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The Embodiment Of American Culture Book Review: Unveiling the Power of Words

In a global driven by information and connectivity, the power of words has be more evident than ever. They have the ability to inspire, provoke, and ignite change. Such may be the essence of the book **The Embodiment Of American Culture**, a literary masterpiece that delves deep to the significance of words and their impact on our lives. Compiled by a renowned author, this captivating work takes readers on a transformative journey, unraveling the secrets and potential behind every word. In this review, we will explore the book is key themes, examine its writing style, and analyze its overall affect readers.

Black Children in Hollywood Cinema Debbie Olson 2017-03-14 This book explores cultural conceptions of the child and the cinematic absence of black children from contemporary Hollywood film. Debbie Olson argues that within the discourse of children's studies and film scholarship in relation to the conception of "the child," there is often little to no distinction among children by race—the "child" is most often discussed as a universal entity, as the embodiment of all things not adult, not (sexually) corrupt. Discussions about children of color among scholars often take place within contexts such as crime, drugs, urbanization, poverty, or lack of education that tend to reinforce historically stereotypical beliefs about African Americans. Olson looks at historical conceptions of childhood within scholarly discourse, the child character in popular film and what space the black child (both African and African American) occupies within that ideal.

A Barren Landscape Geraldine Smith Priest 2011-12 America in the early 1800s was a cultural blank canvas, a barren landscape awaiting texture in the form of learning, literature and the arts. Geraldine Priest creates this fictional historical memoir of Eliza Rupp, the embodiment of the many Americans striving to fill that void. The story of Eliza's family and her study of piano are interwoven with those of the leading literati, artists and educators of the day. Like so many of them, she journeys to Europe to further her studies and make her own cultural contribution to America's Barren Landscape.

The Culture of Corporeality Stefan Leonhard Brandt 2007 The Culture of Corporeality outlines a cultural history of the body in the American postwar years (1945-1960), based on contemporary critical theory and exemplified by a variety of films, literary works, and other documents. The book argues that the body, as a cultural, symbolic, and >lived

Lighting Out for the Territory Shelley Fisher Fishkin 1996-12-12 Mark Twain has been called the American Cervantes, our Homer, our Tolstoy, our Shakespeare. Ernest Hemingway maintained that "all modern American literature comes from one book by Mark Twain called Huckleberry Finn." President Franklin Delano Roosevelt took the phrase "New Deal" from A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court. Twain's Gilded Age gave an entire era its name. Twain is everywhere--in ads for Bass Ale, in episodes of "Star Trek," as a greeter in Nevada's Silver Legacy casino. Clearly, the reports of his death have been greatly exaggerated. In *Lighting Out for the Territory*, Twain scholar Shelley Fisher Fishkin blends personal narrative with reflections on history, literature, and popular culture to provide a lively and provocative look at who Mark Twain really was, how he got to be that way, and what we do with his legacy today. Fishkin illuminates the many ways that America has embraced Mark Twain--from the scenes and plots of his novels, to his famous quips, to his bushy-haired, white-suited persona. She reveals that we have constructed a Twain often far removed from the actual writer. For instance, we travel to Hannibal, Missouri, Mark Twain's home town, a locale that in his work is both the embodiment of the innocence of childhood and also an emblem of hypocrisy, barbarity, and moral rot. The author spotlights the fact that Hannibal today attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists and takes in millions yearly, by focusing on Tom Sawyer's boyhood exploits--marble-shoots and white-washed fences--and ignoring Twain's portraits of the darker side of the slave South. The narrative moves back and forth from modern Hannibal to antebellum Hannibal and to Mark Twain's childhood experiences with brutality and slavery. Her exploration of those subjects in his work shows that Tom Sawyer's fence isn't the only thing being white-washed in Hannibal. Fishkin's research yields fresh insights into the remarkable story of how this child of slaveholders became the author

of the most powerful anti-racist novel by an American. Whether lending his name to a pizza parlor in Louisiana, a diner in Jackson Heights, New York, or an asteroid in outer space, whether making cameo appearances on "Cheers" and "Bonanza," or turning up in novels as a detective or a love interest, Mark Twain's presence in contemporary culture is pervasive and intriguing. Fishkin's wide-ranging examination of that presence demonstrates how Twain and his work echo, ripple, and reverberate throughout our society. We learn that Walt Disney was a great fan of Twain's fiction (in fact, "Tom Sawyer's Island" in Disneyland is the only part of the park that Disney himself designed) as is Chuck Jones, who credits the genesis of cartoon character Wile E. Coyote to the comic description of a coyote in *Roughing It*. We learn of Mark Twain impersonators (Hal Holbrook, for instance, has played Twain in some 1,500 performances) and recent movie versions of Twain books, such as *A Million to Juan*. And we discover how Twain's image can be seen in claymation, in animatronics and robotics, in virtual reality, and on any number of home-pages on the Internet. *Lighting Out for the Territory* offers an engrossing look at how Mark Twain's life and work have been cherished, memorialized, exploited, and misunderstood. It offers a wealth of insight into Twain, into his work, and into our nation, both past and present.

Carnal Thoughts Vivian Sobchack 2004-11 A group of sophisticated essays on how we experience film with all fives senses--and our sense of history .

The Embodied Child Roxanne Harde 2017-09-11 *The Embodied Child: Readings in Children's Literature and Culture* brings together essays that offer compelling analyses of children's bodies as they read and are read, as they interact with literature and other cultural artifacts, and as they are constructed in literature and popular culture. The chapters examine the ideology behind the cultural constructions of the child's body and the impact they have on society, and how the child's body becomes a carrier of cultural ideology within the cultural imagination. They also consider the portrayal of children's bodies in terms of the seeming dichotomies between healthy-vs-unhealthy bodies as well as able-bodied-vs-disabled, and examines flesh-and-blood bodies that engage with literary texts and other media. The contributors bring perspectives from anthropology, communication, education, literary criticism, cultural studies, philosophy, physical education, and religious studies. With wide and astute coverage of disparate literary and cultural texts, and lively scholarly discussions in the introductions to the collection and to each section, this book makes a long-needed contribution to discussions of the body and the child.

Encyclopedia of Contemporary American Culture Robert Gregg 2005-11-10 As a meeting point for world cultures, the USA is characterized by its breadth and diversity. Acknowledging that diversity is the fundamental feature of American culture, this volume is organized around a keen awareness of race, gender, class and space and with over 1,200 alphabetically-arranged entries - spanning 'the American century' from the end of World War II to the present day - the Encyclopedia provides a one-stop source for insightful and stimulating coverage of all aspects of that culture. Entries range from short definitions to longer overview essays and with full cross-referencing, extensive indexing, and a thematic contents list, this volume provides an essential cultural context for both teachers and students of American studies, as well as providing fascinating insights into American culture for the general reader. The suggestions for further reading, which follows most entries, are also invaluable guides to more specialized sources.

Embodied Voices Leslie C. Dunn 1994 As a material link between body and culture, self and other, the voice has been endlessly fascinating to artists and critics. Yet it is the voices of women that have inspired the greatest fascination, as well as the deepest ambivalence, because the female voice signifies sexual

otherness as well as sexual and cultural power. Embodied Voices explores cultural manifestations of female vocalicity in the light of current theories of subjectivity, the body and sexual difference. The fourteen essays collected here examine a wide spectrum of discourses, including myth, literature, music, film, psychoanalysis, and critical theory. Though diverse in their critical approaches, the essays are united in their attempt to articulate the compelling yet problematic intersections of gender, voice, and embodiment as they have shaped the textual representation of women and women's self-expression in performance.

An Archive of Shame Rebecca Harris 2012 In this dissertation, "An Archive of Shame: Gender, Embodiment, and Citizenship in Contemporary American Culture," I use the affect of shame in its multiple forms and manifestations as a category of analysis in order to examine complex relationships between gender, sexuality, the body, and citizenship. Through chapters on incest, gender normalization, and disease, I build an "archive" of the feeling of shame that consists of literary texts such as Sapphire's *Push: A Novel*, Jeffrey Eugenides's *Middlesex*, Tony Kushner's *Angels in America*, and Katherine Dunn's *Geek Love*, as well as materials from popular culture, films such as *Philadelphia*, court cases, and other ephemera such as pamphlets and news coverage. In order to construct this archive, I bring together seemingly disparate materials and create readings of American culture that illustrate how the category of citizen is produced by the shaming of women, the gender non-conforming, and the diseased. Using feminist theoretical models, I critique previous discussions of citizenship, the state, and the body in queer theory, which have reified the privilege of whiteness and maleness by evacuating the bodies of women, the gender non-conforming, and the diseased of their radical potential to undermine oppressive state institutions. The texts I analyze in this project interrogate normalized processes of documentation and archiving, and through their subject matter as well as their form, these texts participate in the archival process—theorizing and exploring alternative methods of documentation, collecting, and historicizing and so illustrate how the discourses produced by mainstream history are built upon the maintenance of social hierarchies. By bringing these texts together, I am developing a theory of the archive and its processes, its bodies, and its feelings. Archiving as a practice collects and documents, and in that collection, develops a coherent narrative about a particular event or history. Critical theory is also a process of making meaning through the collection of events, documents, and texts into a cohesive set of terms in order to make particular abstract claims. This process is often obscured both in archiving and in theorizing by naturalizing the selection of the materials that matter. The alternative archives in this dissertation make that process explicit in order to foreground its erasures and elisions; they register material difference and the ways in which the archive is reproductive of social relations. The transient and unstable nature of the archives produced within the texts of this project makes them difficult to pin down and make coherent, but that is what makes them powerful and transformative. I read these materials as sites where questions about the official histories of the nation, which are constructed through race, gender, and sex, might be played out. The archive of shame I compile in this project, therefore, can be read as a collection of partial sites of struggle against oppressive power relationships.

Literary Movement Chelsea June Adams 2020 "This dissertation focuses on space, dance, and cultural embodiment in African American novels from 1920 to 1983. It investigates how African American novelists utilize physical space to portray African American vernacular culture. I discuss how elements of vernacular culture create symbolism and complex understandings of cultural belonging in the African American novels. In particular, I examine the work of Nella Larsen, Ralph Ellison, Toni Morrison, and Paule Marshall, placing them in conversation with blues and jazz music and dance traditions and within the context of the study of race and class in the novel during the twentieth century."--Abstract.

Journeys of Embodiment at the Intersection of Body and Culture Niva Piran 2017-09-15 *Journeys of Embodiment at the Intersection of Body and Culture: The Developmental Theory of Embodiment* describes an innovative developmental and feminist theory—understanding embodiment—to provide a new perspective on the interactions between the social environment of girls and young women of different social locations and their embodied experience of engagement with the world around them. The book proposes that the multitude of social experiences described by girls and women shape their body experiences via three core pathways: experiences in the physical domain, experiences in the mental domain and experiences related directly to social power. The book is structured around each developmental stage in the

body journey of girls and young women, as influenced by their experience of embodiment. The theory builds on the emergent constructs of 'embodiment' and 'body journey,' and the key social experiences which shape embodiment throughout development and adolescence—from agency, functionality and passion during early childhood to restriction, shame and varied expressions of self-harm during and following puberty. By addressing not only adverse experiences at the intersection of gender, social class, ethnocultural grouping, resilience and facilitative social factors, the theory outlines constructive pathways toward transformation. It contends that both protective and risk factors are organized along these three pathways, with the positive and negative aspects conceptualized as Physical Freedom (vs. Corseting), Mental Freedom (vs. Corseting), and Social Power (vs. Disempowerment and Disconnection). Examines the construct of embodiment and its theoretical development Explores the social experiences that shape girls throughout development Recognizes the importance of the body and sexuality Includes narratives by girls and young women on how they inhabit their bodies Invites scholars and health professionals to critically reflect on the body journeys of diverse girls and women Addresses the advancement of feminist, social critical and psychological theory, as well as implications to practice—both therapy and health promotion

Jeans James Sullivan 2006 Since their appearance nearly 150 years ago, jeans have been worn by all segments of American society and exported around the world. This book traces their evolution from a simple utilitarian garment to the very embodiment of the American ethos. Touching on the rise and fall of indigo, the myth of the cowboy, American cultural imperialism, sex, advertising and countless other topics wrapped in denim, this is a history of popular American culture as told through an iconic item of clothing.

The Fiction of America Susanne Hamscha 2013-05 *The Fiction of America* juxtaposes classic literature of the American Renaissance with twentieth-century popular culture—pairing, for instance, Ralph Waldo Emerson with *Finding Nemo*, Walt Whitman with *Spiderman*, and Hester Prynne with *Madonna*—to investigate how the "Americanness" of American culture constitutes itself in the interplay of the cultural imaginary and performance. Conceptualizing "America" as a transhistorical practice, Susanne Hamscha reveals disruptive, spectral moments in the narrative of "America," which confront American culture with its inherent inconsistencies.

Fantastic Cities Stefan Rabitsch 2022-02-04 Contributions by Carl Abbott, Jacob Babb, Marleen S. Barr, Michael Fuchs, John Glover, Stephen Joyce, Sarah Lahm, James McAdams, Cynthia J. Miller, Fernando Gabriel Pagnoni Berns, Chris Pak, María Isabel Pérez Ramos, Stefan Rabitsch, J. Jesse Ramírez, A. Bowdoin Van Riper, Andrew Wasserman, Jeffrey Andrew Weinstock, and Robert Yeates *Metropolis, Gotham City, Mega-City One, Panem's Capitol, the Sprawl, Caprica City—American (and Americanized) urban environments have always been a part of the fantastic imagination. Fantastic Cities: American Urban Spaces in Science Fiction, Fantasy, and Horror* focuses on the American city as a fantastic geography constrained neither by media nor rigid genre boundaries. *Fantastic Cities* builds on a mix of theoretical and methodological tools that are drawn from criticism of the fantastic, media studies, cultural studies, American studies, and urban studies. Contributors explore cultural media across many platforms such as Christopher Nolan's *Dark Knight Trilogy*, the *Arkham Asylum* video games, the 1935 movie serial *The Phantom Empire*, Kim Stanley Robinson's fiction, Colson Whitehead's novel *Zone One*, the vampire films *Only Lovers Left Alive* and *A Girl Walks Home Alone at Night*, Paolo Bacigalupi's novel *The Water Knife*, some of Kenny Scharf's videos, and Samuel Delany's classic *Dhalgren*. Together, the contributions in *Fantastic Cities* demonstrate that the fantastic is able to "real-ize" that which is normally confined to the abstract, metaphorical, and/or subjective. Consequently, both utopian aspirations for and dystopian anxieties about the American city become literalized in the fantastic city.

Perspectives on Embodiment Gail Weiss 2002-05-03 A collection of essays from contributors including Martin Jay, Hubert Dreyfus and David Hoy, this text offers a look at the ways in which nature and culture interact to produce embodied subjects.

Embodiment of a Nation Cecelia TICHU 2009-06-30 From Harriet Beecher Stowe's image of the Mississippi's "bosom" to Henry David Thoreau's Cape Cod as "the bared and bended arm of Massachusetts," the American environment has been represented in terms of the human body. Exploring such instances of embodiment, Cecelia Tichi exposes the historically varied and often contrary geomorphic expression of a national paradigm.

Gatsby Bob Batchelor 2013-11-07 In 1925, F. Scott Fitzgerald produced his third novel, a slim work for which he had high expectations. Despite such hopes, the novel received mixed reviews and lackluster sales. Over the decades, however, the reputation of *The Great Gatsby* has grown and millions of copies have been sold. One of the bestselling novels of all time, it is also considered one of the most significant achievements in twentieth-century fiction. But what makes *Gatsby* great? Why do we still care about this book more than eighty-five years after it was published? And how does *Gatsby* help us make sense of our own lives and times? In *Gatsby: The Cultural History of the Great American Novel*, Bob Batchelor explores the birth, life, and enduring influence of *The Great Gatsby*—from the book's publication in 1925 through today's headlines filled with celebrity intrigue, corporate greed, and a roller-coaster economy. A cultural historian, Batchelor explains why and how the novel has become part of the fiber of the American ethos and an important tool in helping readers to better comprehend their lives and the broader world around them. A "biography" of F. Scott Fitzgerald's masterpiece, this book examines *The Great Gatsby's* evolution from a nearly-forgotten 1920s time capsule to a revered cultural touchstone. Batchelor explores how this embodiment of the American Dream has become an iconic part of our national folklore, how the central themes and ideas emerging from the book—from the fulfillment of the American Dream to the role of wealth in society—resonate with contemporary readers who struggle with similar uncertainties today. By exploring the timeless elements of reinvention, romanticism, and relentless pursuit of the unattainable, Batchelor confirms the novel's status as "The Great American Novel" and, more importantly, explains to students, scholars, and fans alike what makes *Gatsby* so great.

Embodiment and Cultural Differences Bianca Maria Pirani 2016-08-17 *Embodiment and Cultural Differences* focuses on the body as the equilibrium limit between the memory of time already passed and the dynamic where of unexpected happenings. The body's ecology is fulfilled in the surrounding environment within this variable limit. Each embodiment operation is, in fact, an experimental setting that consists of the unrepeatable executive instants through which, like a musical score, the body synchronises human consciousness with the context of action. What distinguishes the architecture of this book is that, collectively, it constitutes a challenge to the digital media paradigm, in which the body is treated simply as a two dimensional icon of space and time; a relatively "free form" with all kinds of narratives generated by the multimedia. The volume demonstrates how fundamentally different ways of experiencing time are also determined by the differing cultural use of bodily rhythms. Central to the understanding of this interdependence is the study of synchronisation - increasing knowledge through the investigation of how rhythm, music, chants, dance, prayer and other harmonising practices support social integration. The book also touches upon the anxieties, fears, and ambivalences affecting contemporary European societies, particularly those that have followed in the wake of terrorist attacks and the influx of refugee populations. The participating authors are all members of the International Sociological Association, and part of the Research Committee 54 "The Body in the Social Sciences". This is, in short, a book that will attract wide interest, especially from social scientists, researchers and academics in the social sciences, sociology, and digital studies, in addition to further afield, for example, in health, philosophy, education, and anthropology.

A Companion to the Anthropology of the Body and Embodiment Frances E. Mascia-Lees 2011-03-29 *A Companion to the Anthropology of the Body and Embodiment* offers original essays that examine historical and contemporary approaches to conceptualizations of the body. In this ground-breaking work on the body and embodiment, the latest scholarship from anthropology and related social science fields is presented, providing new insights on body politics and the experience of the body. Original chapters cover historical and contemporary approaches and highlight new research frameworks. Reflects the increasing importance of embodiment and its ethnographic contexts within anthropology. Highlights the increasing emphasis on examining the production of scientific, technological, and medical expertise in studying bodies and embodiment.

Sentimental Men Mary Chapman 1999-10-12 This text analyses cultural forms to demonstrate the centrality of masculine sentiment in American literary and cultural history. They analyze sentimentalism not just as a literary game but as a structure of feeling manifested in many areas.

Embodiment in Cognition and Culture John Michael Krois 2007 This volume shows that the notions of embodied or situated cognition, which have transformed the scientific study of intelligence have the

potential to reorient cultural studies as well. The essays adapt and amplify embodied cognition in such different fields as art history, literature, history of science, religious studies, philosophy, biology, and cognitive science. The topics include the biological genesis of teleology, the dependence of meaning in signs upon biological embodiment, the notion of image schema and the concept of force in cognitive semantics, pictorial self-portraiture as a means to study self-perception, the difference between reading aloud and silent reading as a way to make sense of literary texts, intermodal (kinesthetic) understanding of art, psychosomatic medicine, laughter as a medical and ethical phenomenon, the valuation of laughter and the body in religion, and how embodied cognition revives and extends earlier attempts to develop a philosophical anthropology. (Series A)

Embodiment and Experience Thomas J. Csordas 1994-11-17 Students of culture have been increasingly concerned with the ways in which cultural values are 'inscribed' on the body. These essays go beyond this passive construal of the body to a position in which embodiment is understood as the existential condition of cultural life. From this standpoint embodiment is reducible neither to representations of the body, to the body as an objectification of power, to the body as a physical entity or biological organism, nor to the body as an inalienable centre of individual consciousness. This more sensate and dynamic view is applied by the contributors to a variety of topics, including the expression of emotion, the experience of pain, ritual healing, dietary customs, and political violence. Their purpose is to contribute to a phenomenological theory of culture and self - an anthropology that is not merely about the body, but from the body.

The Embodiment of Culture Dorothy Wood 2017-11-13 This book is a culmination of life, in prose, in America as a professional black woman. Unabridged in its recounts of racism, culture, and bigotry in education, society and opportunity. It is a timely reminder of what happens when race relations go unattended and undermined in America.

Native Voices Richard A. Grounds 2003 Native peoples of North America still face an uncertain future due to their unstable political, legal, and economic positions. Views of their predicament continue to be dominated by non-Indian writers. In response, a dozen Native American writers here reclaim their rightful role as influential "voices" in debates about Native communities. These scholars examine crucial issues of politics, law, and religion in the context of ongoing Native American resistance to the dominant culture. They particularly show how the writings of Vine Deloria, Jr., have shaped and challenged American Indian scholarship in these areas since 1960s. They provide key insights into Deloria's thought, while introducing some critical issues confronting Native nations. Collectively, these essays take up four important themes: indigenous societies as the embodiment of cultures of resistance, legal resistance to western oppression against indigenous nations, contemporary Native religious practices, and Native intellectual challenges to academia. Essays address indigenous perspectives on topics usually treated by non-Indians, such as role of women in Indian society, the importance of sacred sites to American Indian religious identity, and relationship of native language to indigenous autonomy. A closing essay by Deloria, in vintage form, reminds Native Americans of their responsibilities and obligations to one another and to past and future generations. This book argues for renewed cultivation of a Native American Studies that is more Indian-centered.

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The Embodiment of American Culture Heinz Tschachler 2003 American culture has literally become

fixated on the body at the same time that the body has emerged as a key term within critical and cultural theory. Contributions thus address the body as a site of the cultural construction of various identities, which are themselves enacted, negotiated, or subverted through bodily practices. Contributions come from literary and cultural studies, film and media studies, history and sociology, and women studies, and are representative of many theoretical positions, hermeneutic, historical, structuralist, feminist, postmodernist. They deal with representations and discursifications of the body in a broad array of texts, in literature, the visual arts, theater, the performing arts, film and mass media, science and technology, as well as in various cultural practices.

Keywords for American Cultural Studies, Second Edition Bruce Burgett 2014-12-19 The latest vocabulary of key terms in American Studies Since its initial publication, scholars and students alike have turned to *Keywords for American Cultural Studies* as an invaluable resource for understanding key terms and debates in the fields of American studies and cultural studies. As scholarship has continued to evolve, this revised and expanded second edition offers indispensable meditations on new and developing concepts used in American studies, cultural studies, and beyond. It is equally useful for college students who are trying to understand what their teachers are talking about, for general readers who want to know what's new in scholarly research, and for professors who just want to keep up. Designed as a print-digital hybrid publication, *Keywords* collects more than 90 essays 30 of which are new to this edition—from interdisciplinary scholars, each on a single term such as "America," "culture," "law," and "religion." Alongside "community," "prison," "queer," "region," and many others, these words are the nodal points in many of today's most dynamic and vexed discussions of political and social life, both inside and outside of the academy. The *Keywords* website, which features 33 essays, provides pedagogical tools that engage the entirety of the book, both in print and online. The publication brings together essays by scholars working in literary studies and political economy, cultural anthropology and ethnic studies, African American history and performance studies, gender studies and political theory. Some entries are explicitly argumentative; others are more descriptive. All are clear, challenging, and critically engaged. As a whole, *Keywords for American Cultural Studies* provides an accessible A-to-Z survey of prevailing academic buzzwords and a flexible tool for carving out new areas of inquiry.

Do You See What I Mean? Brenda Farnell 2009-06-01 Plains Indian Sign Talk (PST), a complex system of hand signs, once served as the lingua franca among many Native American tribes of the Great Plains, who spoke very different languages. Although some researchers thought it had disappeared following the establishment of reservations and the widespread adoption of English, Brenda Farnell discovered that PST is still an integral component of the storytelling tradition in contemporary Assiniboine (Nakota) culture. Farnell's research challenges the dominant European American view of language as a matter of words only. In Nakota language practices, she asserts, words and gestures are equal partners in the creation of meaning. Drawing on Nakota narratives videotaped during field research at the Fort Belknap reservation in northern Montana, she uses the movement script Labanotation to create texts of the movement content of these performances. The first and only ethnographic study of contemporary uses of PST, *Do You See What I Mean?* draws on important developments in the study of language and culture to provide an action-centered analysis of spoken and gestural discourse. It offers a theoretical approach to language and the body that transcends the current ?intellectualist? versus ?phenomenological? impasse in social and linguistic theory.

Dancing Revelations Thomas DeFrantz 2004 Chronicles the Alvin Ailey Dance Theatre's journey from small modern dance company to one of the premier institutions of African-American culture. This book charts the troupe's rise to national and international renown, and contextualizes its progress within the civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights struggles of the late 20th century.

Corporeal Legacies in the US South Christopher Lloyd 2018-08-22 This book examines the ways in which the histories of racial violence, from slavery onwards, are manifest in representations of the body in twenty-first-century culture set in the US South. Christopher Lloyd focuses on corporeality in literature and film to detail the workings of cultural memory in the present. Drawing on the fields of Southern Studies, Memory Studies and Black Studies, the book also engages psychoanalysis, Animal Studies and posthumanism to revitalize questions of the racialized body. Lloyd traces corporeal legacies in the US South

through novels by Jesmyn Ward, Kathryn Stockett and others, alongside film and television such as *Beasts of the Southern Wild* and *The Walking Dead*. In all, the book explores the ways in which bodies in contemporary southern culture bear the traces of racial regulation and injury.

Crossovers John Szwed 2006-10-19 *Crossovers* brings together four decades of popular and academic writings by folklorist, anthropologist, and jazz scholar John Szwed.

Culture and Depressive Affects: the Embodiment of Fear and Anxiety Among Salvadoran Women Refugees Janis Hunter Jenkins 1990

The Earth Is God's William Dyrness 2004-08-19 Noting that Christians in the 20th century have not been able to make up their minds whether God and our corporate lives have anything to do with each other, Dyrness explores the century's theological trends. Citing the impact of contemporary hermeneutics, Dyrness shows how the Bible still functions as a master narrative wherein Christians can find themselves. Dyrness addresses various aspects of contemporary culture, constructing a theology of embodiment that connects culture and worship in concrete ways. For all those concerned with issues of religion and culture, particularly of the raging Culture Wars, 'The Earth is God's' offers an informed Evangelical view that is at once balanced and hopeful.

Dancing Revelations Thomas F. DeFrantz 2006 He also addresses concerns about how dance performance is documented, including issues around spectatorship and the display of sexuality, the relationship of Ailey's dances to civil rights activism, and the establishment and maintenance of a successful, large-scale Black Arts institution."--Jacket.

Analysis on the View of Mass Culture in American Postmodern Novels Ningxia Qu 2022-11-30 An Exploration of the Popular Culture View of American Postmodernist Fiction is a monograph that focuses on exploring the popular culture phenomenon in American postmodernist fiction and the popular culture view of postmodernist novelists. The book begins with a unified overview of the contemporary background of American postmodernist fiction, representative writers, works and their common characteristics. After that, the book explores the phenomenon of American popular culture after the rise of industry, and specifically analyzes the connotation and characteristics of American popular culture, mainly in three aspects: dissolving the grand narrative, abandoning the depth model, and blurring the gap with elite culture. Based on an overview and analysis of the American postmodernist novel and popular culture, this book focuses on the embodiment of American popular culture in the content of postmodernist novels in terms of subject matter, characterization, narrative discourse and artistic techniques. In this book, we discover the commonality between American popular culture and the spirit of the postmodernist novel. As a research result of studying the combined characteristics and common values of American popular culture and American postmodernist fiction, this book provides a very important research direction and theoretical support for American cultural studies and literary studies, and is an important academic reference value for subsequent researchers to further study the characteristics of the integration of modern American culture and literature.

Re-Forming the Body MR Philip A Mellor 1997-02-14 Enriches the conceptual arsenal for interdisciplinary analysis of political, social and cultural change... stimulates more nuanced thinking about the cultural and political legacy of the Reformation era... manages both to clarify tensions surrounding cultural and social integration in the late 20th century while underscoring the real historical complexity of modern bodies' - "American Journal of Sociology " Through an analysis of successive re-formations of the body, this innovative and penetrating book constructs a fascinating and wide-ranging account of how the creation and evolution of different patterns of human community are intimately related to the somatic experience of the sacred. The book places the relationship between the embodiment and the sacred at the crux of social theory, and casts a fresh light on the emergence and transformation of modernity. It critically examines the thesis that the rational projects of modern embodiment have 'died and gone to cyberspace', and suggests that we are witnessing the rise of a virulent, effervescent form of the sacred which is changing how people 'see' and 'keep in touch' with the world around them.

Agency and Embodiment Carrie Noland 2010-02-15 In *Agency and Embodiment*, Carrie Noland examines the ways in which culture is both embodied and challenged through the corporeal performance of gestures. Arguing against the constructivist metaphor of bodily inscription dominant since Foucault, Noland

maintains that kinesthetic experience, produced by acts of embodied gesturing, places pressure on the conditioning a body receives, encouraging variations in cultural practice that cannot otherwise be explained.

The American Western of the 1950s - An Analysis of Cowboy Culture against the Background of the Era Julia Deitermann 2006-09-18 Seminar paper from the year 2004 in the subject American Studies - Culture and Applied Geography, grade: A, San Diego State University, course: Modern American Literature and Culture, language: English, abstract: Broncho Billy, Billy the Kid, Buffalo Bill - there hardly seems to be anyone in the world who has never heard about the heroes of American Western culture. Nowadays, cowboys are considered to be the embodiment of freedom and independence. Whereas cowboys have existed for hundreds of years, however, their image has changed over the centuries. In the 18th and 19th century, 'cow boys' were considered bad guys as they were bandits who remorselessly ambushed colonial farmers. It was not until the period after the Civil War that the word cowboy attained a positive connotation, being associated with rough men on horses who herded cattle. In the course of time, the cowboy figure was glorified and became a symbol of the American spirit. A plague in the Buffalo Bill Historical Center in Wyoming summarizes the glorification as it reads: "The cowboy is a mythic character in America. We admire him for his independence, his honesty, his modesty and courage. He represents the best in all Americans as he stares down evil and says, 'When you call me that, smile'." When the motion picture was invented at the end of the 19th century, some of the first silent movies were documentations about cowboys, embodying the frontier spirit of the American culture, which has always been connected to the westward expansion of civilisation and the conquest of new unknown territories. Thus both the frontier and "the Western oppose[s] Wilderness to Civilization" as Will Wright puts it in his book *Six Guns and Society*. Edwin Porter's *The Great Train Robbery* came to be the first Western narrating a story and fascinated the audience. In the following years, Western movies were most popular among the audience and were consequently produced in large numbers. Still today, they rank among the most beloved movie genres. Although the movie genre Western did not always stay at the peak of success, however, the boom was revived on a large scale in the 1950s. In this paper, I will try to reveal the fascination implicated in Western movies and analyse the figure of the cowboy against the background of the 1950s. In doing so, I will include the investigation of gender roles and the effects Westerns had on society. Casually, I will also draw on the popular TV Western series *Gunsmoke* which ought to serve as a demonstrative example. As far as the movie genre Western is concerned, the era of the 1950s was shaped by radical changes. [...]

Judo and American Culture: Prelude, Acceptance, Embodiment Michael DeMarco, M.A. 2015-09-23 The origins of Asian martial arts in the United States reach back to the Pacific Rim and immigration. This anthology is dedicated to the profoundly significant period—roughly from mid-eighteenth century to the mid-nineteenth century—in which gifted Japanese taught their brand of jujutsu/judo to small groups that gradually disseminated knowledge of combatives into the American mainstream. In the first chapter, Geoffrey Wingard provides insightful coverage of the "manly arts" in America as they swept the land along with moving populations. Of course early historical influences came from European groups and their varieties of combatives, such as wrestling, boxing, and fencing. Wingard demonstrates that the martial arts are integral to American society and are not ad hoc additions to contemporary popular culture. This background is a prerequisite for understanding the reception of Asian martial arts into American culture. Matt Hlinak analyzes Japanese-American immigration into the American West through the prism of athletics, specifically by examining a series of contests between judoka and wrestlers from 1900 to 1920 in California. These matches appealed to an interest in Japanese culture, a desire to see stereotypes reinforced, and nationalist tendencies during an age of uncertainty. The next two chapters by Joseph Svinth detail the establishment and functioning of two important dojos in the Seattle, Washington, area. In 1923 farmers donated a barn and arranged for Ryoichi Iwakiri (third dan) to teach judo to community youths. Another dojo opened in 1928 under the tutelage of Kurosaka Hiroshi (third dan judo). A colorful history marks these dojos and their practitioners: exhibitions, intracub tournaments, and war-time influences on practice. Their members helped spread judo throughout the United States. James Webb's chapter focuses on one of the early prime movers for the growth and establishment of judo in America: Vincent Tamura. He was chosen to represent the United States at the First World Championship of Judo (Tokyo, 1956). He is a

descendent of the Taira clan, influential during the end of the Heian period (784-1184) in Japan, and his practice has roots in ancient Heike-ryu jujutsu. Putting academic detail aside, James Behrendt offers a personal account of his early years as a judoka devoted to hard training and competition. He writes "I was extremely fit and strong and I used those natural gifts to eventually defeat the purpose of the judo art. I had discipline but was lacking in spirituality and character." Polishing judo skills helped build his character in the fashion that Kodokan judo founder Kano Jigaro intended. In these chapters you will find the early hotbeds of jujutsu/judo in America and see how these arts tumbled with European-American "manly arts," making their own way across the country to form and strengthen judo centers in various states. The authors have utilized their scholarly and practical experience to present a rare view of judo as it traversed the Pacific to enrich American culture. Their writings should clarify the early history of judo in America and bring both practitioners and armchair scholars a deeper appreciation for the art.

Dancing Revelations : Alvin Ailey's Embodiment of African American Culture Thomas F. DeFrantz Associate Professor of Theater Arts MIT 2004-01-15 In the early 1960s, the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater was a small, multi-racial company of dancers that performed the works of its founding choreographer and other emerging artists. By the late 1960s, the company had become a well-known African American artistic group closely tied to the Civil Rights struggle. In *Dancing Revelations*, Thomas DeFrantz chronicles the troupe's journey from a small modern dance company to one of the premier institutions of African American culture. He not only charts this rise to national and international renown, but also contextualizes this progress within the civil rights, women's rights, and gay rights struggles of the late 20th century. DeFrantz examines the most celebrated Ailey dances, including *Revelations*, drawing on video recordings of Ailey's dances, published interviews, oral histories, and his own interviews with former Ailey company dancers. Through vivid descriptions and beautiful illustrations, DeFrantz reveals the relationship between Ailey's works and African American culture as a whole. He illuminates the dual achievement of Ailey as an artist and as an arts activist committed to developing an African American presence in dance. He also addresses concerns about how dance performance is documented, including issues around spectatorship and the display of sexuality, the relationship of Ailey's dances to civil rights activism, and the establishment and maintenance of a successful, large-scale Black Arts institution. Throughout *Dancing Revelations*, DeFrantz illustrates how Ailey combined elements of African dance with motifs adapted from blues, jazz, and Broadway to choreograph his dances. By re-interpreting these tropes of black culture in his original and well-received dances, DeFrantz argues that Ailey played a significant role in defining the African American cultural canon in the twentieth century. As the first book to examine the cultural sources and cultural impact of Ailey's work, *Dancing Revelations* is an important contribution to modern dance history and criticism as well as African-American studies.

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