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The project was born in 2008 with the question “how can we best map regional culture in contemporary Australia so that we can assess that culture’s value?” this book bring together the project’s researchers, cultural critics and art and creative industry figures to discuss culture and its connection to community, particularly in isolated circumstances.

Cities and Crisis by Josef W. Konvitz
Drawing on dozens of reports from the OECD on economics, environment and governance, this book provides a ‘long-term, ‘big-time’ framework to understand the many technical issues that complicate decision-making and policy. It explores past strengths and current weaknesses of macro-economic and sectoral policies to guide urban development in relation to housing, infrastructure and innovation.

Cities for a Small Continent by Anne Power with Bruce Katz
This book builds on the author’s research in Phoenix cities to present a vivid story of Europe’s post-industrial cities pre- and post-financial crisis. Using varied case studies the book explores how policy responses to the economic crisis have played out in different European cities, with their contrasting conditions, history and performance generating different reactions.

Class, Inequality and Community Development Edited by Mae Shaw and Marjorie Mayo
This is the second title in the Rethinking Community Development series, starts from concern about increasing inequality worldwide and the re-emergence of community development in public policy debates.

Clear as Mud Planning for the Rebuilding of New Orleans by Robert B. Olshansky and Laurie A. Johnson
Planning the rebuilding of New Orleans has been among the greatest urban planning challenges of our time. As witnesses and participants, Olshansky and Johnson bring unparalleled detail and insight to the seemingly incomprehensible. New Orleans had to rebuild its structures and institutions, but it also had to create an equitable and effective community planning structure while addressing the concerns of state, federal, nonprofit, and private-sector stakeholders. In documenting this unprecedented process, the authors spent years in New Orleans, interviewing leaders and citizen and abetting the design and execution of the Unified New Orleans Plan. Their insights will help cities worldwide face the challenges of rebuilding and recovering after disaster strikes.

Coming of Age The Rite Way: Youth and Community Development Through Rites of Passage by David G. Blumenkrantz (2 copies)
This book addresses a fundamental question facing parents, schools, and communities: how do we raise our children to be resilient, self-reliant, capable adults with compassion that is manifested in civic engagement for social justice? Combining almost fifty years of scholarship and practice, Blumenkrantz
explores the absence of community-oriented rites of passage in contemporary society. The text sets forth guiding principles and clear methods for putting into practice a whole systems approach to youth development through rites of passage.

**Coming to Stay: A Columbia River Journey** by Mary Dodds Schlick
Coming to Stay is the memoir of Mary Dodds Schlick, who in 1950 moved from the Midwest to the Colville Indian Reservation in north central Washington with her husband Bud, a forester for the Bureau of Indian Affairs. For over fifty years, she has maintained a close connection with the Native people of the Columbia River Plateau as a neighbor, journalist, teacher, and master basket maker on the Colville, Warm Springs, and Yakama reservations. These stories take place against a backdrop of change - from the uncertainty caused by federal efforts to terminate reservations in the 1950s through the growth of tribal self-determination that began in the 1970s. Schlick tells us about community and family, celebration and loss, and how she came to stay in the place she now calls home.

**Community Action and Planning** by Nick Gallent and Daniela Ciaffi
This unique book analyses the context, drivers and outcomes of community action and planning in a selection of case studies in the global north: from emergent neighbourhood planning in England to the community-based housing movement in New York, and from active citizenship in the Dutch new towns to associative action in Marseille.

**Community Development and Civil Society: Making connections in the European context** by Paul Henderson and Ilona Verceseg
"Community Development and Civil Society" demonstrates the contribution that community development can make to strengthening civil society, a concept that today has global significance. Set within the context of Europe, with particular reference to the UK and Hungary, the authors argue that community development is both a profession and a social movement and can be applied to a wide range of issues including socialisation, economic wealth, social participation, social control and mutual support. Relevant to the discussion and analysis of democracy, governance and participation, the book places these concepts within an appraisal of civil society and the contrasting ways in which this key component of a democratic society is defined. The book interweaves case studies with discussion of community development principles and theory to provide a critical and accessible approach.

**Community Development as Micropolitics** by Akwugo Emejulu
Through a comparative analysis of competing perspectives on community development since 1968, this book critically examines the contradictory ideas and practices that have shaped this field in the US nad UK. This approach exposes problematic politics that have far-reaching consequences for those committed to working for social justice.

**Community Groups in Context: Local activities and actions** Edited by Angus McCabe and Jenny Phillimore
Focusing on self-organized community activity, this book offers the first collection of papers developing theoretical and empirically grounded knowledge of the informal, unregistered, yet largest, part of the voluntary sector. The collection includes work from leading academics, activists, policy makers and practitioners offering a new and coherent understanding of community action ‘below the radar’.

**Community Well-being in Biocultural Landscapes** edited by Bas Verschuuren, Suneetha M. Subramanian and Wim Hiemstra
This book explores different ways in which biocultural landscapes are linked to human well-being. Each chapter is written and narrated by people who work with the communities where the well-being approaches were implemented. This book provides an introduction to the concept of human well-being as it relates to international rural development and conservation policy and practice. It demonstrates that
well-being is understood and managed in a variety of ways in different cultures but also across the geographical scales at which decision-making processes take place, from the local, to regional, national and international scales.

**Connecting Canadians: Investing in Community Informatics** Edited by Andrew Clement, Michael Gurstein, Graham Longford, Marita Moll, and Leslie Regan Shade

*Connecting Canadians* represents the work of the Community Research Alliance for Community Innovation and Networking (CRACIN), the largest national and international research effort to examine the burgeoning field of community informatics, a cross-disciplinary approach to the mobilization of information and communications technologies (ICT) for community change. Funded for four years by the SSHRC's Initiative for the New Economy, CRACIN systematically studied a wide variety of Canadian community ICT initiatives, bringing perspectives from sociology, computer science, critical theory, women's studies, library and information sciences, and management studies to bear on networking technologies.

**The Conundrum of Human Behavior in the Social Environment** by Marvin D. Feit, Ph.D. and John S. Wodarski, Ph.D.

Critical thinking skills are an indispensable component of any educational program, but especially the HBSE curriculum. The Conundrum of Human Behavior in the Social Environment shows ways to spark those needed skills while providing a comprehensive framework on the social environment impact and human behavior theory crucial for graduate and undergraduate courses. Macro, mezzo, and micro forces are examined in depth, along with considerations for redesigning the content in HBSE curricula in accordance with current educational standards.

**Displacement, Revolution, and the New Urban Condition** by Ipsita Chatterjee

This book provides a window into the global urban contradiction through the lens of a third World city. It is not a book on urban India, or a book on Ahmedabad city, or even a book on the Sabarmati River Front Development (SRFD) project, but it is a book that uses all these lenses to conceptualize urban exploitation. The author develops a dialectical praxis of theory transfer that takes us from the First World to the Third World and back again.

**DIY Detroit: Making Do in a City Without Services** by Kimberly Kinder

Detroit’s citizens are stuck in a blighted city without services as basic as a bus line. They’re left with, after decades of disinvestment and decline, DIY urbanism – sweeping their own streets, maintaining public parks, planting community gardens, even acting as real estate agents and landlords for abandoned homes. Kinder reveals how the efforts of these Detroiter and others like them transform the expectations residents have about their environments. At the same time she cautions against romanticizing such acts, which are short-term solutions to a deep and spreading social injustice that demands comprehensive change.

**Economic Development For Everyone: Creating Jobs, Growing Businesses, and Building Resilience in Low-Income Communities** by Mark. M. Miller (have 2 copies)

This book collects, organizes, and reviews much of the current research available on creating economic development in low-income communities. Part 1 offers an overview of the harsh realities facing low-income communities in the US today; their many economic and social challenges; debates on whether to try reviving local economies vs. relocating residents; and current trends in economic development that emphasize high-tech industry and high levels of human capital. Pat 2 organizes the sprawling literature of applied economic development research into a practical framework of five dynamic dimensions: empower your residents: begin with basic education; enhance your community: build on existing assets; encourage your entrepreneurs; diversify your economy; and sustain your development.
Family Involvement in Treating Schizophrenia: Models, Essential Skills, and Process by James A. Marley, Ph.D.

Family Involvement in Treating Schizophrenia: Models, Essential Skills, and Process is a vital resource for developing clinical skills and programs designed to increase family involvement in the treatment of schizophrenia. The book is a “hands-on” learning tool to be used as a broad overview of many intervention models and/or for a more focused look at a particular model with details of its use, implementation, and effectiveness. Dr. James A. Marley presents case studies and vignettes of each intervention model in action, highlighting specific techniques and skills. He also examines self-help and family advocacy programs, and addresses professional issues that have a direct impact on the provision of family services.


American democracy is informed by the 18th century’s most cutting edge thinking on society, economics, and government. We’ve learned some things in the intervening 230 years about self interest, social behaviors, and how the world works. Now, authors Eric Liu and Nick Hanauer argue that some fundamental assumptions about citizenship, society, economics, and government need updating. For many years the dominant metaphor for understanding markets and government has been the machine. Liu and Hanauer view democracy not as a machine, but as a garden. A successful garden functions according to the inexorable tendencies of nature, but it also requires goals, regular tending, and an understanding of connected ecosystems. The latest ideas from science, social science, and economics—the cutting-edge ideas of today—generate these simple but revolutionary ideas:

Getting More: How to Negotiate to Achieve Your Goals in the Real World by Stuart Diamond

Negotiation is part of every human encounter, and most of us do it badly. Whether dealing with family, a business, or diplomacy, people in every country and context often fail to meet their goals. They focus on power and “win-win” instead of relationships and perceptions. They don’t find enough things to trade. They think others should be rational when they should be dealing with emotions. They get distracted from their goals. In this revolutionary book, leading negotiation practitioner and professor Stuart Diamond draws on the research and practice of 30,000 people he has taught and advised in forth-five countries over two decades to outline specific, practical, and better ways to deal with others.

Growing Livelihoods: Local food systems and community development by Rhonda Phillips and Christopher Wharton

Community Planning is starting to include a broader food systems focus, spanning topics such as nutrition and health outcomes, sustainable farming practices, economic and social implications of local food production, distribution, and consumption. The purpose of this book is to explore how and where local food and farms, as part of a local or regional food system, can positively impact both economic development and overall well-being of communities.

An Introduction to Community Development, Second Edition by Rhonda Philipps and Robert H. Pittman

This book offers a comprehensive and practical approach to planning for communities. Each chapter provides a range of reading materials for the student, supplement with text boxes, a chapter outline, keywords, reference lists, and new skills-based exercises at the end of each chapter to help students turn their learning into action, making this the most user-friendly text for community development available. The newly revised and updated edition includes: increased coverage of sustainability issues; discussion of localism and its relation to community development; quality of life, community well-being and public health considerations; and content on local food systems.
**Little Mogadishu** by Neil Carrier
This book is based on detailed historical and ethnographic research and explores the social and historical underpinnings of this economic boom. It examines how transnational networks converged on Eastleigh in the wake of the collapse of the Somali state, attracting capital from the Somali diaspora, and bringing goods – especially clothes and electronics – from Dubai, China and elsewhere that are much in demand in East Africa.

**Localizing Global Sport for Development** by Iain Lindsey, Tess Kay, Ruth Jeanes, Davies Banda
This book extends existing understandings of the increasingly prominent use of sport to address global development agendas. Through a locally-centered and contextualized analysis it presents a counterpoint to prevailing approaches to sport for development (SfD) research that seeks either to evaluate and measure impact, or present internationally-orientated analyses.

**Making Democracy Fun: How Game Design Can Empower Citizens and Transform Politics** by Josh Lerner
Participatory democracy can be boring: hours of repetitive presentations, alternatingly alarmist or complacent, for or against, accompanied by constant heckling, often with no clear outcome or decision. Is this the best democracy can offer? Lerner offers a novel solution for the sad state of our deliberative democracy: the power of good game design. Drawing on more than a decade of experience and extensive research, he explains how games have been integrated into a variety of public programs in North and South America. He offers stories of game techniques in action, in children’s councils, social service programs, and participatory budgeting and planning. Game design can make democracy fun and make it work.

**Making Enemies** by Rodney Barker
Whom a prime minister or president will not shake hands with is still more noticed than with whom they will. Public identity can afford to be ambiguous about friends, but not about enemies. Rodney Barker examines the available accounts of how enmity functions in the cultivation of identity, how essential or avoidable it is, and what the consequences are for the contemporary world.

**Making the Social World: The Structure of Human Civilization** by John Searle
There are few more important philosophers at work today than John Searle, a creative and contentious thinker who has shaped the way we think about mind and language. Now he offers a profound understanding of how we create a social reality—a reality of money, property, governments, marriages, stock markets and cocktail parties. The paradox he addresses in *Making the Social World* is that these facts only exist because we think they exist and yet they have an objective existence. Continuing a line of investigation begun in his earlier book *The Construction of Social Reality*, Searle identifies the precise role of language in the creation of all "institutional facts." His aim is to show how mind, language and civilization are natural products of the basic facts of the physical world described by physics, chemistry and biology.

**Meeting the Ethical Challenges of Leadership: Casting Light or Shadow** by Craig E. Johnson
Using the metaphor of light or shadow, Craig E. Johnson shows how leaders have the power to do significant good or harm. Taking an interdisciplinary approach to leadership ethics, and balancing theory and research with opportunities for application, the book provides self-assessments, cases and films to analyze, and exploration exercises.
Metabolism of the Anthroposphere: Analysis, Evaluation, Design by Peter Baccini and Paul H. Brunner
Over the last several thousand years of human life on Earth, agricultural settlements became urban cores, and these regional settlements became tightly connected through infrastructures transporting people, materials, and information. This global network of urban systems, including ecosystems, is the anthroposphere; the physical flows and stocks of matter and energy within it form its metabolism. This book offers an overview of the metabolism of the anthroposphere, with an emphasis on the design of metabolic systems. It takes a cultural historical perspective, supported with methodology from the natural sciences and engineering.

The Metropolitan Revolution by Bruce Katz and Jennifer Bradley
The book describes how a revolution is taking root in New York City, where efforts are under way to diversify the city’s vast economy; in Portland, Oregon, which is selling the “sustainability” solutions it has perfected to other cities around the world; in Northeast Ohio, where groups are using industrial-age skills to invent new twenty-first-century materials, tools, and processes; in Houston, where a modern settlement house helps immigrants climb the employment ladder; in Miami, where innovators are forging strong ties with Brazil and other nations; in Denver and Los Angeles, where leaders are breaking political barriers and building world-class metropolises; and in Boston and Detroit, where innovation districts are hatching ideas to power these economies for the next century.

Money for Nothing: Industrial tax Abatements and Economic Development by Gary Sands and Laura A. Reese
Tax incentives are a mainstay of state and local economic development strategies and have been so for decades. Evaluations of their effectiveness have provided mixed results and few recommendations that have been translated into actual policy modifications. Since the mid-1970s, the State of Michigan has allowed local governments to grant substantial property tax abatements for new investments in real and personal industrial property. The program has been extremely popular, with more than 400 different municipalities granting a total of over 17,000 abatements. Despite its prominence, the program has been subject to only limited analysis at either the State or local level. This book systematically evaluates several different dimensions of industrial property tax abatements: The book utilizes a number of analytical techniques, including GIS, regression, factor, and shift-share analyses.

The Past and Future City: How Historic Preservation is Reviving America’s Communities by Stephanie Meeks with Kevin C. Murphy
Stephanie Meeks explains how historic preservation is one of the most exciting aspects of revitalizing both large and small communities.

A People’s History of the New Boston by Jim Vrabel
Although Boston today is a vibrant and thriving city, it was anything but that in the years following World War II. By 1950 it had lost a quarter of its tax base over the previous 25 years, and during the 1950s it would lose residents faster than any other major city in the country. Credit for the city’s turnaround since that time is often given to a select group of people, all of them men, all of them white, and most of them well off. In fact, a large group of community activists, many of them women, people of color, and not very well off, were also responsible for creating the Boston so many enjoy today. This book provides a grassroots perspective on the tumultuous 1960s and 1970s, when residents of the city’s neighborhoods engaged in activism and protest unprecedented in Boston since the American Revolution.

Political (Dis)Engagement The Changing Nature of the ‘Political’ Edited by Nathan Manning
This book brings together academics from a range of disciplines with political activists and campaigners to explore the meaning of politics and citizenship in contemporary society and the current forms of political (dis)engagement. It provides a rare dialogue between analysts and activists which will be
especially valuable to academics and students across the social sciences, in particular sociology and political science.

**Politics, Power and Community Development**
Edited by Rosie R. Meade, Mae Shaw and Sarah Banks
The first title in the timely Rethinking Community Development series presents unique and critical reflections on policy and practice in Taiwan, Australia, India, South Africa, Burundi, Germany, the US, Ireland, Malawi, Ecuadorian and Peruvian Amazonia and the UK. It addresses the global dominance of neoliberalism, and the extent to which practitioners, activists and programmes can challenge, critique, engage with or resist its influence.

**The Post-American World** by Fareed Zakaria
"This is not a book about the decline of America, but rather about the rise of everyone else." So begins Fareed Zakaria's important new work on the era we are now entering. Following on the success of his best-selling *The Future of Freedom*, Zakaria describes with equal prescience a world in which the United States will no longer dominate the global economy, orchestrate geopolitics, or overwhelm cultures. He sees the "rise of the rest"—the growth of countries like China, India, Brazil, Russia, and many others—as the great story of our time, and one that will reshape the world.

**The Racial Logic of Politics: Asian Americans and Party Competition** by Thomas Kim
As he systemically studies the barriers that Asian Americans face in the electoral and legislative processes, Thomas Kim shows how racism is embedded in America's two-party political system. Here Kim examines the institutional barriers that Asian Americans face in the electoral and legislative processes. Utilizing approaches from ethnic studies and political science, including rational choice theory, he demonstrates how the political logic of two-party competition actually works against Asian American political interests.

**Reclaiming American Cities: The struggle for people, place, and nature since 1900** by Rutherford H. Platt
For most of the past century, urban America was dominated by top-down policies serving the white business and cultural elite, the suburbs, and the automobile. By the 1980s, mainstream policies had resulted in a nation of ravaged central cities, sprawling suburbs, social and economic polarization, and incalculable environmental damage. In the 1990s, this entrenched model finally yielded to change as local citizens, neighborhood groups, and other stakeholders, empowered by a spate of new laws and policies, began asserting their own needs and priorities. Reclaiming American Cities examines both sides of this historic transformation: the long struggle against patricians and technocrats of earlier decades and the recent sprouting of grassroots efforts to make metropolitan America more humane and sustainable.

**Resilience in the Post-Welfare Inner City** by Geoffrey Deverteuil
The process of resilience is compared across ten service hubs in three complex but different global inner-city regions – London, Los Angeles and Sydney – in response to the threat of gentrification-induced displacement. DeVerteuil shows that resilience can be about holding on to previous gains but also about holding out for transformation.

**Retrofitting Sprawl: Addressing Seventy Years of Failed Urban Form** by Emily Talen
Twelve new essays presenting innovative and practical ideas for addressing the harmful effects of sprawl. Sprawl is not only an ongoing focus of specialized magazines like *Dwell*: indeed, *Time* magazine has cited “recycling the suburbs” as the second of “Ten Ideas Changing the Work Right Now.” While most conversations on sprawl tend to focus on its restriction, this book presents an overview of current thinking on ways to fix, repair, and retrofit existing sprawl.
The Short Guide to Community Development (2nd edition) by Alison Gilchrist and Marilyn Taylor
With the topic of community high on the public agenda, this timely guide provides an introduction to community development, its origins and some of the current trends and challenges. The book also explores how community development can be applied in different practice domains to achieve a range of policy objectives.

Sequel to Suburbia Glimpses of America's Post-Suburban Future by Nicholas A. Phelps
Phelps considers the possible post-suburban future, offering historical and theoretical context as well as case studies of transforming communities. He locates these outer suburban rings within wider metropolitan spaces, describes the suburbs as a “spatial fix” for the postwar capitalist economy, and examines the political and governmental obstacles to reworking suburban space. He then presents three glimpse of post-suburban America, looking at Kendall-Dadeland (Florida), Tysons Corner (Virginia), and Schaumburg, Illinois (near Chicago).

Smart Communities: How Citizens and Local Leaders Can Use Strategic Thinking to Build a Brighter Future (2nd Edition) by Suzanne W. Morse
This second edition further examines the seven “leverage points” for decision making introduced by Suzanne Morse in the widely acclaimed first edition, originally published in 2004. Advances in technology a massive recession, natural disasters, and changes in mainstream culture have been part of the enormous social and technological changes of the past decade. But while much has changed, much also remains the same with respect to poverty and economic issues.

Smoke Signals: Women, Smoking and Visual Culture in Britain by Penny Tinkler
In Smoke Signals, Tinkler charts women's changing relationship to tobacco from the 1880s to the 1980s during which smoking transformed from a male practice to one enjoyed by both sexes. Focusing on the feminization of cigarette smoking, the author unravels the role of visual culture and the impact of social, economic, medical and technological changes. Drawing on women's own photographs, alongside images from magazines, newspapers, television and film, this book provides a detailed and stimulating exploration of the role of visual culture in the history of women and smoking.

Social assessment provides a process for research, planning and management of change arising from projects, programmes and policies. Applied to the design and implementation of changes causing social effects, the process is firmly established internationally as an integral component of environmental assessments and decision making. Application to projects ranges from community-level projects to large infrastructure and industrial development. Strategic application of social assessment also occurs in the development and implementation of programmes and policies. This book describes social assessment theory, processes and common techniques, as developed from the authors’ international practice and training sessions.

Social Innovation, Inc.: 5 Strategies for Driving Business Growth through Social Change by Jason Saul
Social Innovation, Inc. declares a new era where companies profit from social change. Leading corporations like GE, Wellpoint, Travelers and Wal-Mart are transforming social responsibility into social innovation and revolutionizing the way we think about the role of business in society. Based on four years of measuring the social strategies of America's leading corporations, Jason Saul lays out the five strategies for social innovation and offers a practical roadmap for how to get started.
The Speed of Trust: The One Thing That Changes Everything by Stephen M.R. Covey and Rebecca R. Merrill
In this new book, Covey articulates why trust has become the key leadership competency of the new global economy.

Start-Up City by Gabe Klein with David Vega-Barachowitz
This book is for anyone who wants to improve the way that we live in cities, without waiting for the glacial pace of change in government or corporate settings. If you are willing to go against the tide and follow some basic lessons in goal setting, experimentation, change management, financial innovation, and communications, real change in cities is possible.

Sustainable Communities: Creating a durable local economy by Rhonda Phillips, Bruce F. Seifer, and Ed Antczak.
Citing Burlington, Vermont’s remarkable rise to award-winning status, this book explores the balance of community planning, social enterprise development, energy and environment, food systems and cultural well-being. Aimed at policymakers, development practitioners, students, and citizen, this book describes which and how multiple influences facilitate the creation of a local, durable and truly sustainable economy.

Tamils and the Nation: India and Sri Lanka Compared by Madurika Rasaratnam
Rasaratnam explains the divergent trajectories and contrasting outcomes of Tamil nationalist politics in India and Sri Lanka.

Texas: A Historical Atlas by A. Ray Stephens
For twenty years the Historical Atlas of Texas stood as a trusted resource for students and aficionados of the state. Now this key reference has been thoroughly updated and expanded--and even rechristened. Texas: A Historical Atlas more accurately reflects the Lone Star State at the dawn of the twenty-first century. Its 86 entries feature 175 newly designed maps--more than twice the number in the original volume--illustrating the most significant aspects of the state's history, geography, and current affairs. The heart of the book is its wealth of historical information.

Transforming the South Federal Development in the Tennessee Valley, 1915-1960 by Matthew L. Downs
Downs focuses on three developments in the Tennessee Valley: the World War I – era government nitrate plants and hydroelectric dams at Muscle Shoals, Alabama; the extensive work completed by the Tennessee Valley Authority; and Cold War/Space Age defense investment in Huntsville, Alabama. Downs argues that the modernization of the Sunbelt economy depended on cooperation between regional leaders and federal funders. Downs considers the role played by the recipients of government funds in reshaping the South in in the mid-twentieth century and demonstrates how communities exerted an unparalleled influence over those federal investments to shape the southern economy.

Turkish Immigration, Art and Narratives of Home in France by Annedith Schneider
This book makes the case for a cultural – rather than sociological or economic – approach to understanding how immigrants become part of their new country. Arguing that the language used to talk about immigration determines the kinds of things that can be said about it, the book rejects ‘integration’ and ‘assimilation’ in favour of ‘settling’, an open-ended concept that makes it possible to see how immigrants and their descendants engage in the on-going process of adaptation.

Understanding Community: Politics, policy and practice, 2nd edition by Peter Somerville
This revised edition draws upon theory from Marx and Bourdieu to offer a clearer understanding of community in capitalist society. The book takes a more critical look at the literature on community,
community development and the politics of community, and applies this critical approach to themes introduced in the first edition on economic development, learning, health and social care, housing, and policing, taking into account the changes in policy that have taken place, particularly in the UK, since the first edition was written.

*Urban Policy in the Time of Obama* by James Defilippis with afterword by Cedrick Johnson
This volume reveals the Obama administration’s surprisingly limited impact on cities through direct policy initiatives and its greater impact with broader policies that shape urban life and governance, including immigration reform, education, and health care. *Urban Policy in the time of Obama* finds that most of the dominant policies of recent years have fallen short of easing the ills of American’s cities and calls for a more equitable an just urban policy regime.

*The Virginia Tech Massacre* edited by Aradhana Bela Sood and Rober Cohen
This book is based on the experience and unique perspective of Dr. Aradhana Bela Sood, a panel member appointed to the special independent review committee which was asked to consult specifically on the mental health system implications of the VA Tech shooting. This book discloses Sood’s personal experience as a child psychiatrist and panel member, and her role in shaping the final report.

*WD Farr: Cowboy in the Boardroom* by Daniel Tyler
“Always a better way” was WD Farr’s motto. As a Colorado rancher, banker, cattle feeder, and expert in irrigation, Farr (1910–2007) had a unique talent for building consensus and instigating change in an industry known for its conservatism. With his persistent optimism and gregarious personality, Farr’s influence extended from next-door neighbors and business colleagues to U.S. presidents and foreign dignitaries. In this biography, Daniel Tyler chronicles Farr’s singular life and career. At the same time, he tells a broader story of sweeping changes in agricultural production and irrigated agriculture in Colorado and across the West during the twentieth century.

*Why Detroit Matters* edited by Brian Doucet
Contributions from many of the leading scholars on Detroit are joined by influential writers, planners, artists and activists who have contributed chapters drawing on their experiences and ideas. The book concludes with interviews with some of the city’s most important visionaries who are engaged in inspiring practices which provide powerful lessons for Detroit and other cities around the world.