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much discussed, is not included in this volume. Recommended for upper-division undergraduates and above.—A. D. McNitt, *Eastern Illinois University*

38-2424 HF5549 99-15395 CIP
Raza, M. Ali. **The ups and downs of affirmative action preferences**, by M. Ali Raza, A. Janell Anderson, and Harry Glynn Custred. Praeger, 1999. 207p index afp ISBN 0-275-96713-1, \$59.95

California State University academicians Raza, Anderson, and Custred present a participant-observer perspective from inside the brain trust of California's Proposition 209 movement, which led to the passage in 1996 of a state constitutional amendment to abolish affirmative action preferences by public agencies in education, employment, and contracting. The authors begin by tracing the origins of affirmative action and relevant Supreme Court decisions related to it, and then turn to a detailed examination of Proposition 209. They contend that affirmation action efforts have resulted in unfair advantages and have led to the institutionalization of preferences. Their account is highly ideological and harsh in tone, which diminishes its value for thorough and honest analysis and debate. Blatant disregard for, or ignorance of, historical accuracy regarding Hispanics and non-European immigrants is particularly disturbing to this reviewer, particularly since one of the coauthors is a cultural and linguistic anthropologist. Also, no evidence is provided for the so-called 3,000,000 race-norming recipients. The authors do present interesting case law summaries, however selective in nature. An excellent contrast to this volume is Susan Welch and John Gruhl's *Affirmative Action and Minority Enrollments in Medical and Law Schools* (CH, Apr'99). Chapter endnotes; extensive use of newspaper accounts; a few interesting tables. Most appropriate for libraries collecting comprehensively on this topic, particularly at the research and professional levels.—A. A. Sisneros, *University of Illinois at Springfield*

38-2425 HJ2051 99-50857 CIP
Schick, Allen. **The federal budget: politics, policy, process**, by Allen Schick with Felix LoStracco. Rev. ed. Brookings, 2000. 307p index afp ISBN 0-8157-7726-4, \$44.95; ISBN 0-8157-7725-6 pbk, \$18.95

Schick (public policy, Univ. of Maryland and Brookings Institute) has revised this essential volume for students of national public policy and spending, adding information on new procedural wrinkles in the budget process and analysis of budget process in an era of surpluses. His mastery of the arcana of the budget process is on abundant display here, with incisive discussion of tax and spending trends, baselines, scorekeeping, functional allocations, entitlements, contract authority, and related topics. Schick includes a helpful glossary of budget terms and a list of useful Web sites. His final chapter contains an astute analysis of possible budgetary reforms in which he considers both the sanguine short-term budgetary projections and the more ominous likely trends in entitlement spending in future decades. The book is more about process than policy, but in budgeting the two are so intertwined that Schick includes abundant discussion of both. The volume is indispensable for students and teachers of public policy and public administration, and should find its way into advanced undergraduate and graduate classrooms. For all academic libraries.—S. E. Schier, *Carleton College*

38-2426 KF4836 99-35014 CIP
Schrag, Philip G. **A well-founded fear: the congressional battle to save political Asylum in America**. Routledge, 2000. 343p bibl index ISBN 0-415-92156-2, \$80.00

A law professor who served in the federal government as a nuclear weapons treaty negotiator, Schrag is an ideal narrator for this case study. His forthright pro-immigrant account relies heavily on his own role as an academic activist working in coalitions to save basic refugee rights in 1995. After Elian Gonzalez, it may be difficult to remember that Congress wished to impose a 30-day deadline on asylum requests, decrease the number of eligible applicants, and summarily exclude aliens. The author points out that Bill Clinton reneged on a campaign promise and followed George Bush in ordering the Coast Guard to turn back boatloads of Haitians. Many politicians argued that applicants for asylum were liars or terrorists. Senator Alan Simpson spoke

Paired with David Reimers's *Unwelcome Strangers* for general background, it gives a definitive account of the problem. Upper-division undergraduates and above.—F. H. Wu, *Howard University*

Psychology

38-2427 RC451 99-87700 CIP
Cohler, Bertram J. **The course of gay and lesbian lives: social and psychoanalytic perspectives**, by Bertram J. Cohler and Robert M. Galatzer-Levy. Chicago, 2000. 537p bibl indexes afp ISBN 0-226-11303-5, \$50.00

Why individuals become homosexual rather than heterosexual seems to be a societal obsession. Cohler and Galatzer-Levy (both Univ. of Chicago) comprehensively survey the answers offered (there are approximately 2,000 references in the bibliography) and report that their investigations show little evidence to suggest that same-sex sexual desire is either biologically determined—through genetic transmission, prenatal hormonal influences, structural changes in the nervous system—or fixed in childhood. Instead, they write, present evidence suggests that same sex-gender identities can best be characterized as a particular sexual lifestyle that is expressed in fantasy, often in action, and is fluid across the course of one's life span. The authors (both psychologists) are critical of mental-health professionals in general, and psychoanalysts in particular, who continue to label nonnormative sexualities as psychopathology. They hold that professionals who try to change a person's sexual orientation are in ethical conflict with their professional goals: the purpose of analysts in any professional relationship should be to enhance their patients' experience of personal understanding, congruence, vitality, and coherence. Intended as a major effort to redirect the ways psychoanalysts deal with gays and lesbians, this book will be useful in graduate and research collections supporting gay and lesbian studies as well as psychology.—V. L. Bullough, *University of Southern California*

38-2428 HM1033 99-51843 CIP
Cziko, Gary. **The things we do: using the lessons of Bernard and Darwin to understand the what, how, and why of our behavior**. MIT, 2000. 290p bibl index afp ISBN 0-262-03277-5, \$37.95

Cziko seeks to integrate the concepts of perceptual control theory (PCT) with recent work in evolutionary psychology and the biological perspectives of Charles Darwin and Claude Bernard. Developed by William T. Powers and designed to explain moment-to-moment behavior as a cybernetic process, PCT has not received a great deal of attention since its first articulation in 1973, and Cziko's book seems designed to bring it into the mainstream of current evolutionary thinking. The discussion is interesting and well written, and Cziko offers a unique perspective on the relation between a current behavior stream and the evolutionary history that provides an "ultimate" explanation. It is unfortunate that Cziko contrasts PCT with the theoretical perspective of B.F. Skinner—first because Powers's and Skinner's theories address different types of issues and are quite compatible with one another (as both are with evolutionary theory), and second because in order to make the contrast work, Cziko presents a highly biased and inadequate critique of the technologies resulting from Skinner's work. But despite uneven scholarship, Cziko's book is worth reading. It provides a fine introduction to PCT and a unique perspective on its relation to physiology and evolutionary biology as well as to cybernetics. Includes endnotes and a good reference list. Upper-division undergraduates through professionals.—S. S. Glenn, *University of North Texas*

38-2429 BF109 00-21987 CIP
Funk, Rainer. **Erich Fromm: his life and ideas: an illustrated biography**, tr. by Ian Portman and Manuela Kunkel. Continuum Publishing, 2000. 176p index ISBN 0-8264-1224-6, \$29.95

Funk's lavishly illustrated biography succeeds admirably in introducing



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the general reader to the "life" and "ideas" of the underappreciated Fromm. Funk is good at helping the nonspecialist understand the nature and significance of Fromm's life and his attempt to comprehend the psychological dynamics of social phenomena through an integration of Freud and Marx. And he is good at situating Fromm in his cultural milieu and at chronicling the major milestones of his career—for example, Fromm's break with orthodox Judaism, his rejection of Freud's libido theory, his debate with Herbert Marcuse, his work in Mexico, his efforts to humanize the encounter between analyst and analysand, his radical critique of capitalist society, and his political activism. As Fromm's literary executor and editor of the multi-volume German edition of the complete works, Funk is well positioned to elucidate the nuances of the Frommian synthesis—a synthesis that links the individual unconscious with historical materialism via the mediating construct of a dialectical "social character." Well designed and executed, with a plethora of black-and-white photos and a variety of useful bibliographic aids, this is a work for all public, college, and university libraries.—*H. I. Einsohn, Middlesex Community College*

38-2430 BF515 99-46191 CIP
Greenfield, Susan. **The private life of the brain: emotions, consciousness, and the secret of the self.** Wiley, 2000. 258p bibl index afp ISBN 0-471-18343-1, \$27.95

Greenfield's book is an absolute joy to read, particularly for those interested in the connection between biology and psychology. This reviewer was particularly impressed with the author's ability to integrate such a wide range of disciplines as pharmacology, psychology, neuroscience, and philosophy. The central question is this: Given the physical similarities of our brains, how is a unique, subjective experience generated in each of us? A wonderful question, and Greenfield does a masterful job of answering it in terms both profound and simple. The emotions triggered by life experiences create changes in the brain, changes that "lay down" pathways that lead to predictable future responses. Greenfield does not suggest that humans are automatons; she argues that individuals' biological, historical, and social (interpersonal and intrapersonal) beings may be intricately intertwined. Chapters 6, "The Depressive," and 7, "The Human Condition," were particularly compelling. Recommended for all readers with an interest in the relationship between biology, psychology, and personal experience. All collections.—*E. Osborne, Indiana University East*

3-2431 BF1045 00-25255 CIP
Grof, Stanislav. **Psychology of the future: lessons from modern consciousness research.** State University of New York, 2000. 345p bibl index p ISBN 0-7914-4621-2, \$59.50

Grof, a psychiatrist born in the former Czechoslovakia, summarizes his contributions to transpersonal psychotherapy. Despite its misleading title, Grof does not address vast areas of psychology and psychiatry; his book spans the most important insights that emerged from Grof's research into nonordinary states of consciousness, especially those attained through LSD-type drugs and, more recently, "holotropic" breathing procedures. Chapters treat the heuristic and therapeutic potentials of nonordinary states; Grof's cartography of the psyche and its use in the diagnosis and treatment of emotional and psychosomatic disorders; and the purported spiritual dimensions of death, dying, and "spiritual emergencies." The author gives considerable attention to such controversial topics as "birth trauma," "prior-life experiences," and Eastern cosmologies. Grof bases his claims on data gathered from work with thousands of patients and workshop participants, and most of the positions outlined in this book are testable. Grof has presented a thought-provoking paradigm; if it gains influential adherents, the psychology of the 21st century will be one whose purview includes philosophy, mythology, and humanities. All psychology collections.—*S. Krippner, Saybrook Graduate School*

2432 RC552 99-52681 CIP
Ruth, Ruth. **Trauma: a genealogy.** Chicago, 2000. 318p index afp ISBN 0-26-47765-7, \$55.00; ISBN 0-226-47766-5 pbk, \$19.00

Leys (humanities, Johns Hopkins Univ.) provides neither a primer on the

subject of psychological trauma nor the first book one should consult in seeking an overview of the topic. Many other works would be much better suited to this task, e.g., Mardi J. Horowitz's *Stress Response Syndromes* (1976), Michael R. Trimble's *Post-Traumatic Neurosis: From Railway Spine to the Whiplash* (1981), and *Psychological Aspects of Stress*, ed. by Harry Abram (1970). Leys gears her book toward the advanced trauma scholar seeking a critical and in-depth understanding of psychological trauma and existing theories on this subject. She asserts that the "concept" of psychological trauma has been fundamentally unstable throughout the 20th century, balancing uneasily between two competing, and incongruent, assumptions of trauma (which she categorizes as "mimetic" and "antimimetic" theories). By examining the major theoretical role hypnosis has played in the conceptualization of trauma and reviewing the research of renowned scholars, Leys provides a framework for her hypothesis. She does not so much tie together major theories as attempt to expose inherent flaws in theoretical arguments of researchers (her criticisms of Bessel Van der Kolk and Cathy Caruth are especially scathing). Although providing original ideas, this book is difficult to comprehend and not appropriate for undergraduates or lay researchers.—*L. S. Beall, Auburn University*

38-2433 BF371 99-27533 CIP
The Oxford handbook of memory, ed. by Endel Tulving and Fergus I.M. Craik. Oxford, 2000. 700p bibl indexes afp ISBN 0-19-512265-8, \$65.00

A unique resource on human memory providing an exhaustive coverage of the current state of scientific study in this area, this handbook discusses theories and data primarily from experimental, cognitive, neuropsychological, and developmental perspectives. The editors organize the material in four parts: basic presuppositions, concepts, and methods in a historical context; critical discussion of what has been discovered; memory applied in the real world; and the neuroscience of memory, an area of research the editors refer to as holding the most promise for yielding new information through advancing technology. The applied section extends the experimental findings in the laboratory to the role of memory in everyday life and to areas such as the development of memory in children and the decline of memory in aging and pathological conditions. One highly interesting chapter in this section discusses socialization factors in the development of memory. Sixty contributors, recognized for their work in memory, have contributed to the various sections. Each chapter has an extensive set of references. Highly recommended for academic libraries at all levels.—*P. Barker, emeritus, Schenectady County Community College*

38-2434 BF1031 99-45473 CIP
Varieties of anomalous experience: examining the scientific evidence, ed. by Etzel Cardeña, Steven J. Lynn, and Stanley C. Krippner. American Psychological Association, 2000. 476p bibl indexes afp ISBN 1-55798-625-8, \$39.95

Cardeña, Lynn, and Krippner present an extensively documented collection of information regarding uncommon psychological experiences that are not necessarily pathological. Although it focuses on "experiences, not on testing the consensual validity of such experience," the volume is a detailed presentation of a vast array of studies covering hallucinations; synesthesia; lucid dreaming; out-of-body experiences; psi-related experiences; alien abduction; and past-life, near-death, healing, and mystical experiences. The editors believe the time has come for psychologists and other social scientists to give such experiences serious consideration and to integrate them into theory, research, and clinical practices. This compiled research takes a large step toward that goal. Written by international authorities, the chapters are scholarly and dense, presenting an abundance of specific studies and references. An extremely valuable addition to any academic psychology collection and an excellent accompanying volume to abnormal psychology texts. Upper-division undergraduates through professionals.—*J. Basley, Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute*



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regarding the historical reality of Jesus, self-knowledge and friendship, the Gospels, the kingdom of forgiveness, conversion, Spirit, and steps in relationship...Stout-hearted interpretations of the Kingdom of God, the balm of forgiveness, and the challenges facing the Christian community are also rendered with grace and imagination. *Jesus: The Teacher Within* is one the best books of 2000."

Rainer Funk, *Erich Fromm: His Life and Ideas: An Illustrated Biography*

Reviewed in *Choice*, December 2000

Highlights: "Funk's lavishly illustrated biography succeeds admirably in introducing the general reader to the "life" and "ideas" of the underappreciated Fromm. Funk is good at helping the nonspecialist understand the nature and significance of Fromm's life and his attempt to comprehend the psychological dynamics of social phenomena through an integration of Freud and Marx. And he is good at situating Fromm in his cultural milieu and at chronicling the major milestones of his career... Well designed and executed, with a plethora of black-and-white photos and a variety of useful bibliographic aids, this a work for all public, college, and university libraries."

Paula Gooder, *The Pentateuch: A Story of Beginnings*

Announced in *Choice*, December 2000

Rita Gross and Rosemary Ruether, *On Being a Religious Feminist: Buddhist and Christian Perspectives*

Announced in *Choice*, December 2000

Max Harrison, Charles Fox, and Eric Thacker, *The Essential Jazz Records, Volume 1: Ragtime to Swing*

Reviewed in *Down Beat*, November 1985; reprinted in *Jazz Notes*

Highlights: "An immense body of information is packed into the volume, the writing is lucid, literate, and frequently a joy to read, and the discussion builds on itself until...we see 'a network of relationships which unite the many strands of this music.'...nothing approaching the compass, balance, and erudition of this volume has been produced on this side of the ocean....providing good...reason to check the book out...are the authors' courage of convictions, their recognition throughout of the principle of continuing and overlapping tradition, their ability to relate artists widely dispersed in time, and the catholicity of outlook that can draw comparison to the artistic concepts of, to name only several of their cross-cultural allusions, James Joyce, Ezra Pound, William Butler Yeats, Carl Jung, Jane Austen, Robert Schumann, and Homer."

Max Harrison, Eric Thacker, and Stuart Nicholson, *The Essential Jazz Records, Volume 2: Modernism to Postmodernism*

Reviewed in *Jazz Notes*

Highlights: "...gleefully idiosyncratic...[the authors] back up their convictions with often painstakingly detailed analysis—these are not merely opinionated record reviews, but concise essays of substance, with relevant biographical, historical, and contextual material...impressive are the key insights they provide to matters of content and style...More than just an engrossing read, this is precisely the kind of book that can help turn casual jazz fans into committed explorers, and inspire those who write about the music to listen harder, think deeper, and describe clearer. As such, it is simply indispensable."

Graham Harvey, Editor, *Indigenous Religions: A Companion*

Reviewed in *Choice*, December 2000

Highlights: "...informative and stimulating..."

Pierre Hegy and Joseph Martos, Editors, *Catholic Divorce: The Deception of Annulments*

Reviewed in *Choice*, December 2000

Highlights: "...a valuable addition to the theology of marriage....compelling and moving... The book should be on the shelves of any Catholic college or university. It is also a helpful addition to the collection of any institution whose students attempt to understand the history of and contemporary struggle over the practice of annulment."

Elizabeth Johnson, *Friends of God and Prophets: A Feminist Theological Reading of the Communion of Saints*

Reviewed in *Lexington Theological Quarterly*, Spring 2000

Highlights: "...worthy of our consideration."

James F. Keenan, Editor, with Jon D. Fuller, Lisa Sowle Cahill, and Kevin Kelly, *Catholic Ethicists on HIV/AIDS Prevention*

Reviewed in *Choice*, December 2000