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RECONSTRUCTING OBESITY
The Meaning of Measures and the Measure of Meanings
Edited by Megan McCullough and Jessica Hardin
Afterword by Stephen T. McFarvey

“A valuable text. The arguments and chapters are coherently linked to highlight the role of cultural assumptions in medical and social attitudes towards fatness and obesity. The volume makes a strong contribution to contextualizing ideologies on fatness and invites the reader to engage with a diverse range of disciplinary perspectives.”

Lucy Aphramor, Well Founded Ltd, Centre for Exercise and Health

In the crowded and busy arena of obesity and fat studies, there is a lack of attention to the lived experiences of people, how and why they eat what they do, and how people in cross-cultural settings understand risk, health, and bodies. This volume addresses the lacuna by drawing on ethnographic methods and analytical emic explorations in order to consider the impact of cultural difference, embodiment, and local knowledge on understanding obesity. It is through this reconstruction of how obesity and fatness are studied and understood that a new discussion will be introduced and a new set of analytical explorations about obesity research and the effectiveness of obesity interventions will be established.

Megan B. McCullough is a Research Health Scientist at the Department of Veteran Affairs and a Visiting Scholar at Brandeis University. Jessica A. Hardin is a PhD Candidate at Brandeis University.

Volume 2: Food, Nutrition, and Culture
October 2013, 248 pages, 5 figs, 1 table, bibliog., index

THE CULT AND SCIENCE OF PUBLIC HEALTH
A Sociological Investigation
Kevin Dew

“…an outstanding overview of public health, neatly traversing complex theoretical fields and developing a fascinating account of the moral significance of modern public health and its rituals… the book truly breaks new ground in allowing us to think through the complexities and paradoxes of public health as it acts at one time to free and protect the individual and at others to tend towards a moral absolutism of control.”

Kevin White, Australian National University, Canberra

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This study focuses on this tension between traditional science and the changing vision articulated within public health (and across many disciplines) that calls for a collective response to uncontrolled capitalism and unremitting globalisation, and to the way in which health inequalities and their association with social inequalities provides a political rhetoric that calls for a new redistributive social programme.

Kevin Dew is Professor of Sociology in the School of Social and Cultural Studies at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

2012, 180 pages, bibliog., index

THE ETHICS OF THE NEW EUGENICS
Edited by Calum Mackellar and Christopher Bechtel

“The book is clearly-written, easy to follow, well-structured, and well-researched. A lay audience will easily access and understand the debate and realise what is at stake with the new eugenics. Medical procedures and technical concepts are well explained… [Its] importance and relevance cannot be overstated... a must-read in our day and age, especially when biotechnology and the new eugenics can be a threat to all of humanity.”

Johann A. R. Roduit, Institute of Biomedical Ethics, University of Zurich

This inter-disciplinary volume blends research from embryology, genetics, philosophy, sociology, psychology, and history. In so doing, it constructs a thorough picture of the procedures emerging from today’s reproductive developments, including a rigorous ethical argumentation concerning the possible advantages and risks related to the new eugenics.

Calum Mackellar is Director of Research of the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, and Visiting Professor of Bioethics at St Mary’s University College, London, UK. Christopher Bechtel is a Research Fellow with the Scottish Council on Human Bioethics, Edinburgh, UK.

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COLLABORATORS COLLABORATING
Counterparts in Anthropological Knowledge and International Research Relations
Edited by Monica Konrad

“Theoretically ambitious and ethnographically rich, this volume takes a timely and critical look at inter-, trans-, even post-disciplinarity, emphasizing the central importance of exploring actual experiences and cultural contexts for the purpose of addressing the limits and potential of border-crossing and broad collaboration. This is multi-sited scholarship in an extended sense, in terms of disciplinary focus as well as empirical domain, with reasonable respect for the experimental and the playful.”

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Monica Konrad is a medical anthropologist and former Bye-Fellow / Senior Research Associate of Girton College, University of Cambridge.

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POWERLESS SCIENCE?
Science and Politics in a Toxic World
Edited by Soraya Boudia and Natalie Jas

“This is an innovative, very well organized and overall well written book on one of the most pressing issues of today’s society: the way chemicals contaminate the environment, and how we deal with it... most of the chapters cleverly combine the case study approach with universal features. It is surprising how well this works, both in the chapters and in the book at large.”
Carsten Reinhardt, Institute of Science and Technology Studies, University of Bielefeld

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Soraya Boudia is Professor of Science, Technology, and Innovation Studies at the University of Paris-Est-Marne-la-Vallée. Natalie Jas is a Senior Researcher at the French National Institute for Agricultural Research (INRA).

January 2014, 380 pages, 18 ill., bibliog., index

EVIDENCE, ETHOS AND EXPERIMENT
The Anthropology and History of Medical Research in Africa
Edited by P. Wenzel Geissler and Catherine Molyneux

“...a series of compelling and well written chapters... Considering the explosion of medical research in Africa in the age of global health, Evidence, Ethos and Experiment is a valuable and much-needed contribution to the development of multiple contextual frameworks for historical and contemporary medical research in Africa and elsewhere.”

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Tijdschrift Medische Antropologie

P. Wenzel Geissler teaches social anthropology at the University of Oslo and at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. Catherine Molyneux, Ph.D., is employed by Oxford University and has been working as part of the REMR-Welome Trust Research Programme in Kilifi, Kenya, since 1994.

2014, 452 pages, 32 ill., bibliog., index
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PATIENTS AND AGENTS
Mental Illness, Modernity and Islam in Sylhet, Bangladesh
Alyson Callan

Sylhet, the area of Bangladesh most closely associated with overseas migration, has seen an increase in remittances sent home from abroad, introducing new inequalities. Social change has also been mediated by the global forces of Western biomedicine and orthodox Islam. This book examines the effects of these modernizing trends on mental health and on local, traditional healing as the new inequalities have exacerbated existing social tensions and led to increased vulnerability to mental illness. It is the young women of Sylhet who are most affected. The global economy has increased competition for resources and led to marriage being seen as a route to economic advancement. Parents prefer to give their daughters in marriage to families that will widen their social contacts and enhance their economic and social standing. Accordingly, the young wife’s outsider status (and hence vulnerability to mental illness) has increased as it is no longer customary to give daughters in marriage to local kin. Yet, patients and their families do not work out tensions passively. They are active agents in the construction of their own diagnosis. The extent to which patients act or are acted upon is an investigation that runs throughout the book.

Alyson Callan currently works as a consultant psychiatrist in Brent for the Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust.

2012, 352 pages, 25 ill., bibliog., index

OUT OF PLACE
Madness in the Highlands of Papua New Guinea
Michael Goddard

“Goddard’s book is of great value to those interested in the history and critical understanding of psychiatry and psychology, to Melanesian anthropologists, and to those with an interest in ethnopsychiatry more generally... This is a critical area of research, particularly given that primary health care in the country lacks capacity and the tertiary system is struggling... (This book) also clearly demonstrates the value of the analysis of behaviour that is viewed as outside of normal moral conduct in understanding cultural assumptions and patterns of social relationships.”

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“The book is a strong reminder against tendencies to fix local systems of thought into rigid nosologies of static local knowledge.”

Tijdschrift Medische Anthropologie

Michael Goddard is currently a Research Fellow in the Department of Anthropology, Macquarie University, Australia.

Volume 6, Social Identities
2011, 200 pages, 1 map, bibliog., index
MANUFACTURING TIBETAN MEDICINE
The Creation of an Industry and the Moral Economy of Tibetanness
Martin Saxer

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Martin Saxer received a PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology from the University of Oxford and is currently a Marie Curie Fellow at the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich.

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THE BODY IN BALANCE
Humoral Medicines in Practice
Edited by Peregrine Horden and Elisabeth Hsu

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Peregrine Horden is Professor of Medieval History at Royal Holloway, University of London, and an Extraordinary Research Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford. Elisabeth Hsu is Professor of Anthropology at the Institute of Social and Cultural Anthropology of the University of Oxford, and Governing Body Fellow of Green Templeton College.

Volume 11, Epistemologies of Healing
August 2013, 248 pages, 4 figs & tables, biblig., index

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Volume 10, Epistemologies of Healing
March 2013, 324 pages, 11 ll, biblig., index
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Anthropologies of AIDS in Africa
Edited by Hansjörg Dilger and Ute Luig

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Hansjörg Dilger is Junior Professor of Social and Cultural Anthropology at the Freie Universität Berlin. Ute Luig is Professor Emeritus of Social Anthropology at the Freie Universität Berlin.

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Expectation and Experience in the Contemporary US
Sallie Han

“The author takes an insightful look at an understudied phenomenon: that of ordinary pregnancy. She rightly notes that much scholarship has documented birth and the medicalization of pregnancy. Not enough attention has been paid to the mundane aspects of pregnancy. While an analysis of the quotidian might seem boring, it is when scholars problematize the everyday (the things we take for granted) that new insights are revealed.” Miranda Waggoner, Princeton University

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Sallie Han is Associate Professor of Anthropology at SUNY College at Oneonta.

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July 2013, 286 pages, 6 ill., biblog., index
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MILITANT LACTIVISM?
Attachment Parenting and Intensive Motherhood in the UK and France
Charlotte Faircloth

“This is a captivating, original, and methodologically sound study, which will make an important contribution to anthropological work on contemporary motherhood. It deserves to be much more widely read, however, by scholars in many other disciplines and outside the academy” Ellie Lee, University of Kent

“The cross-cultural dimension is one of the things that make this book unique and especially valuable…Overall, the book is on an important topic, based on sound research. This is a major contribution to scholarship on parenting, and a compelling study of a subject now in the forefront of public debate” Linda Layne, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute/University of Cambridge

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Charlotte Faircloth is a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Fellow with the Centre for Parenting Culture Studies in the School of Sociology, Social Policy and Sociological Research at the University of Kent.

Volume 24, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
March 2013, 278 pages, 5 ill. & 1 table, biblog., index

ISLAM AND ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES
Sunni and Shia Perspectives
Edited by Marcia C. Inhorn and Soraya Tremayne

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Volume 23, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
2012, 346 pages, 4 tables and figs, biblog., index

FATNESS AND THE MATERNAL BODY
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Mayan Maternal Mortality and Subjectivity in Post-War Guatemala
Nicole S. Berry

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Nicole S. Berry is an Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Health Sciences at Simon Fraser University in Vancouver, British Columbia

ABORTION IN ASIA
Local Dilemmas, Global Politics
Edited by Andrea Whittaker

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"The book aims to spark a dialogue between academics and advocates, and between anthropology and public health." IIAS (International Institute for Asian Studies) Newsletter

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KIN, GENE, COMMUNITY
Reproductive Technologies among Jewish Israelis
Edited by Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli and Yoram S. Carmeli

Israel is the only country in the world that offers free fertility treatments to nearly any woman who requires medical assistance. It also has the world’s highest per capita usage of in-vitro fertilization. Examining state policies and the application of reproductive technologies among Jewish Israelis, this volume explores the role of tradition and politics in the construction of families within local Jewish populations. The contributors—anthropologists, bioethicists, jurists, physicians and biologists—highlight the complexities surrounding these treatments and show how biological relatedness is being construed as a technology of power, how genetics is woven into the production of identities, how reproductive technologies enhance the policing of boundaries. Donor insemination, IVF and surrogacy, as well as abortion, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and human embryonic stem cell research, are explored within local and global contexts to convey an informed perspective on the wider Jewish-Israeli environment.

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ASSISTING REPRODUCTION, TESTING GENES
Global Encounters with the New Biotechnologies
Edited by Daphna Birenbaum-Carmeli and Marcia C. Inhorn

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"Overall, this book provides good and interesting reading for all who want details of the cultural significances, religious and political impacts of ARTs as experienced by people of different ethnicity and religious background. Most importantly, this volume conveys the complexities of introducing and implementing ARTs in different cultures and political settings. It also brings to forth the meaning of reproduction in societies, the price and value of human life." Anthropological Notebooks

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Christine McCourt studied for her degree and doctorate in social anthropology at the London School of Economics and is now Professor of Maternal and Child Health at City University London.

Volume 17, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
2011, 262 pages, bibliog., index

ISLAM AND NEW KINSHIP
Reproductive Technology and the Shariah in Lebanon
Morgan Clarke

“As Clarke notes, he explicitly did not intend for this research to comprise an ethnography of reproductive technologies in Lebanon. As such, this book serves as an excellent companion piece to medical anthropological studies in the region that are more clinic-based and experiential, for example, those of Marcia Inhorn. This book will be of considerable interest to scholars in the areas of gender and health, reproduction and reproductive technologies, Islamists, and those engaged in comparative kinship studies. It would be a valuable and effective text for use in seminars and most appropriate for graduate students or advanced (honors) undergraduates.”

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“The book is theoretically sophisticated, beautifully written, and brilliantly cohesive. The author is to be commended for his unflagging engagement with a complex Islamic legal literature, with interviewees supplying him with massive tomes in Arabic containing their legal positions. Most admirable is the endeavour to analyse the perspectives revealed on their own terms within the societies that produce them.”

Morgan Clarke is Simon Research Fellow in the Department of Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Manchester.

Volume 16, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
2012, 232 pages, bibliog., index
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KINSHIP AND BEYOND
The Genealogical Model Reconsidered
Edited by Sandra Bamford and James Leach

“This collection of ten essays is the latest major work to call for renewed attention to the topic of kinship, especially with respect to contemporary questions of how cultures relate to nature...It is a welcome addition to the ongoing revival of kinship, and will stimulate further debate among its many participants.”

Ethnobiology Letters

The authors explore the influences of the genealogical model of kinship in wider social theory and examine anthropology’s ability to provide a unique framework capable of bridging the “social” and “natural” sciences. In doing so, this volume brings fresh new perspectives to bear on contemporary theories concerning biotechnology and its effect upon social life.

Sandra Bamford is an Associate Professor at the University of Toronto. James Leach is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Aberdeen.

Volume 15, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
2011, 300 pages, 21 ills, bibliog., index
ISBN 978-1-84545-959-6 Hardback $90.00/£53.00 (2009)

EUROPEAN KINSHIP IN THE AGE OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
Edited by Jeanette Edwards and Carles Salazar

“This superb anthology extends the emphasis on technology that has become such a prominent feature of much recent anthropological work on kinship...In this richly ethnographic text, the most familiar problems produce the most unusual answers...Each chapter brilliantly combines kinship as a matrix with kinship as a tool, using ethnographic examples that leap off the page.”

Journal of Anthropological Research

This volume investigates the impact of biotechnology on contemporary understandings of kinship, of family and ‘belonging’ in a variety of European settings and reveals similarities and differences in how kinship is conceived. It has been argued that the recent prominence of genetic science and genetic technologies has resulted in a ‘geneticization’ of social life; the ethnographic examples presented here do show shifts occurring in notions of ‘nature’ and of what is ‘natural’. But, they also illustrate the complexity of contemporary kinship thinking in Europe and the continued interconnectedness of biological and sociological understandings of relatedness and the relationship between nature and nurture.

Jeanette Edwards is Professor of Social Anthropology at Manchester University. Carles Salazar is Lecturer in Social Anthropology at the University of Lleida.

Volume 14, Fertility, Reproduction and Sexuality
2012, 332 pages, bibliog., index
ISBN 978-1-84545-993-4 Hardback $90.00/£53.00 (2009)
Studies of the Biosocial Society

SUBSTITUTE PARENTS
Biological and Social Perspectives on Alloparenting in Human Societies
Edited by Gillian Bentley and Ruth Mace

“This book brings together high-quality papers from many different fields: endocrinology, evolutionary biology, demography, economics, psychology, sociology, anthropology. ... It can be seen as a practical tool for researchers in the field, and it provides a large amount of data across a wide range of populations and helps to find a common ground between theories emerging from different fields. It is the kind of book that will never end up in the last dusty row of your shelves because you will continually refer to it, picking up here and there empirical and theoretical data for the next decades.” BioOne. Research Evolved

Studying offspring care in various human societies, and other mammalian species, a wide range of specialists such as anthropologists, psychologists, animal behavioralists, evolutionary ecologists, economists and sociologists, have contributed to this volume, offering new insights into and a better understanding of one of the key areas of human society.

Gillian Bentley is a biological anthropologist and reproductive ecologist and a Royal Society Research Fellow at University College London. Ruth Mace is Professor of Evolutionary Anthropology at University College London.

Volume 1, Studies of the Biosocial Society
2012, 327 pages, 8 illus, bibliog., index

HEALTH, RISK, AND ADVERSITY
Edited by Catherine Panter-Brick and Agustin Fuentes
Foreword by Alan Goodman

“This volume is very well organized, overall, with a layout ideal for students and academics who are looking to collaborate with their colleagues in anthropology and public health. The chapter structures offer well thought out summaries; a helpful glossary is found in the back. Those curious about human action and inaction as sources of ill health will find adversity and risk’s impact on health clearly and vibrantly displayed through Panter-Brick and Fuentes’ bio-cultural investigation of unequal health outcomes.” Journal of the Bio-Social Society

“Those are vibrant and important treatments of socio-cultural concepts in health that fit well into medical anthropology, but also go beyond that. Their contribution lies in reminding and refining how human health and biology are produced, perceived, and communicated in a deep social context that includes history, politics, economics, and current global culture, especially modern media. … The editors have brilliantly organized the volume.”

Stephen T. McGarvey, Professor of Community Health and Anthropology, Brown University

Catherine Panter-Brick is Professor of Anthropology at Yale University. Agustin Fuentes is Professor of Anthropology at the University of Notre Dame, US.

Volume 2, Studies of the Biosocial Society
2013, 319 pages, bibliog., index

IDENTITY POLITICS
AND THE NEW GENETICS
Re/Creating Categories of Difference and Belonging
Edited by Katharina Schramm, David Skinner and Richard Rottenburg

“This is an important and extremely timely collection that will inform ongoing and evolving discussions within the social sciences and beyond about the changing relationship between identity and genomics. It captures and contributes to an emerging moment in social science engagement with genomics and issues of identity and the politics of difference.”

Sahra Gibbon, University College London

This volume investigates the ways in which existing social categories are both maintained and transformed at the intersection of the natural (sciences) and the cultural (politics). The contributors include medical researchers, anthropologists, historians of science and sociologists of race relations; together, they explore the new and challenging landscape where biology becomes the stuff of identity.

Katharina Schramm is Senior Lecturer at the Institute of Social Anthropology at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg and Research Associate at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology. David Skinner is Reader in Sociology at Anglia Ruskin University. UK. Richard Rottenburg holds a chair in Social Anthropology at Martin-Luther-University Halle-Wittenberg and is Max Planck Fellow at the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology.

Volume 6, Studies of the Biosocial Society
2012, 216 pages, 4 tables & figs, bibliog., index

RACE, ETHNICITY, AND NATION
Perspectives from Kinship and Genetics
Edited by Peter Wade

“The highlight of this collection is the depth and consistency of its comparative approach. … A further point of interest in this collection is the significant attention to media sources that the authors give.” American Ethnologist

“This collection fulfills its aim of broadening the terms and contexts of current debate. … It is … recommended to scholars interested in human relatedness in its different forms and particularly those working at the intersections between relatedness and development in bioscience.”

Journal of Biosocial Science

“Rich with examples, taken together this volume extends in important ways our understanding of race, ethnicity, and nation through the perspective of kinship, conceived as entailing, as Wade puts it, ‘a constant traffic between natural and cultural idioms.’” JRAI

Peter Wade is Professor of Social Anthropology at the University of Manchester.

Volume 5, Studies of the Biosocial Society
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