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Racial Ecologies Leilani Nishime, Kim D. Hester Williams, 2018-07-02 From the Flint water crisis to the Dakota Access Pipeline controversy environmental threats and degradation disproportionately affect communities of color with often dire consequences for people's lives and health *Racial Ecologies* explores activist strategies and creative responses such as those of Mexican migrant women New Zealand Maori and African American farmers in urban Detroit demonstrating that people of color have always been and continue to be leaders in the fight for a more equitable and ecologically just world Grounded in an ethnic studies perspective this interdisciplinary collection illustrates how race intersects with Indigeneity colonialism gender nationality and class to shape our understanding of both nature and environmental harm showing how and why environmental issues are also racial issues Indeed Indigenous critical race and postcolonial frameworks are crucial for comprehending and addressing accelerating anthropogenic change from the local to the global and for imagining speculative futures This forward looking critical intervention bridges environmental scholarship and ethnic studies and will prove indispensable to activists scholars and students alike

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From Puerto Rico to Philadelphia Carmen Teresa Whalen, 2001 We were poor but we had everything we needed reminisces Do a Epifania Nonetheless when a man she knew told her about a job in Philadelphia she grasped the opportunity to leave Coamas He went to Puerto Rico and told me there were beans to cook I came here and cooked for fourteen workers In San Lorenzo Do a Carmen and her husband made the same decision We didn't want to nobody wanted to leave There wasn't any alternative Don Florencio recalls that in Salinas work had gotten scarce especially for the youth the young men The farmworker that was used to cutting cane already the sugar cane was disappearing and government licensing regulations made fishing more difficult for the poor Puerto Rican migration to the mainland following World War II took place for a range of reasons globalization of the economy the colonial relationship between the United States and Puerto Rico state policies changes in regional and local economies social networks and not least the decisions made by individual immigrants

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Communication, Race, and Outdoor Spaces Carlos G. Alemán, Peter K. Bsumek, Kundai Chirindo, Jennifer Peeples, Jen Schneider, Carlos Anthony Tarin, Mariko Oyama Thomas, Steve Schwarze, 2022-09-05 **Doing Working-Class History**

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Managing the Effects of Tourism Aadrika Nair, 2025-01-24 Tourism has the power to transform economies but it also comes with challenges that demand sustainable solutions Managing the Effects of Tourism addresses the environmental social and cultural impacts of tourism while exploring strategies to ensure long term benefits for communities and destinations This book examines the importance of sustainable tourism practices particularly in developing countries where resources are limited and climate vulnerabilities are high We discuss topics such as rural tourism development urban planning for tourist destinations and the preservation of cultural heritage sites Designed for policymakers researchers and tourism professionals this book offers practical insights into balancing growth with sustainability By addressing the challenges and opportunities of tourism we aim to foster a deeper understanding of its far reaching effects on society and the environment

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their vision in the light of scientific approaches *Text + Field* Sara L. McKinnon, Robert Asen, Karma R. Chávez, Robert Glenn Howard, 2016-06-01 Rhetorical critics have long had a troubled relationship with method viewing it as at times opening up provocative avenues of inquiry and at other times as closing off paths toward meaningful engagement with texts *Text Field* shifts scholarly attention from this conflicted history looking instead to the growing number of scholars who are supplementing text based scholarship by venturing out into the field where rhetoric is produced enacted and consumed These field based practices involve observation ethnographic interviews and performance They are not intended to displace text based approaches rather they expand the idea of method by helping rhetorical scholars arrive at new and complementary answers to long standing disciplinary questions about text context audience judgment and ethics The first volume in rhetoric and communication to directly address the relevance processes and implications of using field methods to augment traditional scholarship *Text Field* provides a framework for adapting these new tools to traditional rhetorical inquiry Aside from the editors the contributors are Roberta Chevrette Kathleen M de On s Danielle Endres Joshua P Ewalt Alina Haliliuc Aaron Hess Jamie Landau Michael Middleton Tiara R Na puti Jessy J Ohl Phaedra C Pezzullo Damien Smith Pfister Samantha Senda Cook Lisa Silvestri and Valerie Thatcher **Beyond Sun and Sand** Sherrie L. Bayer, Barbara Deutsch Lynch, 2006-02-15 Filtered through the lens of the North American and European media the Caribbean appears to be a series of idyllic landscapes sanctuaries designed for sailing diving and basking in the sun on endless white sandy beaches Conservation literature paints a similarly enticing portrait describing the region as a habitat for endangered coral reefs and their denizens parrots butterflies turtles snails and a myriad of plant species In both versions the image of the exotic landscape overshadows the rich island cultures that are both linguistically and politically diverse but trapped in a global economy that offers few options for development Popular depictions also overlook the reality that the region is fraught with environmental problems including water and air pollution solid waste mismanagement destruction of ecosystems deforestation and the transition from agriculture to ranching Bringing together ten essays by social scientists and activists *Beyond Sun and Sand* provides the most comprehensive exploration to date of the range of environmental issues facing the region and the social movements that have developed to deal with them The authors consider the role that global and regional political economies play in this process and provide valuable insight into Caribbean environmentalism Many of the essays by prominent Caribbean analysts are made available for the first time in English *Military Power and Popular Protest* Katherine T. McCaffrey, 2002 Katherine T McCaffrey gives a complete analysis of the troubled relationship between the U S Navy and island residents She explores such topics as the history of U S naval involvement in Vieques a grassroots mobilization led by fishermen that began in the 1970s how the navy promised to improve the lives of the island residents and failed and the present day emergence of a revitalized political activism that has effectively challenged naval hegemony

The Drug Company Next Door Alexa S. Dietrich, 2013-06-07 This fascinating and most timely critical medical

anthropology study successfully binds two still emergent areas of contemporary anthropological research in the global world the nature and significant impact of multinational pharmaceutical manufacturers on human social life everywhere and the contribution of corporations to the fast paced degradation of our life support system planet Earth Focusing on a pharmaceutically impacted town on the colonized island of Puerto Rico Dietrich ably demonstrates the value of ethnography carried out in small places in framing the large issues facing humanity Merrill Singer University of Connecticut The production of pharmaceuticals is among the most profitable industries on the planet Drug companies produce chemical substances that can save extend or substantially improve the quality of human life However even as the companies present themselves publicly as health and environmental stewards their factories are a significant source of air and water pollution toxic to people and the environment In Puerto Rico the pharmaceutical industry is the backbone of the island s economy in one small town alone there are over a dozen drug factories representing five multinationals the highest concentration per capita of such factories in the world It is a place where the enforcement of environmental regulations and the public trust they ensure are often violated in the name of economic development The Drug Company Next Door unites the concerns of critical medical anthropology with those of political ecology investigating the multi faceted role of pharmaceutical corporations as polluters economic providers and social actors Rather than simply demonizing the drug companies the volume explores the dynamics involved in their interactions with the local community and discusses the strategies used by both individuals and community groups to deal with the consequences of pollution The Drug Company Next Door puts a human face on a growing set of problems for communities around the world Accessible and engaging the book encourages readers to think critically about the role of corporations in everyday life health and culture

The Fight Over Food Wynne Wright, Gerad Middendorf, 2010-11 One problem with the food system is that price is the bottom line rather than having the bottom line be land stewardship an appreciation for the environmental and social value of small scale family farms or for organically grown produce Interview with farmer in Skagit County Washington For much of the later twentieth century food has been abundant and convenient for most residents of advanced industrial societies The luxury of taking the safety and dependability of food for granted pushed it to the back burner in the consciousness of many Increasingly however this once taken for granted food system is coming under question on issues such as the humane treatment of animals genetically engineered foods and social and environmental justice Many consumers are no longer content with buying into the mainstream commodity driven food market on which they once depended Resistance has emerged in diverse forms from protests at the opening of McDonald s restaurants worldwide to ever greater interest in alternatives such as CSAs community supported agriculture fair trade and organic foods The food system is increasingly becoming an arena of struggle that reflects larger changes in societal values and norms as expectations are moving beyond the desire for affordable convenient foods to a need for healthy and environmentally sound alternatives In this book leading scholars and scholar activists provide

case studies that illuminate the complexities and contradictions that surround the emergence of a new day in agriculture The essays found in *The Fight Over Food* analyze and evaluate both the theoretical and historical contexts of the agrifood system and the ways in which trends of individual action and collective activity have led to an accumulation of resistance that greatly affects the mainstream market of food production The overarching theme that integrates the case studies is the idea of human agency and the ways in which people purposefully and creatively generate new forms of action or resistance to facilitate social changes within the structure of predominant cultural norms Together these studies examine whether these combined efforts will have the strength to create significant and enduring transformations in the food system Routledge Handbook of Latin America and the Environment Beatriz Bustos, Salvatore Engel-Di Mauro, Gustavo García-López, Felipe Milanez, Diana Ojeda, 2023-05-31 The Routledge Handbook of Latin America and the Environment provides an in depth and accessible analysis and theorization of environmental issues in the region It will help readers make connections between Latin American and other regions perspectives experiences and environmental concerns Latin America has seen an acceleration of environmental degradation due to the expansion of resource extraction and urban areas This Handbook addresses Latin America not only as an object of study but also as a region with a long and profound history of critical thinking on these themes Furthermore the Handbook departs from most treatments on the topic by studying the environment as a social issue inextricably linked to politics economy and culture The Handbook will be an invaluable resource for those wanting not only to understand the issues but also to engage with ideas about environmental politics and social ecological transformation The Handbook covers a broad range of topics organized according to three areas physical geography ecology and crucial environmental problems of the region These are key theoretical and methodological issues used to understand Latin America s ecosocial contexts and institutional and grassroots practices related to more just and ecologically sustainable worlds The Handbook will set a research agenda for the near future and provide comprehensive research on most subregions relative to environmental transformations challenges struggles and political processes It stands as a fresh and much needed state of the art introduction for researchers scholars post graduates and academic audiences on Latin American contributions to theorization empirical research and environmental practices Insight Guides Puerto Rico Barbara Balletto, 2003 Insight Guides the world s largest visual travel guide series in association with Discovery Channel the world s premier source of nonfiction entertainment provides more insight than ever From the most popular resort cities to the most exotic villages Insight Guides capture the unique character of each culture with an insider s perspective Inside every Insight Guide you ll find Evocative full colour photography on every page Cross referenced full colour maps throughout A brief introduction including a historical timeline Lively essays by local writers on the culture history and people Expert evaluations on the sights really worth seeing Special features spotlighting particular topics of interest A comprehensive Travel Tips section with listings of the best restaurants hotels and attractions as well as practical information on getting around and

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