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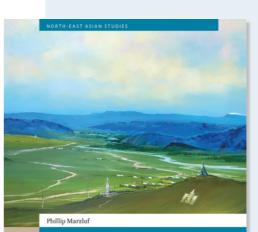
#### **Philip Marzluf**

# Travel Writing in Mongolia and Northern China, 1860-2020

Travel Writing in Mongolia and Northern China, 1860-2020 invites readers to explore Mongolia as an important cultural space for Western travelers and their audiences over three historical eras. Travelers have framed their experiences and observations through imaginative geographies and Orientalizing discourses, fixing Mongolia as a peripheral, timeless, primitive, and parochial place. Readers can examine the travelers' literary and rhetorical strategies as they make themselves more credible and authoritative and as they identify themselves with Mongolians and Mongolian culture or, conversely, distance themselves. In this book, readers can also approach travel writing from the perspective of women travelers, Mongolian socialist intellectuals, twenty-first-century travelers, and a Han Chinese writer, Jiang Rong, who promotes cultural harmony yet anticipates the disappearance of Mongolian culture in China.

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#### Rebecca Quoss-Moore

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

Rebecca M. Quoss-Moore, Ph.D., is an assistant professor of Early Modern British Literature at the University of Central Oklahoma. Her research focuses on gender in early modern literature and on demasculinizing literary historiographies. Her work has appeared in *Explorations in Renaissance Culture*, *Appositions*, and *The Palgrave Handbook of Shakespeare's Queens*.



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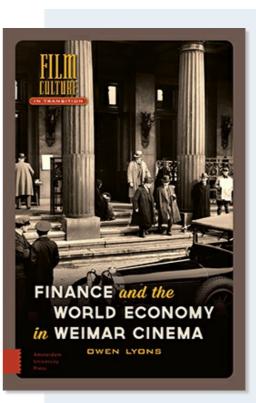
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Between the World Wars, the contours of what would come to be understood as the world economy began to appear on in the cinemas of the Weimar Republic. To a non-specialist audience, it remained an invisible and barely understood effect on everyday life. Finance and the World Economy in Weimar Cinema argues that the popular understanding of this newly interconnected financial world order, and its new inhabitants, is essential to an understanding of the cultural products of the Weimar Republic -particularly in relation to ideas of gender, nation and modernity. This popular depiction of finance capital appears everywhere in 1920s Germany but has been overlooked, particularly in the films of the time. As a visual record, these films reveal the stock exchange as an essential space of modernity and coincide with the beginning of the abstraction of financial markets that would result in their increasing propagation as images and as a vast labour of representation throughout the twentieth century.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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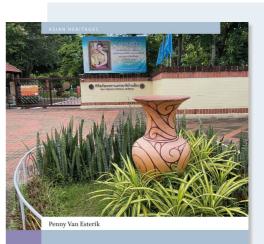
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#### **Zhen Zhang**

# Women Filmmakers in Sinophone World Cinema

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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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#### Julie Campbell

## Women, Entertainment, and Precursors of the French Salon, 1532-1615

This study of ludic literary society in sixteenth-century France addresses Italianate practices of philosophical and literary sociability as they took root there. It asserts that entertainment activities of women-led circles illustrate the richly complex precursors of the seventeenth-century salons. Notions from the philosophy of play, such as those developed by Johan Huizinga, Eugen Fink, and Roger Caillois, who argue that play is critically intertwined with the development of society, provide a theoretical path across these periods of women's engagement in literary culture. The barrister Estienne Pasquier, whose voluminous network of literary and legal connections permitted him entry into the society of such women, acts as an eyewitness to sixteenth-century circles. Ultimately, we see that the ludic activities in such society produced powerful influences that extended beyond the confines of the groups in question to shape ideas, attitudes, and activities-such as those of the salon cultural norms to come.

#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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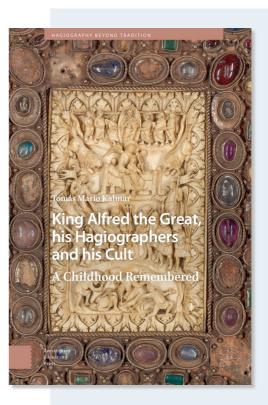
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#### **BIOGRAPHY**

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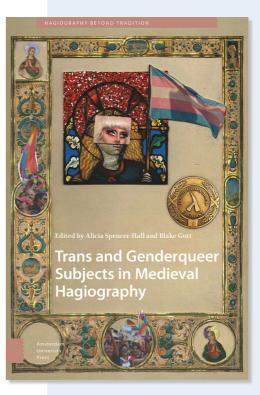
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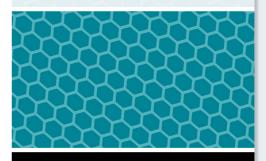
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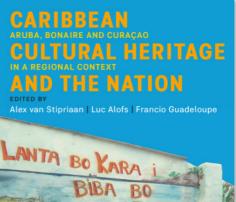
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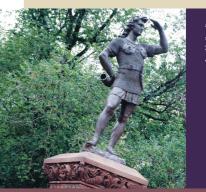
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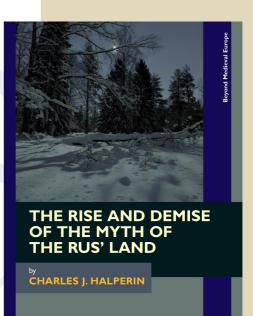
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