The Kent State University Press, founded in 1965, continues its tradition of publishing informative, insightful, relevant, engaging, and award-winning books with the titles in this, our Spring 2022 Catalog.

As we all continue to navigate an ongoing global pandemic, we’re especially gratified to be able to bring *Dear Vaccine: Global Voices Speak to the Pandemic* to life in book form. Begun as an interactive website that invited all of us to express, through poetry, our feelings about COVID-19, its effects, and the emergence of a vaccine, the project has drawn responses from thousands of individuals in over 150 countries to date. The book collects dozens of the most poignant and telling pieces, truly marking a moment in time and giving voice to the feelings of all of us. The Kent State University Press is grateful to be able to share this work with you and grateful for our partnership with the Ohio Arts Council, the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State, and the University of Arizona Poetry Center in publishing this book.

But there’s so much more: the first of our volumes in the Costume Society of America book series, which will chronicle various aspects of fashion history, collection, and conservation. A new volume on J. R. R. Tolkien and his importance to ecocritical thought. An important primary source text of Civil War letters. Two works that demonstrate our commitment to telling the stories of our region, and northeast Ohio in particular.

One other unique entry in our catalog this season is *MedSpeak Illuminated: The Art and Practice of Medical Illustration*, which may well become the standard guide for students and practitioners in the health care professions. If the season we’ve all been living through has taught us anything, it’s that we need clear and understandable communication when dealing with medical issues, treatments, and results. This timely book provides both background and simple techniques for everyone — even those not artistically inclined! — to be able to have better conversations toward achieving greater health.

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Cleveland’s Cultural Gardens
A Landscape of Diversity
John J. Grabowski and Lauren R. Pacini

Honoring and embodying the cultural heritages of a region through the beauty of shared outdoor spaces

From their beginnings as private farmland to their current form as monuments to cultural and ethnic diversity, the unique collection of landscaped, themed gardens that compose Cleveland’s Cultural Gardens holds a rich history. John J. Grabowski guides readers through this story, using both archival images and Lauren R. Pacini’s stunning contemporary photography.

First erected as the Shakespeare Garden in 1916, the land bordering Doan Brook slowly began to incorporate tributes to immigrants, reflecting Cleveland’s role as a key location for eastern European immigrants. Throughout both world wars, the Cold War, and more recent events, the gardens’ composition has changed to reflect greater diversity, now encompassing 33 individual gardens that honor cultures and countries with connections to Cleveland. Each garden features plants native to the corresponding culture, from German to Vietnamese and from Ethiopian to Finnish. This vast inclusivity makes Cleveland’s Cultural Gardens a forerunner in the push for greater representation of cultures and people of color in memorials and public spaces.

The gardens also highlight a growing emphasis on collaboration and coexistence among cultures, as symbolized in the Peace Garden of the Nations and its crypt of intermingled soil from shrines around the world. This book will be of interest both locally and nationally, given its visual appeal and its discussions of culture, diversity, and inclusion.
When so much in our lives ground to a halt in the spring of 2020, no one knew how long the COVID-19 pandemic would last. After long months of shutdowns, social distancing, and worry, the first coronavirus vaccines were released in December 2020.

In March 2021, the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University and the University of Arizona Poetry Center launched the website for the Global Vaccine Poem project, inviting anyone to share experiences of the pandemic and vaccination through poetry. *Dear Vaccine* features selections from over 2,000 poetry submissions to the project, which come from all 50 states and 118 different countries.

Internationally acclaimed author Naomi Shihab Nye, in her introduction, highlights the human dimensions found across the responses. Richard Carmona, the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, provides a foreword that contextualizes the global scope of the problem, as well as the political and public health dimensions.

Making use of poetry’s powerful tools to connect us across division, *Dear Vaccine* reminds us that medical advances alone are not enough to solve the vexing challenges of the pandemic; the arts—and poetry—have a profound and critical role to play.

“*Dear Vaccine* offers a snapshot in time so that readers of the future can glimpse what it was like to anticipate and receive protection from a killer virus during a global pandemic.”—MIKE DEWINE, governor of Ohio

“*Dear Vaccine* is both address and adoration for the medical breakthrough that has liberated much of the world from unending lockdowns. Its bittersweet and sincere letter-poems personalize the notion that, regardless of age, condition, or location, that which makes us human also makes us vulnerable. It is as if the virus knows where to find us:
classrooms, coffee shops, theaters, even our own living rooms. Even the briefest of lines reflects how far many had drifted from life’s small pleasures only to pine for them once they were taken away. The frustration of airport security. The silence of museums. Broken into six sections—based on isolation, gratitude, grief, vaccine clinic, nostalgia, and possibility—this anthology encompasses the range of emotions we all experienced as the pandemic swept across the planet in waves.

In Dear Vaccine, we are unified by loss yet comforted by both science and art.”

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NAOMI SHIHAB NYE, Palestinian American, is the Young People’s Poet Laureate of the United States (Poetry Foundation). For 2019–2020 she was the poetry editor of the New York Times Sunday Magazine. Selected for Lifetime Achievement Awards by the National Book Critics Circle and the Texas Institute of Letters in both 2019 and 2020, she has conducted writing workshops all over the world and published more than 35 books of poetry and prose.

DAVID HASSLER is director of the Wick Poetry Center at Kent State University. He cofounded Traveling Stanzas, a national community arts project, and is the author or editor of nine books of poetry and nonfiction, including the play May 4th Voices: Kent State, 1970.

TYLER MEIER is director of the University of Arizona Poetry Center. His poems and prose have appeared in POETRY, Boston Review, Indiana Review, Bat City Review, Washington Square Review, At Length, Tupelo Quarterly, Arizona Republic, AGNI, and elsewhere.
On February 29, 1968, the White House hosted its first—and only—fashion show. At the time, the patriotic event was lauded by the press, and many predicted it would become an annual occasion, especially since fashion had grown to become the fourth largest industry in the United States, employing 1.4 million Americans, more than 80 percent of them women. But the social and political turmoil of that particular year—from the Vietnam War, the civil rights movement, and the assassinations of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Sen. Robert F. Kennedy—cast a shadow over the festivities.

Using eyewitness accounts as well as carefully preserved records, artifacts, and previously unpublished images, *Red, White, and Blue on the Runway* re-creates the once-in-a-lifetime event and explores the reasons why the first White House fashion show was destined to be the last. The politics of fashion touched everyone involved in this landmark occasion in American fashion history, from hostess Lady Bird Johnson and the Johnson daughters to the designers, including Bill Blass, Mollie Parnis, Geoffrey Beene, and Oscar de la Renta, as well as the models and guests. Those guests included the wives of governors and of President Johnson’s Cabinet, in addition to dozens of fashion designers and prominent journalists who reported on the event.

In our own turbulent political climate, *Red, White, and Blue on the Runway* takes us back to an equally tense time, providing a unique historical perspective on themes of fashion, politics, protest, and image-making that are immediately relevant today.
KIMBERLY CHRISMAN-CAMPBELL is a former National Endowment for the Humanities Public Scholar and former Research Scholar in Costume and Textiles at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. She is the author of Fashion Victims: Dress at the Court of Louis XVI and Marie-Antoinette, which won the Costume Society of America’s Millia Davenport Publication Award, as well as Worn on This Day: The Clothes That Made History and The Way We Wed: A Global History of Wedding Fashion. Her articles about fashion, art, and culture have been published in the Wall Street Journal, the Atlantic, Slate, the Washington Post, and Politico.

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Living at the intersection of medicine and art, medical illustration is a field that is not well understood by most—especially by physicians and other healthcare practitioners. In this comprehensive and practical guide to medical illustration, pediatric surgeon François I. Luks provides a useful overview of the field and explains its essential function in facilitating true communication between healthcare providers and their patients.

MedSpeak Illuminated: The Art and Practice of Medical Illustration begins with a history of the field, including some of its historical controversies and darker aspects, such as the relative lack of diversity in medical illustrations. Currently, Luks asserts, an increased recognition that medical illustration has long been complicit in promoting a single (white, male) view of health and disease has begun to result in changes to practice and content. As he moves forward to describe its place in our current healthcare systems and educational programs, Luks then highlights trends in medical education that emphasize humanism and compassion, thus making the need for better methods of communication even more urgent.

MedSpeak Illuminated offers simple advice and techniques that can be followed by even the nonartists among us. Like the illuminated manuscripts of old, MedSpeak Illuminated provides visual components for better and deeper understanding, an invaluable resource for students, practitioners, and all those committed to becoming better communicators and more caring professionals.
Yours Affectionately, Osgood

Colonel Osgood Vose Tracy’s Letters Home from the Civil War, 1862–1865

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An abolitionist Civil War soldier and prisoner of war reflects on life during wartime

More than 3 million men served in the American Civil War. In Yours Affectionately, Osgood, editors Sarah Tracy Burrows and Ryan W. Keating have assembled a collection of letters from one of those soldiers—Osgood Vose Tracy of the 122nd New York Infantry. Sarah Tracy Burrows, a descendant of Colonel Tracy, has compiled this expansive collection from her family’s private papers. Paired with illuminating discussion and context from noted historian Ryan W. Keating, Tracy’s letters home follow his journey as a soldier and prisoner of war from his enlistment in August 1862 through the end of the war in May 1865, as Tracy then readjusted to civilian life.

The letters in Yours Affectionately, Osgood, primarily written to his mother, provide a uniquely detailed perspective of everyday life in the Army of the Potomac, adding considerably to the existing literature on the experiences of citizen soldiers in America’s Civil War. A well-educated young man, Tracy offers his opinion on pressing social and political issues of the time, including his definite abolitionist sentiments; ruminates on the Union war effort; and demonstrates his deep commitment to family, as well as his sweetheart, Nellie Sedgwick, back home. Tracy’s letters constitute an incredibly rare primary source volume that will be both fascinating and foundational in the scholarly community and for more general interest readers of the history of the Civil War.

Sarah Tracy Burrows is a graduate of Hobart and William Smith Colleges with a BA in English and history. She worked for CFO Publishing Corporation in Boston, Massachusetts, and is currently a trustee and chair of steering for the Jacob Leisler Institute for the Study of Early New York History, named for her eight-times-great-grandfather.

Ryan W. Keating is professor of history and director of the Office of Student Research at California State University San Bernardino, where he teaches and researches on the Civil War era. He is the author of two books, Shades of Green: Irish Regiments, American Soldiers, and Local Communities in the Civil War Era and The Greatest Trials I Ever Had: The Civil War Letters of Margaret and Thomas Cahill.
The Brilliance of Charles Whittlesey
Geologist, Surveyor, Military Engineer, Civil War Strategist
Stanley M. Totten

An essential biography of one of Ohio’s most influential—but overlooked—historical figures

The Brilliance of Charles Whittlesey offers the first full-length biography of one of the most outstanding and influential Americans of the 19th century, Charles Whittlesey (1808–1886). Whittlesey advanced numerous fields, including geology, exploration, history, archaeology, and military strategy. Much of his work, however, has been treated as a mere footnote of American history and largely neglected by historians.

Stanley M. Totten’s recovery of Whittlesey’s life and work relies on Whittlesey’s own insights and private papers, which provide a unique window into his many talents and interests as well as the hardships he endured. This exhaustive volume uncovers—perhaps most significantly—Whittlesey’s important geological discoveries. Notably, Totten describes how Whittlesey accurately determined the amount by which oceans lowered during the height of the Ice Age. His geological maps of Native American earthworks enhanced our understanding of these ancient structures, although, as Totten persuasively argues, other geologists have undeservedly been given credit for Whittlesey’s work. Totten also highlights Whittlesey’s contributions during the Civil War and his work as a preservationist of historic materials on both the national and local levels.

Drawing extensively from papers housed in the Western Reserve Historical Society, this book will undoubtedly serve as an important foundational text for future scholarship into each of these areas.

STANLEY M. TOTTEN graduated from the College of Wooster and attended the University of Illinois, where he received his PhD in geology. He taught geology at Hanover College for 40 years and is currently the curator of the Hanover College Museum of Natural History.

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A study of myth suggests that the stories we human beings tell ourselves about who we are make us who we are. Amber Lehning extends such discussion into the ecocritical realm, arguing that the stories we tell ourselves about our relationship to the natural world are at least as powerful as science or government policy as drivers of our behavior toward our planet. The destructive modern myths underlying today’s environmental crises create a kind of intellectual separation between humanity and its environment that can end up justifying the worst of environmental excesses—and perhaps, she argues, the only way to counter these negative humans-versus-nature stories is to shift some of the deep belief they command into new, positive, restorative stories.

The Map of Wilderland argues for the position of J. R. R. Tolkien’s Middle-earth legendarium as one of those good stories. Using source critical and ecocritical perspectives, Lehning traces some of the ancient Celtic, Germanic, and English mythic roots of Tolkien’s work; examines how those roots influence Tolkien’s own depictions of the wild natural world; and suggests ways that this wildly popular modern myth could serve to help counter today’s destructive environmental ones.

Through insightful close readings of Tolkien’s texts, Lehning’s work complements existing inquiries in ecocritical Tolkien studies and bolsters the general critical agreement that Tolkien’s work presents positive environmental themes and a harmonious, inspiring vision.
Small Town, Big Music
The Outsized Influence of Kent, Ohio, on the History of Rock and Roll

Jason Prufer
Foreword by Joe Walsh

“Kent, Ohio . . . spawned a robust and influential music scene. Drawing on vintage concert reviews and firsthand reminiscences, Prufer paints an affectionate portrait of a music-hungry community that welcomed artists including Pink Floyd, the Clash, the Replacements, and Bruce Springsteen—as well as hometown heroes DEVO and Joe Walsh—often at pivotal stages of their careers.—STEVE FUTTERMAN, Publishers Weekly

“What brought all those people—those artists, photographers, poets, filmmakers, and musicians—together? College. Kent State is what made Kent such a magical place at the time and what continued and continues to make it special. And I would never be able to be where I am now without that experience. It was just a magical time.”—JOE WALSH

Compiling original music reviews, priceless photographs, and oral histories, Small Town, Big Music immerses the reader in four decades of pivotal rock-and-roll history in Kent, Ohio. Firsthand stories recall Pink Floyd, the Clash, and Paul Simon rocking the night away in this small town, along with Joe Walsh, Patrick Carney, Chrissie Hynde, and DEVO, who refined their styles in Kent.

After decades of Cleveland overshadowing Kent as an epicenter of rock and roll, Prufer’s corrective account invites readers to see Kent as generations of musicians have: as a catalyst of innovation, creativity, and spontaneity. From packed arenas to intimate performances in forgotten corners of town, the stories in this book bring to life the small town’s rich music scene. Prufer’s narration is complemented by reprinted articles from the Daily Kent Stater, which chronicle shows at Kent State University by artists such as the Temptations in 1967, Stevie Wonder in 1972, the Clash in 1982, and Smashing Pumpkins in 2000.

This book provides unparalleled accounts of a small town that have previously been overlooked, making it an exclusive addition to rock-and-roll history. Rife with compelling stories, rare photographs, and excellent research, Small Town, Big Music is a must read for rock historians and fans alike.

JASON PRUFER has written for the Cleveland Free Press, Kent Patch, and numerous historical rock-and-roll blogs. Since 2011, Prufer has also worked as publicist and social media manager for the Numbers Band, an experimental rock band formed in Kent in 1969.

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CAPTAIN ALLEN COLBY BRADY is a retired naval aviator. As the son of a career Navy submariner, his father’s job placed their family in exotic locations all over the world throughout World War II. Throughout his own 30-plus years of service, Captain Brady found himself on the front row to all of the major events surrounding the emerging Cold War, nuclear proliferation, America’s fight to defeat the Communists in Cuba, and, most notably, his long stint as a prisoner of war in Vietnam. Following his retirement, Captain Brady went on to live for over six years aboard a sailboat, even using his sailing expertise to liberate exiled communities of Cubans trying to flee Communism in the early 1980s.

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