

# NEW AND NOTABLE BOOKS JUNE 2025

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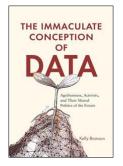
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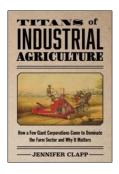
## **Agriculture**



## <u>The Immaculate Conception of Data : Agribusiness, Activists and Their Shared Politics of the Future</u>

Kelly Bronson \* (McGill-Queen's University Press)

Drawing attention to agriculture as an important new site for big tech criticism, *The Immaculate Conception of Data* uniquely bridges science and technology studies, critical data studies, and food studies, bringing to light salient issues related to data justice and a sustainable food system.

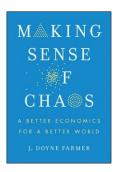


## <u>Titans of Industrical Agriculture : How a Few Giant Corporations Came to Dominate the Farm Sector and Why It Matters</u>

Jennifer Clapp \* (The MIT Press)

Among the first works to examine the deep roots of corporate power in agriculture, *Titans of Industrial Agriculture* helps illuminate how corporate actors have encouraged the "lock-in" of industrial agriculture, despite all its known social and ecological costs. After analyzing how this problem has arisen, the book examines recent efforts to address corporate power and dominance in food systems and assesses the prospects for change.

## **Economics**



### Making Sense of Chaos: A Better Economics for a Better World

J. Doyne Farmer (Yale University Press)

Many books have been written about J. Doyne Farmer and his work, but this is the first in his own words. It presents a manifesto for how to do economics better. In this tale of science and ideas, Farmer fuses his profound knowledge and expertise with stories from his life to explain how we can bring a scientific revolution to bear on the economic conundrums facing society.

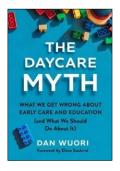


## The War on Prices: How Popular Misconceptions About Inflation, Prices, and Value Create Bad Policy

Ryan A. Bourne (Cato Institute)

Was inflation's recent spike exacerbated by corporate greed? Do rent controls really help the needy? Do women get paid less than men for the same work, and do they pay more than men for the same products? *The War on Prices* is an eye-opening book that answers all these burning questions and more, as top economists debunk popular misconceptions about inflation, prices, and value.

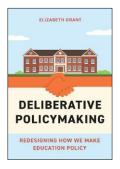
### **Education**



## The Daycare Myth: What We Get Wrong About Early Care and Education (And What We Should Do About It)

Dr. Dan Wuori (Teachers College Press)

Written by one of the field's most respected bipartisan policy experts, *The Daycare Myth* makes the case for why the early years matter; why America's longstanding early childhood policy approach sacrifices the needs of young children in favor of promoting adult employment; and why fixing the problem makes good sense, regardless of your place on the political spectrum. The book offers straightforward guidance for policymakers, practitioners, and parents.

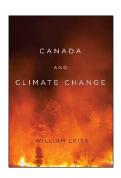


## **Deliberative Policymaking: Redesigning How We Make Education Policy**

Elizabeth Grant (Harvard Education Press)

Elizabeth Grant advances a fresh framework for making collective decisions about schools. Grant argues that education policy itself can be made fundamentally better by improving education policymaking methods. Informed by accounts of recent policymaking actions as well as her own experience as a federal-level policymaker, she offers a keen assessment of which components of existing education policy and policymaking have been effective and which have not.

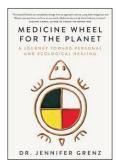
## **Environment and Climate Change**



#### **Canada and Climate Change**

William Leiss \* (McGill-Queen's University Press)

This book explains the importance of policies that will ensure we meet the net-zero emissions target. William Leiss provides a firm grasp on what climate change is and how scientists have described shifts in the earth's climate over hundreds of millions of years and as they are likely to occur in the near future. This book is an essential primer on where we stand on the issue of climate change in Canada and what will unfold in the years ahead.



## Medicine Wheel for the Planet: A Journey Toward Personal and Ecological Healing

Dr. Jennifer Grenz \* (Alfred A. Knopf Canada)

Building on sacred stories, field observation and personal experience, Dr. Grenz invites readers to share in the teachings of the four directions of the medicine wheel: the North, which draws upon the knowledge and wisdom of elders; the East, where we let go of colonial narratives and see with fresh eyes; the South, where we apply new-old worldviews to envision a way forward; and the West, where a relational approach to land reconciliation is realized. Medicine Wheel for the Planet circles toward the argument that we need more than a singular worldview to protect the planet.

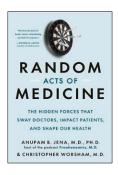
### Healthcare



## Breaking Canadians: Health Care, Advocacy, and the Toll of COVID-19

Nili Kaplan-Myrth ♥ (University of Toronto Press)

Breaking Canadians brings together health care experts, community advocates, and average citizens from across Canada to offer a unique analysis of the first three years of the COVID-19 pandemic. The book explores the fragmentation of Canada's health care system, the growth of social inequalities, and the impact of colonialism, racism, ableism, and ageism on the well-being of people in this country.

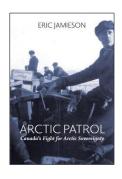


## Random Acts of Medicine: The Hidden Forces That Sway Doctors, Impact Patients, and Shape Our Health

Anupam B. Jena, Christopher Worsham (Knopf Doubleday Publishing)

As a University of Chicago—trained economist and Harvard medical school professor and doctor, Anupam Jena is uniquely equipped to answer many questions about everyday health and healthcare. And as a critical care doctor at Massachusetts General who researches health care policy, Christopher Worsham confronts their impact on the hospital's sickest patients. In this singular work of science and medicine, Jena and Worsham show us how medicine really works, and its effect on all of us.

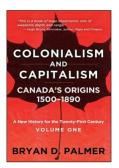
## **Heritage and History**



#### **Arctic Patrol: Canada's Fight for Arctic Sovereignty**

Eric Jamieson \* (Caitlin Press)

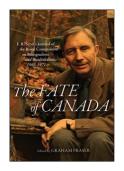
In *Arctic Patrol*, Lieutenant Governor's Medal winner Eric Jamieson uncovers the fascinating history of Canada's fight to secure its Arctic territories in this tale of international politics, polar exploration, and human endurance.



## <u>Colonialism and Capitalism : Canada's Origins 1500-1890 : A New History for the Twenty-First Century, Volume One</u>

Eric Jamieson \* (James Lorimer & Company)

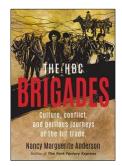
One major theme in this book is the colonial practices of the authorities as they pushed aside the original peoples of this country. While the methods varied, the result was opening up Canada's rich resources for exploitation by the incoming European settlers. The second major theme is the role of capitalism in determining how those resources were exploited, and who would reap the enormous power and wealth that accrued. Volume two forthcoming.



## The Fate of Canada: F.R. Scott's Journal of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism, 1963-1971

Ed. Graham Fraser \* (McGill-Queen's University Press)

The Fate of Canada introduces readers to Scott's biography, puts his diary entries into the political context of the time, and identifies the people he met and the places he visited during the hearings of the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. Scott's journal entries recording the earliest meetings convey optimism for a bilingual Canada. As the years pass, however, he becomes increasingly concerned that bilingualism is in danger, and Quebec's English community threatened. His remarks convey a sense of humour and mutual respect amongst the commissioners despite the tensions over language within the group – and across the country.

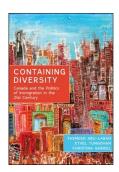


## The HBC Brigades: Culture, Conflict, and Perilous Journeys of the Fur Trade

Nancy Marguerite Anderson \* (Ronsdale Press)

A recounting of the men and packhorses who broke open BC to the big business of the 19th century fur trade. Facing a grueling thousand-mile trail, the brigades of the Hudson Bay Company (HBC) pushed onward to reach the isolated fur-trading posts. But it wasn't just the demanding landscape the brigades faced as First Nations people struggled with the desire to resist, or assist, the fur company's attempts to build their brigade trails over the Aboriginal trails that led between Indigenous communities, which surrounded the trading posts. The author recounts how the devastating Cayuse War of 1847 forced the HBC men over a newly-explored overland trail to Fort Langley.

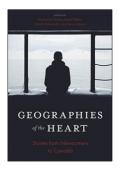
## **Immigration and Migration**



## Containing Diversity: Canada and the Politics of Immigration in the Twenty-First Century

Yasmeen Abu-Laban 🌞 , Ethel Tungohan 🌞 , Christina Gabriel 🌞 (University of Toronto Press)

In assessing the Canadian government's policies towards refugees and asylum seekers, economic migrants, family-class migrants, temporary foreign workers, and multiculturalism, the authors show the various contradictory practices in effect. The book reflects on policy changes, analysed alongside the resurgence of right-wing political ideology and the realities of the COVID-19 pandemic. Ultimately, *Containing Diversity* highlights the need for a re-imagining of new forms of solidarity that centre migrant and Indigenous justice.

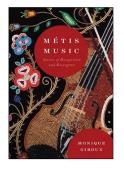


## **Geographies of the Heart : Stories From Newcomers to Canada**

Ed. Raymonde Tickner \*, Amea Wilbur \*, Zahila Rahemtulla \* (Purich Books)

In *Geographies of the Heart*, eighteen newcomers to Canada tell their own stories, in their own voices. These accounts push back against misconceptions about immigration and immigrants by revealing that the paths into Canada are as diverse as the people who journeyed them.

## **Indigenous Peoples**



## Métis Music : Stories of Recognition and Resurgence

Monique Giroux ♥ (McGill-Queens University Press)

What makes music Métis, and who gets to decide? Complex dynamics of recognition, non-recognition, and erasure have played out over a history of Métis music-making, from the Red River Resistance all the way to the present day. *Métis Music* critically examines music as a shifting site of encounter, showing its readers what to listen for, how to learn by listening, and the importance of acting intentionally with the learning gained through listening.



### Restoring Relations Through Stories: From Dinétah to Denendeh

Renae Watchman \* (University of Regina Press)

Restoring Relations Through Stories introduces, synthesizes, and analyzes traditional stories by Diné and Dene storytellers in orature and film. The book conceptualizes narrative autonomy as hane'tonomy and visual storytelling from a Diné perspective, offering a map for re-storying that resists inauthentic and misappropriated stories. Watchman centres Indigenous narratives and examines how these narratives are tied to land and relations.



## Stitching Our Stories Together: Journeys Into Indigenous Social Work

Ed. Jeannine Carriere \*, Catherine Richardson \* (University of Regina Press)

Stitching Our Stories Together showcases emerging scholars who, by centering their own nations, communities, and individual realities, demonstrate how Indigenous knowledges can challenge settler ideas and myths around pan-Indigeneity. This work points toward a future where Indigenous ways of knowing and being take their rightful place in spaces of higher learning and social work practice—a necessary intervention in a discipline that has historically been complicit in colonialist harm.

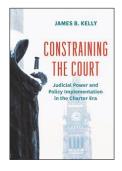


#### When the Pine Needles Fall: Indigenous Acts of Resistance

Katsi'tsakwas Ellen Gabriel (Between the Lines)

There have been many things written about Canada's violent siege of Kanehsatà:ke and Kahnawà:ke in the summer of 1990, but this is the first book from the perspective of Katsi'tsakwas Ellen Gabriel, who was the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk) spokesperson during the siege. When the Pine Needles Fall, written in a conversational style by Gabriel with historian Sean Carleton, offers an intimate look at Gabriel's life leading up to the 1990 siege, her experiences as spokesperson for her community, and her work since then as an Indigenous land defender, human rights activist, and feminist leader.

## **Law and Legislation**



## Constraining the Court: Judicial Power and Policy Implementation in the Charter Era James B. Kelly (McGill-Queen's University Press)

This book explores what happens when a statute involving a significant public policy issue – French language rights in Quebec, supervised consumption sites, abortion, or medical assistance in dying – is declared unconstitutional. The author considers the importance of the issue, the unpopularity of a judicial decision, the limited reach of the Charter, the context of federalism, and the mixture of public and private action behind any legislative response.

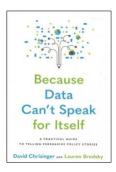


## First, Do Less Harm: Harm Reduction as a Principle of Law and Policy

Ed. Vanessa Gruben et al. 🌞 (University of Ottawa Press)

Readers will be able to gain a deeper understanding of how different approaches to harm reduction can create a stronger foundation for more effective policies and legislation. Scholars from law and social sciences collaborate with frontline organizations as well as with individuals with lived experience to reflect diverse perspectives and transform how society addresses substance-related challenges.

## **Policy Development and Research**



## <u>Because Data Can't Speak for Itself : A Practical Guide to Telling Persuasive Policy Stories</u> David Chrisinger, Lauren Brodsky (Johns Hopkins University Press)

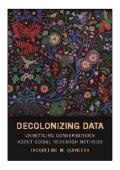
The ability to not only analyze data but also to present it clearly and compellingly has become an important part of many people's work. Chrisinger and Brodsky introduce key concepts for communicating data and its usefulness. Across the fields of public health, health policy, and public policy more generally, but also in many other places, policymakers, advocates, and researchers will benefit from the big-picture overview and practical details presented by the authors.



## <u>Counting Matters</u>: Policy, Practice, and the Limits of Gender Equality Measurement in <u>Canada</u>

Ed. Christina Gabriel \*, L. Pauline Rankin\* (University of British Columbia Press)

The book's contributors pose critical questions of the ways in which measurement culture manifests within the field of gender equality, asking how it is measured in different policy areas, how we might improve existing practices, and what is revealed through the examination and critique of the "technical turn" in policies that purport to promote gender equality. *Counting Matters* examines how the rise of gender equality measurement contributes to, but falls short of, effective gender equality policy implementation.



## **Decolonizing Data: Unsettling Conversations About Social Research Methods**

Jacqueline M. Quinless \* (University of Toronto Press)

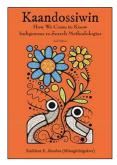
Drawing on both western and Indigenous methodologies, this unique scholarly contribution takes a sociological perspective, as well as the "two-eyed seeing" approach to research methods. By looking at the ways that everyday research practices contribute to the colonization of health outcomes for Indigenous peoples, Decolonizing Data exposes the social dimensions of healthcare and offers a careful and respectful reflection on how to "unsettle conversations" about applied social research initiatives.



## **Developing Public Policy: A Practical Guide**

Bobby Siu \* (Canadian Scholars)

Now in its second edition, *Developing Public Policy* explores the factors and dimensions involved in recognizing and resolving public problems. By presenting six principles for developing good public policy, Bobby Siu identifies various approaches that are used to determine issues, conduct research, formulate policy options and recommendations, and derive intelligent decisions.



## <u>Kaandossiwin: How We Come to Know: Indigenous Research Methodologies</u>

Kathleen E. Absolon (Minogiizhigokwe) \* (Fernwood Publishing)

Anishinaabe re-searcher Kathleen Absolon describes how Indigenous re-searchers retheorize and re-create methodologies. Understanding Indigenous methodologies as guided by Indigenous paradigms, worldviews, principles, processes and contexts, Absolon argues that they are wholistic, relational, inter-relational and interdependent with Indigenous philosophies, beliefs and ways of life. In exploring the ways Indigenous researchers use Indigenous methodologies within mainstream academia, Kaandossiwin renders these methods visible and helps to guard other ways of knowing from colonial repression.

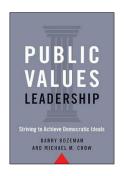


## **Public Policy Writing that Matters, Second Edition**

David Chrisinger (Johns Hopkins University Press)

A thoroughly updated and expanded guide to honing your public policy writing skills—and making a significant impact on the world. Combining helpful hints and cautionary tales with writing exercises and excerpts from sample policy analysis, Chrisinger teaches readers to craft concise, story-driven pieces that exceed the stylistic requirements and limitations of traditional policy writing.

### **Political Science**



#### Public Values Leadership: Striving to Achieve Democratic Ideals

Barry Bozeman. Michael M. Crow (Johns Hopkins Press)

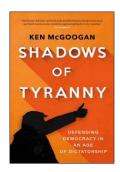
Bozeman and Crow wrestle with the question of how to best attain universally agreed-upon public values like freedom, opportunity, health, and security. They present conversations and interviews well-known leaders and offer a series of in-depth case studies of public values leadership and accomplishment. Arguing for a "mutable leadership," they suggest that different people are leaders at different times and that ideas about natural leaders or all-purpose leaders are off the mark.



#### Securing Canada's Future: Vital Insights from Women Experts

Aisha Ahmad (University of Toronto Press)

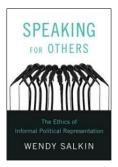
Securing Canada's Future offers a comprehensive analysis of the most serious challenges that Canada will face in the near future. Written by leading Canadian women scholars and security experts, this collection covers the most critical risks and threats on the horizon, including rising Chinese power, resurgent Russian aggression, escalating competition in the Arctic, the near irreversibility of climate change, disaster management and mitigation, evolving cybersecurity threats, and gendered violence.



#### Shadows of Tyranny: Defending Democracy in an Age of Dictatorship

Ken McGoogan ★ (Douglas & McIntyre)

Bestselling historian and author Ken McGoogan delves into dictatorships of the twentieth century to sound this crucial alarm about the possibility of democratic collapse in the US and its implications for Canada. In the cautionary spirit of earlier visionary works, *Shadows of Tyranny* offers a galvanizing image of a dark possible future, as well as an urgent call to act in the belief that we still have the time and ability to ward it off.

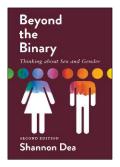


#### Speaking for Others: The Ethics of Informal Political Representation

Wendy Salkin (Harvard University Press)

In *Speaking for Others*, political philosopher Wendy Salkin develops the first systematic conceptual and moral analysis of informal political representation. The author explores the tensions central to this pervasive yet underexamined practice, bringing light to both its perils and its promise.

### **Pride**



## **Beyond the Binary: Thinking About Sex and Gender**

Shannon Dea \* (Broadview Press)

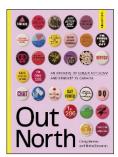
This book introduces readers to fundamental questions about sex and gender as they've been considered across the centuries and through a wide array of disciplines and perspectives. This revised and expanded edition uses updated terminology and diagnostic criteria and offers new material with a greater focus on Trans, Indigenous, racialized, and subaltern thinkers. It includes useful discussion questions and further reading recommendations at the end of each chapter, as well as a glossary of terms.



Calls to Action: The Findings of the C2C: Two Spirit & Queer/Trans People of Colour (PDF)

Conference Report: C2C: Two-Spirit & Queer/Trans People of Colour: A Call to Conversation with LGBT & Allies \*

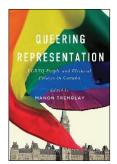
The University of Winnipeg hosted this conference in partnership with Two-Spirited People of Manitoba Inc. and Queer & Trans People of Colour (QTPOC) Winnipeg. The three-day conference focused on gender and sexual diversity in racialized contexts. Out of these discussions and coalitionary community-building efforts, these Calls to Action arose. Specifically, they highlight ongoing discrimination and marginalization based on gender identity, racialization, and/or sexuality, and are framed as recommendations on how to address them. Click title or cover to access PDF. Printed copy available for in-library use.



## Out North: An Archive of Queer Activism and Kinship in Canada

Craig Jennex \*, Nisha Eswaran (Figure 1 Publishing)

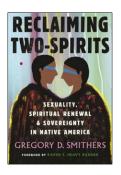
The ArQuives, the largest independent LGBTQ2+ archive in the world, is dedicated to collecting, preserving, and celebrating the stories and histories of LGBTQ2S+ people in Canada. Since 1973, volunteers have amassed a vast collection of important artifacts that speak to personal experiences and significant historical moments for Canadian queer communities. *Out North: An Archive of Queer Activism and Kinship in Canada* is a fascinating exploration and examination of one nation's queer history and, activism and Canada's definitive visual guide to LGBTQ2+ movements, struggles, and achievements.



### Queering Representation: LGBTQ People and Electoral Politics in Canada

Ed. Manon Tremblay \* (University of British Columbia Press)

Queering Representation explores long-ignored issues relating to LGBTQ voters and politicians in Canada. What are the LGBTQ electorate's characteristics and voting behaviours? What part do the media play in framing straight voters' perceptions of out LGBTQ politicians? What pathways to power do LGBTQ politicians follow? Do they represent LGBTQ people and communities, and if so, how is this role articulated? And finally, how do Canadian party ideologies shape LGBTQ representation?



## Reclaiming Two-Spirits: Sexuality, Spiritual Renewal & Sovereignty in Native America Gregory Smithers (Beacon Press)

Drawing on written sources, archaeological evidence, art, and oral storytelling, *Reclaiming Two-Spirits* spans the centuries from Spanish invasion to the present, tracing massacres and inquisitions and revealing how the authors of colonialism's written archives used language to both denigrate and erase Two-Spirit people from history. But as Gregory Smithers shows, the colonizers failed—and Indigenous resistance is core to this story. *Reclaiming Two-Spirits* amplifies their voices, reconnecting their history to Native nations in the 21st century.

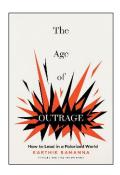


## <u>Transgender History: The Roots of Today's Revolution, Second Edition</u>

Susan Stryker (Seal Press)

Transgender History takes a chronological approach to the subject of transgender history, with each chapter covering major movements, writings, and events. It includes informative sidebars highlighting quotes from major texts and speeches in transgender history and brief biographies of key players, plus excerpts from transgender memoirs and discussion of representation in popular culture.

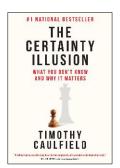
## **Professional Development**



## The Age of Outrage: How to Lead in a Polarized World

Karthik Ramanna (Harvard Business Review Press)

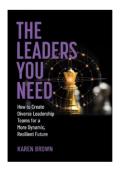
Managing outrage has moved from being an occasional leadership challenge to a necessary and critical leadership capability. Based on his popular University of Oxford leadership course and case studies on organizations such as IKEA, Nestlé, the Vatican, and others, Karthik Ramanna offers practical steps to make sense of the outrage, work with relevant stakeholders to progress through it, and emerge stronger for it.



### The Certainty Illusion: What You Don't Know and Why It Matters

Timothy Caulfield \* (Penguin Canada)

Whether it's science, our own desire to be good and do the right thing, or the stories and opinions of others, there's more to sussing out the truth than simply tracking down what *feels* like an authoritative source. Caulfield argues that these major forces--science, goodness, and opinion--drive beliefs and behaviour, but the ways that they can be corrupted, or worse, used to nefarious ends by bad actors, are endless. While it may feel, at times, as though we are circling the drain of truth, especially as new technologies make it even easier to spread dangerous fictions, Caulfield pulls us out of the vortex and keeps us afloat, helping us recognize and combat the forces that threaten to pull us under.



## The Leaders You Need: How to Create Diverse Leadership Teams for a More Dynamic, Resilient Future

Karen Brown (The MIT Press)

Karen Brown offers an innovative, field-tested ABCD Framework that will help readers to discover the hidden leadership and management talent in their organizations—and how to harness it. Readers will learn how to use the framework to identify and dismantle the barriers to greater leadership and management diversity in their organizations. What's more, they will get practical advice on how to become inclusive leaders who create opportunities for everyone on their teams to learn, grow, and fulfill their potential.



## <u>Project Planning, Scheduling, and Control: The Ultimate Hands-On Guide to Bringing</u> Projects in on Time and on Budget, Sixth Edition

James P. Lewis (McGraw Hill)

Providing an applications-oriented understanding of all the issues you'll face throughout your career, this new edition offers more strategies for dealing effectively with team members, clients, senior managers, and other key stakeholders—a critically important skill for project success. Written by one of today's leading experts on the topic this book details the role of the project manager and includes the Lewis model for achieving high-performance project management using the whole-brain model of thinking.

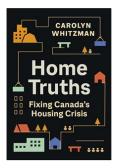
## **Social Issues**



#### The Cancel Culture Panic: How an American Obsession Went Global

Adrian Daub (Stanford University Pres)

In this incisive new work, Adrian Daub analyzes the global spread of cancel culture discourse as a moral panic, showing that, though its object is fuzzy, talk of cancel culture in global media has become a preoccupation of an embattled liberalism. To trace how various global publics have been so quickly convinced that cancel culture exists and that it poses an existential problem, Daub compares the cancel culture panic to moral panics past, investigating the powerful hold that the idea of "being cancelled" has on readers around the world.



#### **Home Truths: Fixing Canada's Housing Crisis**

Carolyn Whitzman \* (University of British Columbia Press)

In Home Truths, housing expert Carolyn Whitzman explores Canada's crisis from all sides, including defining what adequate housing looks like, explaining why nonmarket housing is crucial for Canada, and outlining how and why to tackle ever-growing wealth disparities between renters and those who own. She details decades of policy and shows how all levels of government can work together to provide affordable housing, using evidence-backed ideas from planners, politicians, developers, and advocates at home and abroad.

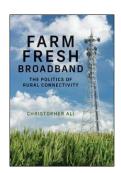


### The Scandalous Rise of Inequality in Canada, Second Edition

Lars Osberg \* (James Lorimer & Company)

There are more billionaires than ever in Canada – and they are capturing an ever-growing share of the country's wealth. Meanwhile 90% of Canadians are steadily losing ground. Understanding how and why this is happening has been the focus of a lifetime of research by economist Lars Osberg. In this book he describes how inequality has grown steadily and identifies measures that Canada can take so that the country's wealth is shared more fairly, and the wealth of billionaires can be used to improve the lives of Canada's 99%.

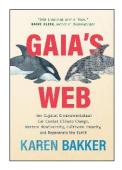
## **Technology, Science, and Innovation**



### Farm Fresh Broadband: The Politics of Rural Connectivity

Christopher Ali\* (The MIT Press)

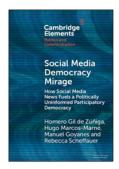
An analysis of the failure of U.S. broadband policy to solve the rural—urban digital divide, with a proposal for a new national rural broadband plan. The author proposes democratizing policy architecture for rural broadband, modeling it after the wiring of rural America for electricity and telephony. Subsidies should be equalized, not just going to big companies. The result would be a multistakeholder system, guided by thoughtful public policy and funded by public and private support.



## <u>Gaia's Web: How Digital Environmentalism Can Combat Climate Change, Retore Biodiversity, Cultivate Empathy, and Regenerate Earth</u>

Karen Bakker \* (The MIT Press)

Gaia's Web explores the promise and pitfalls the Digital Age holds for the future of our planet. At the surprising and inspiring confluence of our digital and ecological futures, Bakker explores how the tools of the Digital Age could be mobilized to address our most pressing environmental challenges. Interspersed with ten elegiac, enigmatic parables, each of which is based on an existing technology, Gaia's Web evokes the conundrums we face as the World Wide Web intertwines with the Web of Life.



## <u>Social Media Democracy Mirage : How Social Media News Fuels a Politically Uninformed</u> <u>Participatory Democracy</u>

Homero Gil de Zúñiga et al. (Cambridge University Press)

For over two decades, political communication research has hailed the potentially reinvigorating effect of social media on democracy. Social media was expected to provide new opportunities for people to learn about politics and public affairs, and to participate politically. Building on systematic literature reviews on social media, and its effects on political participation and knowledge, and introducing empirical evidence, this book contends that social media has only partially fulfilled this tenet, producing a socio-political paradox in which people are more participatory than ever, yet not necessarily more informed.