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The Ironist and the Romantic - Aine Mahon 2014-05-22
At the time of his death in 2007, Richard Rorty was widely acclaimed as one of the world's most influential contemporary thinkers. Stanley Cavell, who has been a leading intellectual figure from the 1960s to the present, has been just as philosophically influential as Rorty though perhaps not as politically divisive. Both

philosophers have developed from analytic to post-analytical thought, both move between philosophy, literature and cultural politics, and both re-establish American philosophical traditions in a new and nuanced key. The Ironist and the Romantic: Reading Richard Rorty and Stanley Cavell finds the sound of Rorty's cheerful pragmatism strikingly at odds with the

anxious romanticism of Cavell. Beginning from this tonal discord, and moving through comprehensive comparative analysis on the topics of scepticism, American philosophy, literature, writing style and politics, this book presents the work of its central figures in a novel and mutually illuminating perspective. Áine Mahon's unique and original comparative reading will be of interest not only to those working on Rorty and Cavell but to anyone concerned with the current state of American philosophy.

Richard Rorty - Neil Gross
2009-11-15

On his death in 2007, Richard Rorty was heralded by the New York Times as “one of the world’s most influential contemporary thinkers.” Controversial on the left and the right for his critiques of objectivity and political radicalism, Rorty experienced a renown denied to all but a handful of living philosophers. In this masterly biography, Neil Gross explores the path of Rorty’s thought over the

decades in order to trace the intellectual and professional journey that led him to that prominence. The child of a pair of leftist writers who worried that their precocious son “wasn’t rebellious enough,” Rorty enrolled at the University of Chicago at the age of fifteen. There he came under the tutelage of polymath Richard McKeon, whose catholic approach to philosophical systems would profoundly influence Rorty’s own thought. Doctoral work at Yale led to Rorty’s landing a job at Princeton, where his colleagues were primarily analytic philosophers. With a series of publications in the 1960s, Rorty quickly established himself as a strong thinker in that tradition—but by the late 1970s Rorty had eschewed the idea of objective truth altogether, urging philosophers to take a “relaxed attitude” toward the question of logical rigor. Drawing on the pragmatism of John Dewey, he argued that philosophers should instead open themselves up to multiple methods of

thought and sources of knowledge—an approach that would culminate in the publication of *Philosophy and the Mirror of Nature*, one of the most seminal and controversial philosophical works of our time. In clear and compelling fashion, Gross sets that surprising shift in Rorty's thought in the context of his life and social experiences, revealing the many disparate influences that contribute to the making of knowledge. As much a book about the growth of ideas as it is a biography of a philosopher, *Richard Rorty* will provide readers with a fresh understanding of both the man and the course of twentieth-century thought.

Building a Social Democracy

- Robert Danisch 2015-11-06
Building a Social Democracy examines the various types of communication practices that are necessary to build a social democracy. Danisch contends that rhetorical pragmatism improves our sociopolitical circumstances by turning questions about epistemology into questions about

communication practices.
[What Can We Hope For?](#) - Richard Rorty 2022-05-10
Prescient essays about the state of our politics from the philosopher who predicted that a populist demagogue would become president of the United States Richard Rorty, one of the most influential intellectuals of recent decades, is perhaps best known today as the philosopher who, almost two decades before the 2016 U.S. presidential election, warned of the rise of a Trumpian strongman in America. *What Can We Hope For?* gathers nineteen of Rorty's essays on American and global politics, including four previously unpublished and many lesser-known and hard-to-find pieces. In these provocative and compelling essays, Rorty confronts the critical challenges democracies face at home and abroad, including populism, growing economic inequality, and overpopulation and environmental devastation. In response, he offers optimistic and realistic ideas about how

to address these crises. He outlines strategies for fostering social hope and building an inclusive global community of trust, and urges us to put our faith in trade unions, universities, bottom-up social campaigns, and bold political visions that thwart ideological pieties. Driven by Rorty's sense of emergency about our collective future, *What Can We Hope For?* is filled with striking diagnoses of today's political crises and creative proposals for solving them.

[Radical Interactionism on the Rise](#) - Lonnie Athens
2013-10-28

This issue of the Blue Ribbon Papers is must reading for anyone wishing to remain up-to-date on the latest breaking developments in interactionism which could potentially change forever both the history of this venerated American school of thought and, in turn, American sociological theory.

Criticism after Critique - Jeffrey R. Di Leo 2014-09-04
Presenting different ways to imagine criticism without critique, this collection

provides a survey of both the difficult times facing ideological critique and the ways in which literary criticism and aesthetics have been affected by changing attitudes toward critique.

[The Hope And Vision Of J. Robert Oppenheimer](#) - Day Michael A 2015-09-15
Incorporating elements from history, science, philosophy and international relations theory, this book takes a fresh look at the life and thought of Robert Oppenheimer. The author argues that not only are Oppenheimer's ideas important, engaging and relevant, but also more coherent than generally assumed. He makes a convincing case that Oppenheimer has much to say about 21st century issues, and his voice should be brought back into the public forum. The book recovers and reconstructs what Oppenheimer said and wrote during the 1940s, 50s and 60s (i.e., his hope and vision) with the goal of identifying what might be of general philosophical interest

today. It considers not only Oppenheimer's thought, but also his life using philosophical ideas developed by contemporary philosophers. In addition, to deepen and broaden the discussion and demonstrate the relevance of Oppenheimer's vision for the present, the author analyzes his views using contemporary international relations theory with a special emphasis on nuclear nonproliferation and disarmament. This examination reveals ways in which Oppenheimer's reasoning was prescient of current work being carried out to control, and possibly move beyond, the nuclear revolution.

Being at Large - Santiago

Zabala 2020-04-16

Politicians and philosophers presenting themselves as the ultimate bearers of truth and reality have created unprecedented technological, cultural, and political framings. This new order conspires to undermine the interpretive practices of open-ended critique, normalizing a sense of threat to preserve control. The

greatest emergency has become the absence of emergencies. Tracing an intellectual alliance between academics such as Jordan Peterson and Christina Hoff Sommers and right-wing populist politicians such as Donald Trump and Marine Le Pen, this book denounces framings that make a claim to objectivity. With the help of contemporary thinkers including Bruno Latour, Judith Butler, and Giorgio Agamben, as well as discussion of the Cambridge Analytica whistleblower Christopher Wylie and the emergency of biodiversity loss due to climate change, Santiago Zabala illustrates that the twenty-first-century question is not whether we can be free, but how to be at large - unconstrained by the new realist order. *Being at Large* demonstrates the anarchic power of hermeneutics, calling for interpretive disruptions of the authoritarian narrative as a way of reclaiming freedom in the age of alternative facts.

The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia

of Philosophers in America -

John R. Shook 2016-02-11

For scholars working on almost any aspect of American thought, The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia to Philosophers in America presents an indispensable reference work. Selecting over 700 figures from the Dictionary of Early American Philosophers and the Dictionary of Modern American Philosophers, this condensed edition includes key contributors to philosophical thought. From 1600 to the present day, entries cover psychology, pedagogy, sociology, anthropology, education, theology and political science, before these disciplines came to be considered distinct from philosophy. Clear and accessible, each entry contains a short biography of the writer, an exposition and analysis of his or her doctrines and ideas, a bibliography of writings and suggestions for further reading. Featuring a new preface by the editor and a comprehensive introduction, The Bloomsbury Encyclopedia

to Philosophers in America includes 30 new entries on twenty-first century thinkers including Martha Nussbaum and Patricia Churchland. With in-depth overviews of Waldo Emerson, Margaret Fuller, Noah Porter, Frederick Rauch, Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Paine and Thomas Jefferson, this is an invaluable one-stop research volume to understanding leading figures in American thought and the development of American intellectual history.

Philosophy and Social Hope

- Richard Rorty 1999-08-26

Richard Rorty is one of the most provocative figures in recent philosophical, literary and cultural debate. This collection brings together those of his writings aimed at a wider audience, many published in book form for the first time. In these eloquent essays, articles and lectures, Rorty gives a stimulating summary of his central philosophical beliefs and how they relate to his political hopes; he also offers some challenging insights into

contemporary America, justice, education and love.

Debates in Nineteenth-Century European Philosophy - Kristin Gjesdal 2015-11-10

Debates in Nineteenth-Century European Philosophy offers an engaging and in-depth introduction to the philosophical questions raised by this rich and far reaching period in the history of philosophy. Throughout thirty chapters (organized into fifteen sections), the volume surveys the intellectual contributions of European philosophy in the nineteenth century, but it also engages the on-going debates about how these contributions can and should be understood. As such, the volume provides both an overview of nineteenth-century European philosophy and an introduction to contemporary scholarship in this field. KEY DEBATES IN EUROPEAN NINETEENTH-CENTURY PHILOSOPHY

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References for Republished Texts Accompanying Original

Works (Suggested Reading)
America the Philosophical -
Carlin Romano 2012-05-22
A bold, insightful book that
rejects the myth of America the
Unphilosophical, arguing that
America today towers as the
most philosophical culture in
the history of the world, an
unprecedented marketplace of
truth and argument that far
surpasses ancient Greece or
any other place one can name.
With verve and keen
intelligence, Carlin
Romano—Pulitzer Prize finalist,
award-winning book critic, and
professor of philosophy—takes
on the widely held belief that
ours is an anti-intellectual
society. Instead, while
providing a richly reported
overview of American thought,
Romano argues that ordinary
Americans see through phony
philosophical justifications
faster than anyone else, and
that the best of our thinkers
abandon artificial academic
debates for fresh intellectual
enterprises, such as
cyberphilosophy. Along the
way, Romano seeks to topple
philosophy's most fiercely

admired hero, Socrates,
asserting that it is Isocrates,
the nearly forgotten Greek
philosopher who rejected
certainty, whom Americans
should honor as their
intellectual ancestor. America
the Philosophical introduces
readers to a nation whose
existence most still doubt: a
dynamic, deeply stimulating
network of people and places
drawn together by shared
excitement about ideas. From
the annual conference of the
American Philosophical
Association, where scholars
tack wiseguy notes addressed
to Spinoza on a public bulletin
board, to the eruption of
philosophy blogs where
participants discuss everything
from pedagogy to the
philosophy of science to the
nature of agency and free will,
Romano reveals a world where
public debate and intellectual
engagement never stop. And
readers meet the men and
women whose ideas have
helped shape American life
over the previous few
centuries, from well-known
historical figures like William

James and Ralph Waldo Emerson, to modern cultural critics who deserve to be seen as thinkers (Kenneth Burke, Edward Said), to the iconoclastic African American, women, Native American, and gay mavericks (Cornel West, Susan Sontag, Anne Waters, Richard Mohr) who have broadened the boundaries of American philosophy. Smart and provocative, *America the Philosophical* is a rebellious tour de force that both celebrates our country's unparalleled intellectual energy and promises to bury some of our most hidebound cultural clichés.

Popular Culture and the Political Values of Neoliberalism - George A. Gonzalez 2019-02-01

Reality is made up of absolute and casualty ideals. This book analyzes the lower aspects of absolute ideals that result in personal and social dysfunction and the ultimate end of civilization. Conversely, a society based on casualty and justice is stable and vibrant. It is a classless society, free of

gender and ethnic biases. A Companion to Rorty - Alan Malachowski 2020-02-14
A groundbreaking reference work on the revolutionary philosophy and intellectual legacy of Richard Rorty. A provocative and often controversial thinker, Richard Rorty and his ideas have been the subject of renewed interest to philosophers working in epistemology, metaphysics, analytic philosophy, and the history of philosophy. Having called for philosophers to abandon representationalist accounts of knowledge and language, Rorty introduced radical and challenging concepts to modern philosophy, generating divisive debate through the new form of American pragmatism which he advocated and the renunciation of traditional epistemology which he espoused. However, while Rorty has been one of the most widely-discussed figures in modern philosophy, few volumes have dealt directly with the expansive reach of his thought or its implications for

the fields of philosophy in which he worked. The Blackwell Companion to Rorty is a collection of essays by prominent scholars which provide close, and long-overdue, examination of Rorty's groundbreaking work. Divided into five parts, this volume covers the major intellectual movements of Rorty's career from his early work on consciousness and transcendental arguments, to the lasting impacts of his major writings, to his approach to pragmatism and his controversial appropriations from other philosophers, and finally to his later work in culture, politics, and ethics. Offers a comprehensive, balanced, and insightful account of Rorty's approach to philosophy Provides an assessment of Rorty's more controversial thoughts and his standing as an "anti-philosopher's philosopher" Contains new and original exploration of Rorty's thinking from leading scholars and philosophers Includes new perspectives on topics such as

Rorty's influence in Central Europe Despite the relevance of Rorty's work for the wider community of philosophers and for those working in fields such as international relations, legal and political theory, sociology, and feminist studies, the secondary literature surrounding Rorty's work and legacy is limited. A Companion to Rorty address this absence, providing a comprehensive resource for philosophers and general readers.

The Dark Years? - Jacob L. Goodson 2020-08-04

In 1997 and 1998, the American secular philosopher Richard Rorty published a set of predictions about the twenty-first century ranging from the years 2014-95. He predicted, for instance, the election of a "strong man" in the 2016 presidential race and the proliferation of gun violence starting in 2014. He labels the years from 2014-44 the darkest years of American history, politics, and society. From 2045-95, Rorty thinks his own vision for "social hope" will be implemented within

American society--a vision that includes charity (in the Pauline sense), solidarity, and sympathy. Rorty considers himself a leftist, liberal, and a philosopher of hope. So why would a philosopher of hope predict such darkness and despair? In *The Dark Years: Philosophy, Politics, and the Problem of Predictions* philosopher and political theorist Jacob L. Goodson explains the fullness of Rorty's predictions, the problem of making predictions within the social sciences, and the reasons why even Rorty's vision for life after the "dark years" fails us on the standards of hope. Goodson argues that we ought to challenge the monopoly that American politics has as our object of hope. Goodson makes the case for a melancholic yet redemptive hope.

J. M. Coetzee and Ethics -

Anton Leist 2010-06-01

In 2003, South African writer J. M. Coetzee was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for his riveting portrayals of racial repression, sexual politics, the

guises of reason, and the hypocrisy of human beings toward animals and nature. Coetzee was credited with being "a scrupulous doubter, ruthless in his criticism of the cruel rationalism and cosmetic morality of western civilization." The film of his novel *Disgrace*, starring John Malkovich, brought his challenging ideas to a new audience. Anton Leist and Peter Singer have assembled an outstanding group of contributors who probe deeply into Coetzee's extensive and extraordinary corpus. They explore his approach to ethical theory and philosophy and pay particular attention to his representation of the human-animal relationship. They also confront Coetzee's depiction of the elementary conditions of life, the origins of morality, the recognition of value in others, the sexual dynamics between men and women, the normality of suppression, and the possibility of equality in postcolonial society. With its wide-ranging consideration of philosophical issues, especially

in relation to fiction, this volume stands alone in its extraordinary exchange of ethical and literary inquiry.

Heidegger in America - Martin Woessner 2010-12-20

Heidegger in America explores the surprising legacy of his life and thought in the United States of America. As a critic of modern life, Heidegger often lamented the growing global influence of all things American. However, it was precisely in America where his thought inspired the work of generations of thinkers - not only philosophers but also theologians, architects, novelists, and even pundits. As a result, the reception and dissemination of Heidegger's philosophical writings transformed the intellectual and cultural history of the United States at a time when American influence was itself transforming the world. A case study in the complex and sometimes contradictory process of transnational exchange, Heidegger in America recasts the scope and methods of contemporary

intellectual and cultural history in the age of globalization, challenging what we think we know about Heidegger and American ideas simultaneously.

Rorty & Pragmatism - Richard Rorty 1995

In *Rorty and Pragmatism*, this highly influential and sometimes controversial philosopher responds to several of his most prominent critics, representing a wide range of backgrounds and concerns. Each of these critical challenges raises significant questions about Rorty's philosophical outlook. Whether or not one agrees with all of his positions, his replies are consequential. They provide insight into Rorty's thought, its development, and his sense of the future of philosophy.

Rorty and Beyond - Randall Auxier 2019-12-19

For better or worse, Rorty has shaped the trajectory of academic philosophy. A decade after his passing, his legacy is ever present, especially in context of the growth of the far right, the struggle over the meaning of justice and equity,

and the ecological crises we face. Edited by Randall Auxier, Eli Kramer, and Krzysztof Piotr Skowroński, *Rorty and Beyond* brings together leading international philosophers from the United States and Europe to reevaluate Rorty's legacy and explore what lies beyond his life and work. This collection covers a diverse territory, exploring Rorty's legacy regarding theories of truth, accounts of nature and naturalism, the historical situation of professional philosophy, the private and public aspects of religion, the place of literature in cultural politics, and points beyond Rorty, such as what we may hope for after his critical attack on certainty and ultimacy. Scholars, specialists, and those new to Rorty will all find insight, useful criticism, and edification in this volume.

Dialogue and the New Cosmopolitanism - Fred Dallmayr 2022-12-15

This book stands in opposition to the doctrine that might makes right and that the goal of politics is to establish

domination rather than justice and the good life for all. Its chapters present conversations with Edward Demenchonok from a number of perspectives: philosophical, anthropological, cultural, and ethical.

[The Bloomsbury Companion to Pragmatism](#) - Sami Pihlström 2015-05-21

Pragmatism provides not just a theoretical perspective on science and inquiry, but ways of being in the world, of knowing the reality we inhabit. Approaching this philosophical tradition as a diverse set of philosophies that it is, *The Bloomsbury Companion to Pragmatism* introduces many of the ideas and debates at the centre of the field today. Focusing on issues in 12 different subject areas, this up-to-date companion covers current research in aesthetics, economics, education, ethics, history, law, metaphysics, politics, race, religion, science and technology, language, and social theory. Supported by an introduction to research methods and problems, as well as a guide to past and future

directions in the field, the chapters are also enhanced by a glossary, research guide and an annotated bibliography. For anyone working in contemporary pragmatism or modern American philosophy more generally, this companion provides a practical means of navigating what can sometimes feel like a disparate field. Showing where important work continues to be done, the tensions that exist, and, most valuably, the exciting new directions the field is taking, *The Bloomsbury Companion to Pragmatism* expands our understanding of the role of pragmatism in 21st century philosophy.

[Education, Philosophy and Politics](#) - Michael A Peters
2013-06-17

In the World Library of Educationalists series, international experts themselves compile career-long collections of what they judge to be their finest pieces - extracts from books, key articles, salient research findings, major theoretical and/practical contributions - so

the world can read them in a single manageable volume. Michael A. Peters has spent the last 30 years researching, thinking and writing about some of the key and enduring issues in education. He has contributed over 60 books (authored, co-authored and edited) and 500 articles to the field. In *Education, Philosophy and Politics*, Michael A. Peters brings together 15 of his key writings in one place, including chapters from his best-selling books and articles from leading journals. Starting with a specially written Introduction, which gives an overview of Michael's career and contextualises his selection, the essays are then arranged thematically to create a pathway of a way of thinking in philosophy of education which is forward looking but takes account of tradition and the past. The subjects of the chapters include; Wittgenstein Studies Philosophical Critique of Modernity French Poststructuralism Jean-Francois Lyotard Foucault & Deleuze Derrida American

Pragmatism Rorty Cavell
Philosophy and racism Through
this book, readers can follow
the themes and strands that
Michael A. Peters has written
about for over three decades
and clearly see his important
contribution to the field of
education.

Richard Rorty - Ronald A.
Kuipers 2013-03-14

An introduction to and
overview of Rorty's ideas, his
writings and his contributions
to the various fields of
philosophy

Achieving Our Country -
Richard Rorty 1999

One of America's foremost
philosophers challenges the
lost generation of the American
Left to understand the role it
might play in the great
tradition of democratic
intellectual labor that started
with writers such as Walt
Whitman and John Dewey.

Richard Rorty - Neil Gross
2010-10

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handful of living philosophers.
In this masterly biography,
Neil...

**Inventing Philosophy's
Other** - Jonathan Strassfeld
2022-10-14

The history of phenomenology,
and its absence, in American
philosophy. Phenomenology
and so-called "continental
philosophy" receive scant
attention in most American
philosophy departments,
despite their foundational
influence on intellectual
movements such as
existentialism, post-
structuralism, and
deconstruction. In *Inventing
Philosophy's Other*, Jonathan
Strassfeld explores this
absence, revealing how
everyday institutional practices
played a determinative role in
the development of twentieth-
century academic discourse.
Conventional wisdom holds
that phenomenology's absence
from the philosophical

mainstream in the United States reflects its obscurity or even irrelevance to America's philosophical traditions. Strassfeld refutes this story as he traces phenomenology's reception in America, delivering the first systematic historical study of the movement in the United States. He examines the lives and works of Marjorie Grene, Alfred Schütz, Hubert Dreyfus, and Iris Marion Young, among others, while also providing a fresh introduction to phenomenological philosophy. *Linguistic Turns, 1890-1950* - Ken Hirschkop 2019-04-04 *Linguistic Turns* rewrites the intellectual and cultural history of early twentieth-century Europe. In chapters that study the work of Saussure, Russell, Wittgenstein, Bakhtin, Benjamin, Cassirer, Shklovskii, the Russian Futurists, Ogden and Richards, Sorel, Gramsci, and others, it shows how European intellectuals came to invest 'language' with extraordinary force, at a time when the social and political order of the continent was

itself in question. By examining linguistic turns in concert rather than in isolation, the volume changes the way we see them—no longer simply as moves in individual disciplines, but as elements of a larger constellation, held together by common concerns and anxieties. In a series of detailed readings, the volume reveals how each linguistic turn invested 'language as such' with powers that could redeem not just individual disciplines but Europe itself. It shows how, in the hands of different writers, language becomes a model of social and political order, a tool guaranteeing analytical precision, a vehicle of dynamic change, a storehouse of mythical collective energy, a template for civil society, and an image of justice itself. By detailing the force linguistic turns attribute to language, and the way in which they contrast 'language as such' with actual language, the volume dissects the investments made in words and sentences and the visions behind them. The constellation

of linguistic turns is explored as an intellectual event in its own right and as the pursuit of social theory by other means.

Contingency and Normativity: The Challenges of Richard Rorty - Rosa Maria Calcaterra
2019-03-27

Contingentism depicts normativity as one of our human effective possibilities rather than as a metaphysical bottleneck which we should necessarily fulfill. The book is a critical survey of Richard McKay Rorty's "neo-pragmatism", in the light of various theoretical arguments as well as of his own resourceful attempts to renew philosophy from within its practice.

The Cambridge Companion to Rorty - David Rondel
2021-04

Offers a comprehensive introduction to one of the most interesting and controversial philosophers of recent times.

On Philosophy and Philosophers - Richard Rorty
2020-10-15

"Philosophers suffer from a peculiar occupational hazard;

people are always coming up and asking them just what it is that they do and how they do it. This is not the sort of question that biologists or economists or musicians get asked; people know, pretty well, what they do, and they may or may not be interested in the details. But a philosopher is different - it is very hard to imagine just what he does with his time"--

Richard Rorty, Liberalism and Cosmopolitanism - David E McClean
2015-10-06

Richard Rorty was one of the most controversial and influential philosophers of the late twentieth century. McClean re-evaluates Rorty's work in the light of his liberal cosmopolitan outlook, showing how it can be applied to a range of social and political issues.

The Rorty Reader - Christopher J. Voparil
2010-08-09

The first comprehensive collection of the work of Richard Rorty (1931-2007), The Rorty Reader brings together the influential American philosopher's essential essays

from over four decades of writings. Offers a comprehensive introduction to Richard Rorty's life and body of work Brings key essays published across many volumes and journals into one collection, including selections from his final volume of philosophical papers, *Philosophy as Cultural Politics* (2007)) Contains the previously unpublished (in English) essay, "Redemption from Egotism" Includes in-depth interviews, and several revealing autobiographical pieces Represents the fullest portrait available today on Rorty's relationship with American pragmatism and the trajectory of his thought

Transcendence - Mitchell

Aboulafia 2010-07-14

Transcendence offers an original theory of self and society that reconciles philosophical and political commitments to self-determination, cultural pluralism, and cosmopolitanism.

The Practice of Political Theory - Clayton Chin

2018-08-28

Recent political thought has grappled with a crisis in philosophical foundations: how do we justify the explicit and implicit normative claims and assumptions that guide political decisions and social criticism? In *The Practice of Political Theory*, Clayton Chin presents a critical reconstruction of the work of Richard Rorty that intervenes in the current surge of methodological debates in political thought, arguing that Rorty provides us with unrecognized tools for resolving key foundational issues. Chin illustrates the significance of Rorty's thought for contemporary political thinking, casting his conception of "philosophy as cultural politics" as a resource for new models of sociopolitical criticism. He juxtaposes Rorty's pragmatism with the ontological turn, illuminating them as alternative interventions in the current debate over the crisis of foundations in philosophy. Chin places Rorty in dialogue with

continental philosophy and those working within its legacy. Focused on both important questions in pragmatist scholarship and central issues in contemporary political thought, *The Practice of Political Theory* is an important response to the vexed questions of justification and pluralism.

Richard Rorty - Alexander Groeschner 2013-04-11

Richard Rorty was one of the most important philosophers of the last half of the twentieth century. His work helped effect global transformations in the way philosophy thinks about its work and role amidst contemporary culture. He was influential across a diversity of disciplines in perturbing our inherited self-understandings of the place of intellectuals in culture and the roles of art, literature, science, and religion in contemporary liberal democratic society. This collection of essays, by an international and interdisciplinary group of eminent scholars and thinkers in their own right, including

Jürgen Habermas, Saskia Sassen, Robert Brandom, and Richard Shusterman, presents the first complete posthumous study of Rorty's work as a whole. The collection reflects on Rorty's myriad accomplishments, with particular attention on the role of pragmatist philosophy in Rorty's increasing identification of his thinking with the work of cultural politics. The book covers the full range of Rortyan themes, including the practice of philosophy and metaphilosophy, the politics of culture, and Rorty's place in the contemporary philosophical and critical-cultural landscapes. These reflections serve to both introduce the arc of Rorty's thinking and advance the critical reception of his work.

The Blackwell Companion to Hermeneutics - Niall Keane 2016-01-19

A Companion to Hermeneutics is a collection of original essays from leading international scholars that provide a definitive historical and critical

compendium of philosophical hermeneutics. Offers a definitive historical, systematic, and critical compendium of hermeneutics Represents state-of-the-art thinking on the major themes, topics, concepts and figures of the hermeneutic tradition in philosophy and those who have influenced hermeneutic thought, including Kant, Hegel, Schleiermacher Dilthey, Heidegger, Gadamer, Ricoeur, Foucault, Habermas, and Rorty Explores the art and theory of interpretation as it intersects with a number of philosophical and inter-disciplinary areas, including humanism, theology, literature, politics, education and law Features contributions from an international cast of leading and upcoming scholars, who offer historically informed, philosophically comprehensive, and critically astute contributions in their individual fields of expertise Written to be accessible to interested non-specialists, as well as professional philosophers

Rorty and the Prophetic - Jacob L. Goodson 2021-02-11

The American neo-pragmatist philosopher Richard Rorty dismisses the public applicability of Jewish moral reasoning, because it is based on “the will of God” through divine revelation. As a self-described secular philosopher, it comes as no surprise that Rorty does not find public applicability within a divinely-ordered Jewish ethic. Rorty also rejects the French Jewish philosopher Emmanuel Levinas’s ethics, which is based upon the notion of infinite responsibility to the Face of the Other. In Rorty’s judgment, Levinas’s ethics is “gawky, awkward, and unenlightening.” From a Rortyan perspective, it seems that Jewish ethics simply can’t win: either it is either too dependent on the will of God or over-emphasizes the human Other. This book responds to Rorty’s criticisms of Jewish ethics in three different ways: first, demonstrating agreements between Rorty and Jewish thinkers; second, offering reflective responses to Rorty’s critiques of Judaism on the questions of Messianism,

prophecy, and the relationship between politics and theology; third, taking on Rorty's seemingly unfair judgment that Levinas's ethics is "gawky, awkward, and unenlightening." While Rorty does not engage the prophetic tradition of Jewish thought in his essay, "Glorious Hopes, Failed Prophecies," he dismisses the possibility for prophetic reasoning because of its other-worldliness and its emphasis on predicting the future. Rorty fails to attend to and recognize the complexity of prophetic reasoning, and this book presents the complexity of the prophetic within Judaism. Toward these ends and more, Brad Elliott Stone and Jacob L. Goodson offer this book to scholars who contribute to the Jewish academy, those within American Philosophy, and those who think Richard Rorty's voice ought to remain in "conversations" about religion and "conversations" among the religious.

Confines of Democracy - Ramón del Castillo 2015-07-14
Confines of Democracy is a

collection of critical assessments and interpretations of Richard J. Bernstein's extensive and illuminating work on pragmatism, epistemology, hermeneutics, and social and political theory, including Bernstein's replies to the contributors.

Deleuze and Pragmatism - Simone Bignall 2014-09-19
This collection brings together the philosophy of Gilles Deleuze and the rich tradition of American pragmatist thought, taking seriously the commitment to pluralism at the heart of both. Contributors explore in novel ways Deleuze's explicit references to pragmatism, and examine the philosophical significance of a number of points at which Deleuze's philosophy converges with, or diverges from, the work of leading pragmatists. The papers of the first part of the volume take as their focus Deleuze's philosophical relationship to classical pragmatism and the work of Peirce, James and Dewey. Particular areas of

focus include theories of signs, metaphysics, perspectivism, experience, the transcendental and democracy. The papers comprising the second half of the volume are concerned with developing critical encounters between Deleuze's work and the work of contemporary pragmatists such as Rorty, Brandom, Price, Shusterman and others. Issues addressed include antirepresentationalism, constructivism, politics, objectivity, naturalism, affect, human finitude and the nature and value of philosophy itself. With contributions by internationally recognized specialists in both poststructuralist and pragmatist thought, the collection is certain to enrich Deleuze scholarship, enliven discussion in pragmatist circles, and contribute in significant ways to contemporary philosophical debate.

American Philosophy - Erin McKenna 2015-02-26

American Philosophy offers the first historically framed

introduction to the tradition of American philosophy and its contemporary engagement with the world. Born out of the social and political turmoil of the Civil War, American philosophy was a means of dealing with conflict and change. In the turbulence of the 21st century, this remains as relevant as ever. Placing the work of present-day American philosophers in the context of a history of resistance, through a philosophical tradition marked by a commitment to pluralism, fallibilism and liberation, this book tells the story of a philosophy shaped by major events that call for reflection and illustrates the ways in which philosophy is relevant to lived experience. This book presents a survey of the historical development of American philosophy, as well as coverage of key contemporary issues in America including race theory, feminism, indigenous peoples, and environmentalism and is the ideal introduction to the work of the major American thinkers, past and present, and

the sheer breadth of their ideas and influence.