. undergraduate.

Diversity and Justice in Canada by *John A. Winterdyk and Douglas E. King eds. Toronto: Canadian Scholars Press, 1999. 303 pp. \$24.95 paper.*

For those interested in the diverse cultural groups in Canada and their relationship to the criminal justice system.

Bad Kids: Race and the Transformation of the Juvenile Court by *Barry C. Feld. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. 374 pp. \$19.95 paper.*

Written by a law professor, this volume treats court decisions (as expected), but also give a remarkably thorough treatment to the topic of the Juvenile justice system.

Gods of the City: Religion and the American Urban Landscape by *Robert A. Orsi ed. Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1999. 400 pp. \$19.95 paper.*

Contributors attempt to fathom the perplexing question of why religion thrives in urban settings. (Available for examination with \$5 handling fee.)

Conversion, Identity, and Power: The Impact of Christianity on Power Relationships and Social Exchanges by *A. Sue Russell. New York: University Press of America, 1999. 186 pp. \$29.50 paper, 52.00 cloth.*

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A rather pricey volume for its size, this revised dissertation by a former Christian missionary practitioner raises interesting issues concerning the relationship between the mission church and power relations.

Religion and American Politics: The 2000 Election in Context by Mark Silk ed. Hartford, CT: Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life, 2000. 86 pp. NPL paper.

Six essays, primarily by social scientists, published as part of the Pew Program on Religion and the News Media.

Filled with Spirit and Power: Protestant Clergy in Politics by Laura R. Olson. Albany: State University of New York, 2000. 174 pp. \$18.95 paper, \$57.50 cloth.

Olson ranges far beyond her political science orientation in using a wide variety of methods to investigate the political thought and action of Protestant clergy.

Paranormal Beliefs: A Sociological Introduction by Erich Goode. Prospect Heights, IL: Waveland Press, 2000. 301 pp. \$17.95 paper (student price).

Although not a topic found in the mainstream of sociological discourse, Goodes book is well thought out and rather well written; both the analysis and the writing style probably limit its use to graduate students, however.

A Qualitative Analysis of the Jehovahs Witnesses: The Rhetoric, Reality and Religion in the Watchtower Society by Daniel Cronn-Mills. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 1999. 198 pp. \$89.95 cloth.

Latest of in-depth probes of sectarian religious groups; the author is particularly interested in the rhetoric of the group, but has produced a wide-ranging study. Again, price may be prohibitive.

Constructing Social Psychology: Creative and Critical Processes by *William J. McGuire*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. 464 pp. \$24.95 paper, \$64.95 cloth.

A collage of work McGuire has done over the decades.

The Web of Politics: The Internets Impact on the American Political System by *Richard Davis*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1999. 225 pp. \$18.95 paper.

The subtitle says it all; probably the early warning signs of a deluge of such topics.

Nationalism and Cultural Practice in the Postcolonial World by *Neil Lazarus*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. 294 pp. \$19.95 paper, \$57.95 cloth.

A wide-ranging critical approach: a la Adorno, Habermas, et al.

Education in Contemporary Japan: Inequality and Diversity by *Kaori Okano and Motonori Tsuchiya*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. 270 pp. \$19.95 paper, \$64.95 cloth.

Well researched and cogently written treatise for those interested in either Japanese culture or education in other than the West.

The Troubled Helix: Social and Psychological implications of the New Human Genetics by *Theresa Marteau and Martin Richards* eds. New York: Cambridge University Press, 1999. 359 pp. \$29.95 paper.

Personal accounts and scholarly treatises, the latter by both geneticists and social scientists; seems to be a good introduction to the topic.

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Perspectives on Human Sexuality by *Anne Bolin and Patricia Whelehan*. Albany: State University of New York, 1999. 503 pp. \$34.95 paper, \$92.50 cloth.

Although not specifically sociological in approach or content, this anthropology of sexuality will likely be of interest to those teaching or doing research in human sexuality.

Stirrings in the Jug: Black Politics in the Post-Segregation Era by *Adolph Reed, Jr.* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 1999. 303 pp. \$18.95 paper, \$47.95 cloth.

A polemical analysis of recent African American politics which challenges the accepted wisdom on the topic.

A Latina in the Land of Hollywood and Other Essays on Media Culture by *Angharad N. Valdivia*. Tucson: University of Arizona Press, 2000. 201 pp. \$17.95 paper, \$40.00 cloth.

Very readable essays exploring pop media from the pitch of Rosie Perez's voice to ads for Victorias Secret.

The Self and Society in Aging Processes by *Carol D. Ryff and Victor W. Marshall* eds. New York: Springer, 1999. 491 pp. \$52.95 cloth.

Attempts to bridge the gap between micro and macro perspectives in gerontology; interesting range of topics.

Handbook of Theories of Aging by *Vern L Bengtson and K. Warner Schaie* eds. New York: Springer, 1999. 517 pp. \$54.95 cloth.

With Schaie representing the recent focus on the anthropology of aging, Bengtson continues his contributions on the frontier of gerontological theory.

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Religion, Belief, and Spirituality in Late Life by *L. Eugene Thomas and Susan A. Eisenhandler eds.* New York: Springer, 1999. 221 pp. \$34.95 cloth.

With a few forays into quantification, researchers apply qualitative methods to plumbing the rich if murky depths of the nexus between religion and old age.

Latino Elders in the Twenty-First Century: Issues and Challenges for Culturally Competent Research and Practice by *Melvin Delgado ed.* New York: Haworth Press, 1998. 207 pp. \$29.95 paper, \$49.95 cloth.

Interesting collection of essays on Latino gerontology; published also as the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* 30 (1/2) 1999 with all of the strengths and weaknesses of that publication.

Old, Female, and Rural by *Jan McCulloch ed.* New York: Haworth Press, 1998. 97 pp. \$14.95 paper, \$39.95 cloth.

A slim volume on an interesting, often overlooked topic; the book was also published as *Journal of Women & Aging*, 10 (4) 1998.

The Gerontological Prism: Developing Interdisciplinary Bridges by *Jeffery Michael Clair and Richard M. Allman eds.* Amityville, NY: Baywood, 2000. 338 pp. \$48.95 cloth.

An attempt to cover almost everything in social gerontology including service delivery; includes articles relating to social psychology, but gives short shrift to sociology concerns and contributions.

Women and Religion by *Majella Franzmann.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. 192 pp. \$19.95 paper.

Growing out of a course on women and religion, this small

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book might serve as a rather soft reading addition to a similar undergraduate course.

Feminism and World Religions by *Arvind Sharma and Katherine K. Young eds.* Albany: State University of New York, 1999. 333 pp. \$24.95 paper, \$74.50 cloth.

The authors of the articles in this volume address the area of gender (female) and organized religion, applying the topic to seven world religion.

White Womens Rights: The Racial Origins of Feminism in the United States by *Louise Michele Newman*, 1999. New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. 261 pp. \$19.95 paper.

A provocative analysis of the historical roots of feminism; Newman presents a well-argued case for the movements relation to U.S. racism.

Reinventing Identities: The Gendered Self in Discourse by *Mary Bucholtz, A. C. Liang, and Laurel A. Sutton eds.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2000. 4312 pp. \$35.00 paper.

This collection of original articles represents the first volume of a new series, *Studies in Language and Gender*, that promises to fill a growing need in the area.

Corporate Power, American Democracy, and the Automobile Industry by *Stan Luger*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2000. 208 pp. \$ cloth.

Luger, a political scientist, offers a solid critical history of corporate power, the auto industry, and governmental policy.

The Demography of Corporations and Industries by *Glenn R. Carroll and Michael T. Hannan*. Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2000. 490 pp. \$44.55 cloth.